

CFSF FAMILY CONNECTION

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Dear Foster Parents,

A few weeks ago, I sent you a letter explaining our state's foster care crisis and outlining a plan to work with our state to meet specific community needs. I am excited to report I have scheduled meeting dates with leaders in 5 of our 6 state regions.

Once I have met with the DCYF regional leaders, I will begin organizing meetings with you and other foster parents in your area. Our efforts will look to pull foster parent communities together, working as one, to address the general and specific crisis's / challenges we face such as:

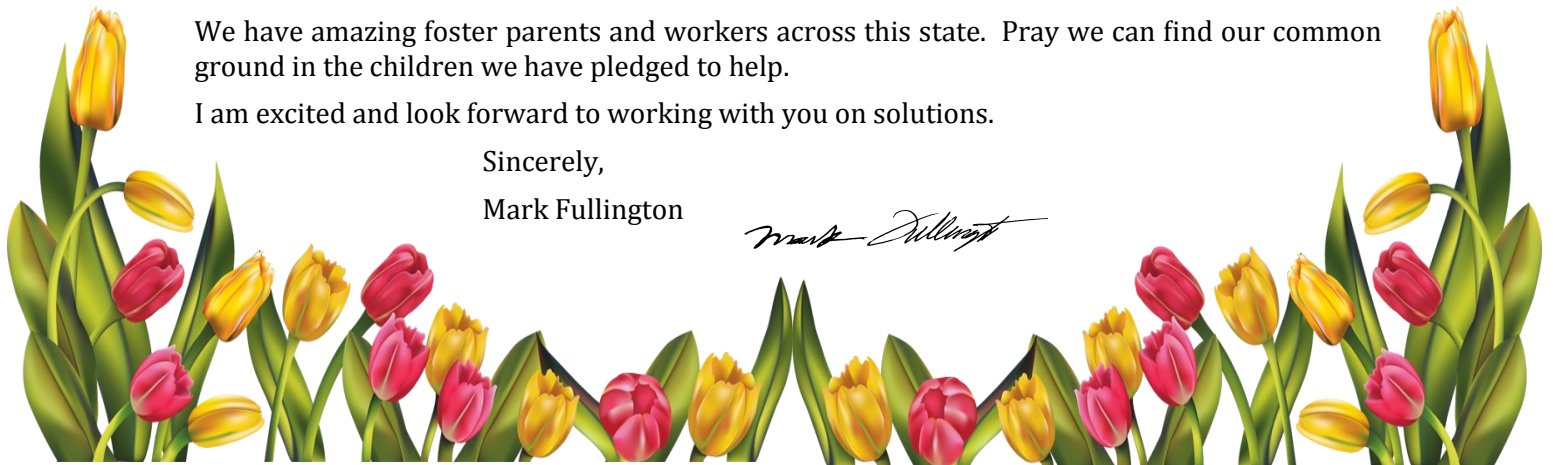
- A lack of BRS (therapeutic children) foster homes
- Keeping siblings together
- Foster parents willing to work with birth-families
- Keeping kids in their community of origin
- After Hours / Emergent placements - Receiving Care help
- Respite options
- Long term foster options and less restrictive options for children who have stabilized
- Adoption resources for legally free children that have higher needs

We have amazing foster parents and workers across this state. Pray we can find our common ground in the children we have pledged to help.

I am excited and look forward to working with you on solutions.

Sincerely,

Mark Fullington



Training Classes

- **Mon., March 11th @ 10am-12pm at CFSF Fife**
"Suicide Prevention"
- **Sat., March 16th @ 9am-4pm at**
Columbia Christian Church- Vancouver
"Trauma Informed Care"
- **Thurs., March 21st @ 10-12pm at CFSF PO**
"Love and Logic"
- **Tues, April 9th @ 5pm-9pm at CFSF Fife**
"CPR, First Aid & BBP"-RENEWAL ONLY

Parents' Night Out

Friday, March 29th

6pm-10pm

Bethany Lutheran Church

151 Tremont St.

Port Orchard, 98366

Childcare is provided: ages 0-17yrs

Sign up by calling Michelle or Karen at 360-895-7889

Kitsap GREAT GIVE

April 23, 2019

- ♦ **What is KGG?** The Kitsap Great Give is a 24-hour, online giving event organized by the Kitsap Community Foundation to grow philanthropy in Kitsap County and surrounding areas.
- ♦ **Why Donate?** Your gift made through the Kitsap Great Give website during that 24 hours will be magnified by bonus funds. Your gift will also help participating nonprofits qualify for prizes that will be offered during the event.
- ♦ **How do you Donate?** On April 23rd, starting at midnight and for the next 24 hours, go to www.kitsapgreatgive.org

More info at www.kitsapgreatgive.org

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th

Time: 11am

West Sound Community Church

2356 NW Rude Rd., Poulsbo

Child ages Tots - 6th grade



CFSF Family Skate Night

Sun. April 28th 5pm-7pm



Bremerton Skate Land

1740 NE Fusion Rd.

Bremerton, WA

Pizza, Snacks & Drinks!

RSVP @ 360.895.7889

Caregiver Core Training ... CFSF Fife

4505 Pacific Hwy E Suite B

Fife, WA. 98424

When:	March 12	6pm-9pm	Session 1
	March 14	6pm-9pm	Session 2
	March 16	9am-4pm	Sessions 3 & 4
	March 26	6pm-9pm	Session 5
	March 28	6pm-9pm	Session 6
	March 30	9am-4pm	Sessions 7 & 8

Meet our Spokane team, Christina and Steffinie! In the year and a half that the office has been open, these two have had a huge impact in the region by licensing 16 homes (with 6 more in process) and overseeing 40 placements! As one of our newest Eastern Washington locations, they're doing a great job helping spread CFSF's dream of supporting foster homes and keeping kids in their communities. Christina and Steffinie are excited to share, "We have a unique set of foster parents who are so generous with their love and time. They are always willing to step up to the plate for children in need, with many of them being social workers themselves. We have experienced great support! We are so excited to see the office growing and look forward to each new foster family and child we get to work with. We are so grateful for the community and our amazing foster parents!" CFSF is so lucky to have such dedicated people helping change lives!



Foster Parent first aid supplies in the home should include:

- Protective nonlatex gloves
- Bandages
- Scissors & tweezers
- Ace bandage
- Gauze
- Non-breakable and mercury free thermometer
- (One-way resuscitation masks are recommended but not required)



-RESPITE REQUEST-

When a respite is needed, please send an email including your case manager and respite coordinator as soon as possible to give us ample time to find a provider. CFSF asks for at least a 2 week notice, but we also understand things come up so don't be afraid to ask anytime.