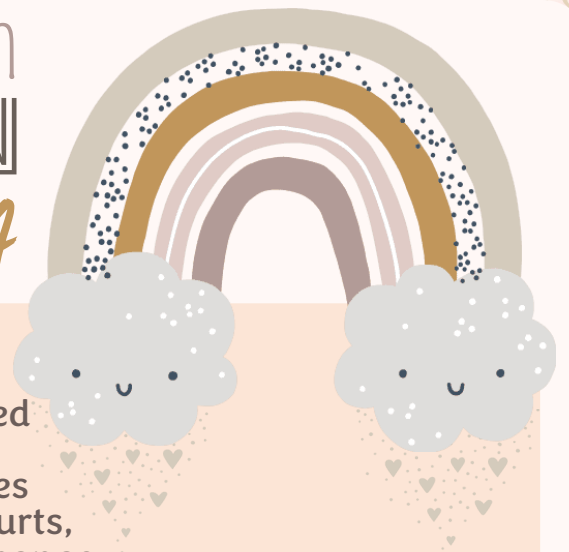


COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES FOUNDATION FAMILY CONNECTION

 *Spring 2024*



Dear Foster Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. We have experienced a tsunami of change in the last year and even more change as we start this new year. With change comes uncertainty and confusion on all sides; DCYF, our courts, reimbursement, our laws and ultimately our lives. Change is difficult for all parties.

As we look to make sense of all the change, I would advise we emphasize communication. If you are uncertain or feel you are not connecting with DCYF, let us know. We want to assure that the changes do not cascade into avoidable issues.

I am confident a bright future is ahead of us. These are God's kids, and you are His hands.

Blessings on you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mark Fullington

CFSF
EMERGENCY
AFTERHOURS
(360)443-2516

Success Story

The Tompkins family was licensed four years ago with the goal of helping with reunification. Two siblings were placed with them shortly after being licensed, and eventually another sibling was born and placed with the family as well. After working with the children's birth parents and sharing the goal of reunification for quite some time, it was determined that this was not possible. After being in care for almost four years, the three siblings were adopted by the Tompkins!

= 2023 =
WHAT A YEAR!

- ✦ 685 CHILDREN SERVED
- ✦ 250 LICENSED HOMES
- ✦ 141 RECEIVING CARE PLACEMENTS
- ✦ 1609 DAYS OF RESPITE
- ✦ 29 ADOPTIONS IN 2023
- ✦ 607 TOTAL ADOPTIONS



The Kitsap Great Give is April 16th! To donate, go to www.kitsapgreatgive.org/organization/Community-and-Family-Services-Foundation 100% of donations will

positively impact foster children & families. Donations are tax deductible

Easter Baskets Are On Their Way!

If you haven't received yours already, your Case Manager should be hopping by shortly to drop off some Spring-time treats & activities for your family to enjoy together!



Special Thanks To:

- Ticket to Dream Foundation* for recent monetary grants, toys, & essentials
- Kara Kelly* ongoing monetary donations
- Village Global* monetary donation
- AgWest Farm* monetary donation
- Seattle Foundation* monetary donation
- Columbia Basin Eagles* monetary donation
- The Dallum Family* monetary donation

Licensing Corner

Just a little refresher from the Licensors.....

WAC 110-148-1590 *Can I choose to give prescribed medications, including psychotropic medication?*

- ◇ You must not start or stop giving a child's prescribed medication without approval from the child's physician.
- ◇ In addition to the physician, you must coordinate starting or stopping a child's psychotropic medication with the child's DCYF case-worker to determine what consent is needed. The caseworker may need to obtain consent from the child age 13 and older, parent or guardian, or the court.
- ◇ You must not give medications to a child that has been prescribed for someone else.

WAC 110-148-1550 *What first-aid supplies must be available in my home?*

- ◇ Non-breakable, mercury-free thermometer
- ◇ Protective nonlatex gloves
- ◇ Gauze
- ◇ Bandages
- ◇ Ace Bandages
- ◇ One-way resuscitation masks recommended but not required
- ◇ Scissors
- ◇ Tweezers

REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



SPRING FORWARD 2AM MARCH 10TH

The Moses Lake office has a new location!

We've Moved!



324 S Ash Suite B
Moses Lake, WA



MAY IS FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION

You open your hearts & your homes, **THANK YOU** will never be enough.

We look forward to

CELEBRATING each & every one of you!



We hope the transition to being reimbursed directly by DCYF for CPA placements went smoothly. Please reach out to your Case Manager if you need reimbursement support

Staff Departures:

PORT ORCHARD CAREGIVER SUPPORT AIDE *Kristi Tilson*

Changes & New Welcomes:

SPokane CAREGIVER SUPPORT AIDE *Annie Peyton*

vancouver CAREGIVER SUPPORT AIDE *Lynette Pasa*

Fife CASE MANAGER *Albert MacArthur*

SPokane CASE MANAGER *Sunny Wilson*

PORT ORCHARD CAREGIVER SUPPORT AIDE *Lisa Freeze*

PORT ORCHARD CAREGIVER SUPPORT AIDE *Julie Sindt*

vancouver CASE MANAGER *A. Schwabe*

