

CFSF Family Connection Summer 2022



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Dear CFSF Foster Parents,

As we flip the calendar to summer, I hope you will be able to make one of these events. Below is a list of events on the CFSF calendar.

- Tuesday, July 19th CFSF Moses Lake event, 2_{pm} - 6_{pm} Surf 'N Slide Water Park
- Thursday, July 21th CFSF Port Orchard event, 1_{pm} - 7_{pm} Lake Days at Long Lake
- Saturday, July 23rd CFSF Fife event, 10_{am} - 5_{pm} Old McDebbie's Farm Day
- Thursday, August 4th CFSF Port Orchard event, 1_{pm} - 7_{pm} Lake Days at Long Lake
- Thursday, August 11th Kitsap Foster Care Association Back to School event, 4:30_{pm} - 6:30_{pm} Evergreen Park in Bremerton
- Thursday, August 18th CFSF Vancouver event, 5_{pm} - 7_{pm} Hillcrest Nazarene Church
- Friday, August 19th CFSF Burlington event, 11_{am} - 2_{pm} Kiwanis Spray Park
- Saturday, August 20th CFSF Spokane event, 12:30_{pm} - 2:30_{pm} Manito Park

Getting together with you and being able to share a meal, play some games and just be together will be awesome! In this time that we do so much virtually it will be refreshing to meet with the people who transform lives. So much of what we do is removed from the lives you are invested in especially since the Covid nightmare we have been living in.

I hope to see many of you over the next couple of months.

God Bless you all!

Sincerely,



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Success Story

The "Paul" family adopted their foster daughter, Jen, right before the holidays. They had planned to put their house on the market and move out of state after the adoption to be closer to extended family. Shortly after the adoption, they found out Jen's birth mother had another baby. The State asked if they would be willing to take placement of the baby to keep her and her sister together. This family completely changed their plans to move and welcomed this new child into their home. The Paul family have been incredible in their willingness to reach out to the birth mother and encourage her to be healthy and stable. Jen has additional siblings and the Paul's have reached out to their adoptive families as well in order for the children to stay connected

Way to be, Jen & Paul family!

IT'S GRAD SEASON!

We want to **CELEBRATE** those **GRADUATES!** Thanks to donations from **Ticket To Dream, Project Glimmer, & Allworth Financial**, we're celebrating **EVEN BIGGER!** Let your Case Manager know if you have a current or former **FOSTER CHILD** graduating, we'd love to share in the excitement!

WAY TO GO, GRADS!

Also thank you Ticket To Dream for helping us stock up on some much needed baby items!





How Donations Help

CFSF has been blessed by many donors, from individuals to major corporations alike. We are tremendously grateful for support in every way! When a donation is made to CFSF, 100% of the funding goes directly to foster children and families, never to admin or overhead. In addition to recent donations made through online Wishlists, and physical donations of clothing, toys & essentials to our Clothing Closets & events, we have been blessed to have the support of donors and non-profit partnerships, like Ticket to Dream & Haggen. Here are some of the amazing ways we've been able to support kids in care, thanks to recent funding:

SWIMMING LESSONS • DANCE RECITALS
• SOCCER & PEEWEE LEAGUES • GYM
MEMBERSHIPS • GYMNASTICS LESSONS •
EDUCATIONAL TOYS • TUTORING

Community Partnerships

We're in this together! CFSF loves sharing information & resources, as well as partnering for a good cause. Hear of a great resource, or something you think CFSF could help with? Send it our way!

Staying Connected

We are excited to roll out blended All Staff meetings! A hybrid of virtual & in-person, a select few staff members will travel to new offices to connect & meet in-person for our quarterly All Staff meetings. Our first high-lighted office will be Moses Lake!



SAY "HI!" TO THE MOSES LAKE TEAM!

(LEFT TO RIGHT) ADRIANA (Case Manager, Case Aide & Respite & Coord), CORY (Licensing Supv), JOHANNA (Case Manager & Licensing Asst), DANIELLE (Clinical Director), BLANCA (Case Manager)

What's New at CFSF

You might have noticed a title change in an important department of CFSF: *Case Aides* are now *Family Support Specialists* (FSS)! What does this mean? Family Support Specialists are an integral part of supporting our foster homes. A FSS is someone that provides supervision & transportation outside of the realm of normal foster parenting, and helps support foster children's stability by promoting social skills in a one-on-one mentor-like position. They help with things like family/sibling visits, court-ordered appointments, and other approved activities. We have FSS that joined CFSF as far back as 2003, as well as several new hires! Thank you, *Family Support Specialists*, for your flexibility, dedication, and support, to CFSF & families!

Sue, Shelby, Kristi, Kathy, Cristina, Tamsyn, Rhodes, Amanda, Clara, Amy, Daniel, Eva, Aubrey, Alexandria, Emily, Michele, Marchelle, Catherine

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

We hope to see you at CFSF

**SUMMER
FAMILY
Events!**

Remember to check our Facebook & Calendar for more Trainings and Events in your area!

STAFF CHANGES:

Departure, Burlington Case Manager *Dori Harcharik*
Departure, PO Case Manager *Kelsi Anderson*
Departure, Fife Case Manager *Emily Emerson*
Departure, PO Licensing Asst *Katie Robins*
Departure, Home Study Specialist *Eunice Setiawan*

NEW WELCOMES:

PO Family Support Specialist *Marchelle Lovinson*
PO Family Support Specialist *Catherine Wade*
Fife Case Manager *Paula Luttrell*
Spokane Family Support Specialist *Michele Long*

Don't forget, Foster Parents are eligible for Paid Family Medical Leave for new placement. For more information & to apply go to



[HTTPS://PAIDLEAVE.WA.GOV/](https://paidleave.wa.gov/)

