

CFSF Family Connection

September & October 2018



Here we are, winding down another summer and looking forward to the school year. It is surprising how fast time is flying by!

I have truly enjoyed seeing so many of you at Lake Days and other summer events. I thank God for the work you do and for allowing us at CFSF to be a part of it. Seeing the difference you are making in a child's life brings a smile to my face, warms my heart and lets me know the work we all do is not in vain.

At CFSF we hold you in high esteem and want your experience to be positive, no matter which children you are led to care for. From Respite to BRS, Adoption, Receiving Care, Tier 2 or Basic Placements, we are here for you.

As our state struggles to keep pace licensing new foster parents, we need to keep our lines of communication with you open. We need to be mindful of our current crisis and aware of potential pitfalls. Please read my following points with an open mind, and as always, feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

- **Please stay true to your calling.** With your hearts of gold, you may feel called to serve children outside of your comfort zone, experience and training level. While this is noble, it can bring unwanted stress to your home. Here at CFSF we have wonderful people whose job it is to place kids in need of care, just as the state does. Please work with **our** placement staff **prior** to any placement.
- **If you are looking for new challenges**, please know we are here to explain your role and help identify needed training. With time and experience you may feel led to help kids you originally were reluctant to care for.
- **Our state's foster care system is in crisis.** Our state has paid up to \$500 per night per child, on a night-to-night basis. This is not a practice we feel comfortable with. We need to have permanency and best practice as our guide. Children are priceless, but extremely elevated reimbursement can blur our reasoning and night to night is not best for children.
- **CFSF is growing across our state.** We strive to work well with you and our state partners but need to be mindful of changes within our state. Adapting to changes and staying true to our mission takes work. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work together to bring permanency to our state's most vulnerable children.

We are so happy to have you as foster parents and hope you remember that we are ALWAYS open to hearing from you. I can be reached at (360) 275-9255 or mark@cfsf.net

Sincerely,

Mark Fullington

WHOLE-BRAINED

WHOLEHEARTED

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

presented by Tiffany Sudela-Junker

Sept. 29th from 9am-4pm

First Lutheran Church

Port Orchard

FREE WORKSHOP

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FREE Lunch provided by Kitsap

Foster Care Association

\$5.00/per child for care



Flu Shot Clinic

Wed. Sept. 26th

4 pm-6:30 pm

Port Orchard Office

Foster Families & Staff

[Call to Register](#)

Did you know CFSF provides

Treatment Foster Care?

We invite our licensed homes to participate in a variety of ways ranging from respite only to 24/7 emergent placement to long term care. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, contact your case manager for more information. We also hold monthly Treatment Foster Care support groups in Port Orchard, Fife and Vancouver. We hope to see you there!

Foster Parent Support Groups

- ♦ **NEW! Vancouver area -Tues.**
Sept. 11th from 4-6pm at
Columbia Christian Church
- ♦ **Kitsap area -2nd Saturday**
of every month @ 4 pm

Call our main office for details!

360-895-7889

THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Presented by Virginia Ford-Faulkner

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

10AM - 12 PM

TREEHOUSE

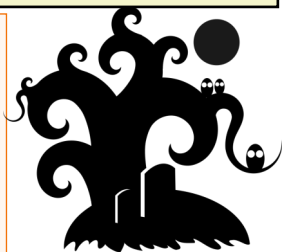
Presented by Caitlin McCarthy

OCTOBER 4, 2018

10 AM- 12 PM

CFSF Office -Port Orchard

360-895-7889



CFSF Emergency

After Hours

360-443-2516

www.cfsf.site



- ♦ **Okanogan Harvest Festival: Sat. Oct. 6th**
from 9am-3pm -Downtown Okanogan
- ♦ **Harvest Festival 2018: Sat. Oct. 6th**
from 10:30am-7:30pm -Dacca Park in Fife
- ♦ **CFSF Pumpkin Party: Sun. Oct. 14th**
from 1pm-3pm -Joe's Place Farms 701
NE112th Ave. -Vancouver
- ♦ **Ghost Train: Sat. Oct. 27th from 5pm-9pm**
South Kitsap Regional Park
- ♦ **Pumpkin Pitch Harvest Festival: Sat. Oct.**
29th from 10am-4pm-Skagit River Park
1100 S. Skagit St. -Burlington
- ♦ **CFSF Trunk or Treat : Wed. Oct. 31st from**
5pm-8:30pm -Silverdale Safeway
Parking Lot
- ♦ **Broomstick Bash: Wed. Oct. 31st -prior to**
trick or treating at the River Park Square
Mall @ Mobius Kids -Spokane

Caregiver Core Training

Columbia Christian Church

907 NW 99th Street

Vancouver, WA 98665

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| When: | September 20 | 6pm-9pm | Session 1 |
| | September 21 | 6pm-9pm | Session 2 |
| | September 22 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 3 & 4 |
| | October 4 | 6pm-9pm | Session 5 |
| | October 5 | 6pm-9pm | Session 6 |
| | October 6 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 7 & 8 |

The Learning Ladder

100 Valley Mall Way Ste # 110

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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| When: | October 1 | 6pm-9pm | Session 1 |
| | October 2 | 6pm-9pm | Session 2 |
| | October 6 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 3 & 4 |
| | October 15 | 6pm-9pm | Session 5 |
| | October 16 | 6pm-9pm | Session 6 |
| | October 20 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 7 & 8 |

Community & Family Services Foundation

4505 Pacific Hwy E. Suite B

Fife, WA 98424

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| When: | October 1 | 6pm-9pm | Session 1 |
| | October 3 | 6pm-9pm | Session 2 |
| | October 6 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 3 & 4 |
| | October 15 | 6pm-9pm | Session 5 |
| | October 17 | 6pm-9pm | Session 6 |
| | October 20 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 7 & 8 |

Community & Family Services Foundation

521 Grape St. E.

Omak, WA 98841

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| When: | October 18 | 6pm-9pm | Session 1 |
| | October 19 | 6pm-9pm | Session 2 |
| | October 20 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 3 & 4 |
| | November 1 | 6pm-9pm | Session 5 |
| | November 2 | 6pm-9pm | Session 6 |
| | November 3 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 7 & 8 |

Community & Family Services Foundation

1502 Roland Ave.

Port Orchard, WA 98366

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| When: | October 23 | 6pm-9pm | Session 1 |
| | October 24 | 6pm-9pm | Session 2 |
| | October 27 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 3 & 4 |
| | November 6 | 6pm-9pm | Session 5 |
| | November 7 | 6pm-9pm | Session 6 |
| | November 10 | 9am-4pm | Sessions 7 & 8 |

Rock Pointe III Conference Room

1330 N. Washington

Spokane, WA 99201

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|-------|------------|---------|----------------|
| When: | October 25 | 8am-3pm | Sessions 1 & 2 |
| | October 26 | 8am-3pm | Sessions 3 & 4 |
| | November 8 | 8am-3pm | Sessions 5 & 6 |
| | November 9 | 8am-3pm | Sessions 7 & 8 |