



(Lives Under Construction, Kids & You) September 2010

Department of Children's Services

2555 Plymouth Road

Johnson City, TN 37601

(423) 854-5311

August Adoptions

Yul & Cathleen = adoption of a teen girl

Brian & Brandy = adoption of a teen girl

Jeffrey & Janice = adoption of a little girl

Hertsell & Karen = adoption of a little girl

Jerry & Kimberly = adoption of a little girl

Richard & Jama = adoption of a little girl



Au revoir

Farewell Jennifer New, Placement Specialist!

Jennifer New recently accepted a new job at Hands on Museum in Johnson City. Be sure to look for her there when you visit! Her last day will be September 10th. We wish her well and will miss her very much!



Resource Parent Support Adds a Team Member!

The Resource Parent Support Team welcomes David Garland to our team. David comes to us from the Johnson City Boys Group Home. David will be working closely with Rebecca Fletcher, Greene County RPSCM, to take over the majority of resource homes in Greene County. He will be stationed in the Washington County Office for a few months during training, but will then be transferred to the Greeneville DCS Office. Give him a call to say hi!

423-854-5025

What Should Be Posted In Your Resource Home?



Fire Evacuation Plan/ Fire Escape Plan =



Policy 16.4 G.8. "Applicants must prepare a floor plan of their home which identifies the location of all smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers and illustrates evacuation routes in case there is a fire in the home. This plan should be posted in a prominent location once the home is approved."

**Fire Drill plan discussion should include:*

- How fire drills might be conducted in the family home;
- How each family member would be made aware of the plan;
- The location where all family members would meet after the home is evacuated;
- Emergency phone numbers; and,
- How family members with special needs might be assisted.

Remember to discuss the fire escape plan with all new children placed in your home.



Poison Control Number

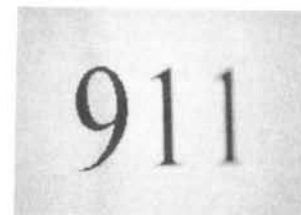


1-800-222-1222

The Poison Control Number should be posted in plain view in case of an emergency. If ever in doubt about calling, **CALL!** They can help you. Many resource parents post this number on their refrigerator.

List of Emergency Numbers

This needs to be centrally located in the home and easily accessible to all members of the home. Talk with everyone in the home about who they should call for which emergencies. Do you have relatives or family listed? All emergency service numbers listed? Important DCS staff numbers listed? The 24 hour hotline number (877-542-2873) listed?



Training Schedule = September through December 2010



These classes are required for all resource parents in the first year following their PATH approval. All resource parents must receive this training and are only required to attend once per topic.

Class	Date and Times	Location
Positive Discipline	SAT 9/11/10 1 pm to 4pm	Rogersville DCS • 4017 Highway 66 South, Ste 1 • Rogersville
	SAT 10/23/10 1 pm to 4pm	Greeneville DCS • 130 Serral Drive • Greeneville
	SAT 12/4/10 1 pm to 4pm	Elizabethton DCS • 206 Cherokee Park Dr • Elizabethton
Fostering Positive Behavior	SAT 9/25/10 9am to 12pm	Johnson City DCS • 2555 Plymouth Road • Johnson City
	SAT 11/20/10 9am to 12pm	Rogersville DCS • 4017 Highway 66 S., Ste 1 • Rogersville
	SAT 12/11/10 9am to 12pm	Kingsport DCS • 707 North Eastman Rd • Kingsport
Working With Birth Parents	SAT 9/25/10 1 pm to 4pm	Johnson City DCS • 2555 Plymouth Road • Johnson City
	SAT 10/9/10 9am to 12pm	Blountville DCS • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville
	SAT 12/11/10 1pm to 4pm	Kingsport DCS • 707 North Eastman Rd • Kingsport
Cultural Awareness	SAT 11/20/10 1pm to 4pm	Rogersville DCS • 4017 Highway 66 S., Ste 1 • Rogersville
Parenting the Sexually Abused Child	SAT 9/11/10 9am to 12pm	Rogersville DCS • 4017 Highway 66 S., Ste 1 • Rogersville
	SAT 10/23/10 9am to 12pm	Greeneville DCS • 130 Serral Drive • Greeneville
	SAT 12/4/10 9am to 12pm	Elizabethton DCS • 206 Cherokee Park Dr • Elizabethton
Working with the Education System	FRI 9/24/10 9am to 11am	Elizabethton DCS • 206 Cherokee Park Dr • Elizabethton
	THUR 10/7/10 6:30pm to 8:30pm	Johnson City DCS • 2555 Plymouth Road • Johnson City

Elective Class Schedule

Partnership in Action THUR 10/14/10 6:30pm to 8:30pm Trinity Baptist Church • 206 Headtown Rd • Jonesborough
Washington County Foster Parent Association Meeting

Professionalism and Ethics SAT 10/9/10 1pm to 2:30pm Blountville DCS • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville

REGISTER online at www.tnrpt.org or call (423) 299-KIDS (5437)

Please do not bring children to class due to the following reasons:

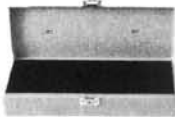
- Materials covered are not appropriate for children
- Childcare is not available
- Classes may be tiring for children due to length of the session & the time of the class



CPR/First Aid Class Schedule

This 4 hour awareness class will teach resource parents basic CPR and first aid skills that can sustain or save a life while professional emergency help is on the way. Resource parents will not be certified in CPR or first aid, but will meet the minimum requirements for DCS and will receive a certificate of participation. This class is required for all resource parents. **Resource parents must receive this training every two years.**

MON	10.11.10	6pm to 10pm	Crossroads Christian Church • 1300 Suncrest Drive • Gray
SAT	10.23.10	1pm to 5pm	Blountville DCS • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville



Medication Administration Class Schedule

This 4-hour workshop will provide resource parents the knowledge base to safely and effectively administer medications to children in care. Resource parents will learn of the types of medications the children will likely receive and how to safely administer them. Major topics covered in this workshop range from safe storage, and disposal of medication to common errors in medication administration. This class is required for all resource parents. **Resource parents must receive this training every two years.**

MON	10.4.10	6pm to 10pm	Crossroads Christian Church • 1300 Suncrest Drive • Gray
SAT	10.23.10	9am to 1pm	Blountville DCS • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville

**To register yourself for any trainings,
please visit our new online training website**

www.tnrpt.org or

call (423) 299-KIDS (5437) and leave a message.

When calling, please be sure to give the names of the people in your household who will be attending, an email address (if you have one), phone numbers and the name, date and location of the class you wish to attend. You will receive a confirmation by phone or email within 2 business days. If you do not, please call again.

Contact your RPSCM with any training questions!

ADDITIONAL TRAININGS!

"More about Meth" - Thursday, September 16th

5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

National Guard Armory, 208 Frontage Rd. Rogersville, TN

The training on the 16th is a joint effort with the Hawkins County Sheriff's Dept. Steve Stewart is with the Hawkins County Sheriff Dept and has already invited local Police, Fire, and EMS personnel. If you have interest they can register by contacting me at jacksonr@etsu.edu or (423)943-4937.

Adoption Preparation Training

What: ASAP's Adoption Preparation Training Curriculum (Parent Sessions 1 – 4)

Session 1 Expectations & motivations; fears & concerns; & understanding self in the adoption process

Session 2 Understanding triggers for parents and children; attachment & attunement for the adopted child

Session 3 Understanding trauma & survival behaviors; attachment parenting; & avoiding ruptures in the attachment relationship

Session 4 Enhancing family communication skills & increasing family fun & support

Who: Any Resource Parent who is adopting or who is considering adopting a child in DCS custody

When: September 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th: from 6 pm – 8:30 pm

Where: Crossroads Christian Church (enter at rear of church)
1300 Suncrest Dr.
Gray, TN 37615

Cost: FREE to all resource parents- note that **NO** childcare provided

How to Register: call 1-888-848-2727

space is limited so register soon

ASAP has developed an Adoption Preparation Training Curriculum to help families begin their adoption journey feeling well prepared for their lifetime commitment.

These classes qualify for training credit!

Take advantage of these great opportunities!

Board Payment Call-In Dates

1-800-470-7444

September 3rd & 7th for the dates of August 16th to August 31st
September 21st & 22nd for the dates of Sept. 1st to Sept. 15th

Resource Parent Advocate

Jill Thompson

#423-290-8110 or jthompson@tnadvocate.org

EMERGENCY
After Hours/On-call #
1-877-54ABUSE
(1-877-542-2873)



****For
emergencies
after normal
business hours,
please use this
number ****

All Families Matter Hotline

1-866-327-9101

(You should receive a response to your call within 24 to 48 hours.)

Remember, please follow the chain of command and try to resolve any issues or concerns in the region first. If we do not know of a problem or concern, we cannot help find a solution.

Have you tried?

The child's Family Service Worker (FSW)?
Your Resource Parent Support Case Manager (RPSCM)?
The FSW's Team Leader?
Requested a child and family team meeting (CFTM)?
The FSW's Team Coordinator?
Lucretia Sanders, Deputy Regional Administrator?
Sherri Hale, Regional Administrator?

Poison Control Number: 1-800-222-1222

Please keep this number posted and handy in the event of an emergency.

**Placement Specialists, Permanency Specialists, &
Resource Parent Support Case Managers
Phone Numbers & Locations**

Carter County Main Office #423-547-5814
Sheila Woods, RPSCM - Carter & Johnson #423-547-3981 Sheila.Woods@tn.gov

Sullivan County - Blountville Main office #423-279-1460
Karen Keck, Permanency Specialist #423-279-1956 Karen.Keck@tn.gov
Shannon Wood, Permanency Specialist #423-279-1947 Shannon.Wood@tn.gov

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Sandra Voiles, RPSCM - Hawkins & Hancock #423-272-6479, ext#102 Sandra.Voiles@tn.gov
Rebecca Fletcher, RPSCM - Greene #423-272-6479, ext#120 Rebecca.Fletcher@tn.gov

Sullivan County - Kingsport Office Main office #423-857-1220
Vanessa Addington, RPSCM #423-857-1228 Vanessa.Addington@tn.gov
Sara Britt, Placement Specialist #423-857-1282 Sara.Britt@tn.gov
Josh Price, Placement Specialist #423-857-1280 Joshua.Price@tn.gov
Marsha Musick, Permanency Specialist #423-857-1229 Marsha.L.Musick@tn.gov

Greene County Office
Main office # 423-787-2550
Rebecca Fletcher, RPSCM
 #423-787-2550 Rebecca.Fletcher@tn.gov
 Or Hawkins County Office
 #423-272-6479, ext#112

Washington County - Regional Office
Annex Main Office
#423-854-5220
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DCS offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 6th.



Remember to contact the 24 hour hotline, 877-542-2873, with any emergencies during the holiday weekend.