CFSF Family Connection

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Dear Foster Parents.

This newsletter I would like to focus on our BRS program. BRS stands for Behavioral Rehabilitation Services. This program is for the children that traditionally have had multiple moves and challenging behaviors.

First, I want to be clear being a BRS Foster Parent is not for everyone. With that statement said I would also like you to know a large majority of our BRS foster parents did not initially become licensed to care for BRS children.

So, what happened?

Often it started by doing a respite for a child who was a little outside your comfort zone. Others decided they wanted to work with older children. Some foster parents met these children at activities and were drawn to them. Still other foster parents could relate to the challenges of growing up and knew they could help. Whatever the reason, it took regular foster families willing to open their hearts and homes to children who have more challenging needs than your average child. Foster Parents willing to:

- Work with a team of professionals
- Address and work with the child's challenges.
- Provide normalcy within a family
- Move toward permanency.

Our BRS program is unique. We believe foster parents are the greatest vehicle for positive influence in a foster child's life. We not only reinforce this with our team approach, but we also empower foster parents with finances that open doors to normalcy.

Our states foster care system does have a general crisis across the board, but our BRS children struggle to find families willing to work with them.

I encourage you to consider learning more about our BRS program and ways you might help.

Sincerely,

Mark Fullington

A LOOK INTO 2018...

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- 333 LICENSED HOMES.
- 369 FOSTER CHILDREN IN CARE BY CLOSING OF 2018.
- OUR HIGHEST ADOPTION RATE OF 61 KIDS, IN 2018.
- A TOTAL 2,228 DAYS OF RESPITE USED FOR THE KIDS IN OUR HOMES.
- ARRANGED RESPITE FOR 889 CFSF KIDS THIS YEAR.
- ARRANGED RESPITE FOR 177 STATE LICENSED KIDS IN CFSF HOMES.
- SERVED 672 KIDS IN BASIC PLACEMENTS.
- SERVED 135 KIDS THROUGH RECEIVING CARE.
- SERVED 43 KIDS THROUGH TIER 2 RECEIVING CARE.
- SERVED 63 KIDS IN BRS AND IN HOME WRAP-AROUND.
- 115 KIDS RETURN HOME THIS YEAR.
- 100 NEW HOMES LICENSED THIS YEAR.
- 15 MORE KIDS PLACED JAN. 2018 IN CARE THAN WE DID IN JAN. 2017.



Updated



"As They Grow, the Drug Impacted Child"

Mon. & Tues.

January 14 & 15, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

"Sexual Health in Foster Care"

Thurs., January 24, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

> **CFSF Port Orchard** 1502 Roland Ave Port Orchard, WA

"The Role of Foster Care Liaisons in Your Schools"

Tues., January 15, 2019 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

"Talking with Children About Race"

Sat., January 26, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY # 360.443.2516

Meet Port Orchard Licensing!

These powerhouses are the dynamic force dedicated to licensing and maintaining homes for CFSF throughout the Olympic Peninsula. Through their hard work and persistence, the Port Orchard office (covering Port



Angeles to Gig Harbor) currently has 116 licensed homes, with 20 more homes in the process of becoming licensed. This experienced team does a great job partnering not only with DCYF, but also with potential foster parents to make the licensing process as easy and efficient as possible. CFSF is thankful to have such great staff!

Just a Reminder...

If you have NOT
signed up for
Direct Deposit,
please do so. You
can find the forms

on our website.

Please fill out and

return to CFSF

Port Orchard.

www.cfsf.site

CFSF Office Closures

January 21st

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 18th

President's Day



Caregiver Core Training

CFSF Port Orchard

1502 Roland Ave

January 8	6pm-9pm	Session 1
January 9	6pm-9pm	Session 2
January 12	8:30-3:30pm	Session 3 & 4
January 22	6pm-9pm	Session 5
January 23	6pm-9pm	Session 6
January 26	8:30-3:30pm	Session 7 & 8

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521 Grape Ave E

January 16	9am-4pm	Session 1 & 2
January 17	9am-4pm	Session 3 & 4
January 30	9am-4pm	Session 5 & 6
January 31	9am-4pm	Session 7 & 8

CFSF Spokane -Conference Room

Rock Point III

1330 N Washington

January 24	9:30-4:30pm	Session 1 & 2
January 25	9:30-4:30pm	Session 3 & 4
January 31	9:30-4:30pm	Session 5 & 6
February 1	9:30-4:30pm	Session 7 & 8

Columbia Christian Church -Vancouver

907 NW 99th St

January 17	6pm-9pm	Session 1
January 18	6pm-9pm	Session 2
January 19	9pm-4pm	Session 3 & 4
January 31	6pm-9pm	Session 5
February 1	6pm-9pm	Session 6
February 2	9pm-4pm	Session 7 & 8

CFSF Fife

4505 Pacific Hwy E. Ste # B

February 9	9am-4pm	Session 1 & 2
February 10	9am-4pm	Session 3 & 4
February 23	9am-4pm	Session 5 & 6
February 24	9am-4pm	Session 7 & 8

The Learning Ladder -Mount Vernon 100 Valley Mall Way Ste#110

February 9	9:30am-4:30pm	Sessions 1 & 2
February 11	6pm-9pm	Session 3
February 12	6pm-9pm	Session 4
February 23	9:30am-4:30pm	Sessions 5 & 6
February 25	6pm-9pm	Session 7
February 26	6pm-9pm	Session 8