

CFSF FAMILY CONNECTION—SPRING 2020

Dear Foster Parents,

I want to first thank you all for the excellent work you are doing! I have been all around our state and hear very positive reports – Thank you.

It is a common theme to hear about the challenges we face in foster care. Let's take a look at a few things that are working.

- Fewer placement disruptions. With the use of receiving care and the excellent work done before a placement is made, we are seeing fewer kids making multiple moves. This is key to minimizing trauma to foster children – Great job!
- Working with Birth Families. We have seen an increase in Foster Parents willing to engage with Birth Families, when appropriate. It is not only helpful for children in care, but it is also key to successfully returning kids home. One of our foster parents is even looking into developing a program to assist Foster Parents working with Birth Parents.
- Adoptions have increased. Two years ago, CFSF had 63 adoptions within the agency – this was by far our biggest year. We did not think it possible to increase, but last year you proved us wrong. In 2019 we had 66 children adopted – WOW!

Thank you for making a difference in individual lives, the lives of families and the health of our state in general.

Sincerely,



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11

Time: 11:00 am

West Sound Community Church

2356 NW Rude Rd., Poulsbo

Children ages toddlers to 6th grade



We Are Family Day

Sunday May 3, 2020

Round up your family and friends and join the Mariners as we celebrate foster, kinship and adoptive families and the folks that support them! For more information:

<https://www.mlb.com/mariners/tickets/specials/we-are-family>





If you have not already signed up for direct deposit, please do so http://cfsf.site/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/direct_deposit_form.pdf

FPAWS PNW
Caregiver
Conference
Great Wolf
Lodge
May 1-3
2020



- ♦ **What is Kitsap Great Give?** A 24-hour, online giving event organized by the Kitsap Community Foundation to grow philanthropy
- ♦ **Why Donate?** Your gift made through the Kitsap Great Give website during that 24 hours will be magnified by bonus funds, and will also help us qualify for prizes that will be offered during the event. Funds donated to CFSF through KGG will go directly to foster children across Washington state
- ♦ **How do you Donate?** Early giving April 9th—20th, main 24 hour event April 21st. Donate: kitsapgreatgive.org/profile/s/community-and-family-services-foundation

More info at www.kitsapgreatgive.org

Alliance & Other Training Opportunities

PIERCE COUNTY
FOSTER CARE
EASTER EGG HUNT
April 11, 2020
Hardin Family Farm
Sponsored by
The Wishing Well
Foundation
For More Info
Please Contact
360.895.7889



March 12	Complex Trauma: Understanding & Treatment	Burlington, WA
March 14	Supporting LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care	Seattle
March 19	Documentation Training For Caregivers	Vancouver, WA
March 19	Suicide Prevention LEARN	Auburn, WA
April 4	Healthy Engagement w/Children of Trauma	Bremerton, WA
April 10	Empowered Conference Rewind	Lynden, WA
April 18	The Drug Impacted Child	Tacoma, WA
April 25	ABC's of Autism	Shelton, WA
May 2	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	Centralia, WA
May 30	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	Gig Harbor, WA

For a complete list of training dates, times and locations
please visit our website at <http://cfsf.site/events/>

Camp To Belong Washington

Camp experiences for brothers and sisters separated from each other by placement in foster care, relative care or adoption through foster care

<https://www.camptobelongwa.org/>

