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Annual Festival Celebrates Foster Families

Each year, more than 100 artists grace the streets of The Gateway to do what's been described as "performance art." Some are art students, some are housewives, some are engineers, some are professional artists in other mediums.

The Utah Foster Care Foundation's annual Chalk Art Festival reaches at least 20,000 people with the message that every child deserves a home. Each artist knows they are chalking for more than just fun. All proceeds benefit the 2600 Utah children in foster care and the amazing families who bring safety and love into their lives.

Artists and volunteers: Students in grades 6-12 are free! Register online at www.chalkartfestival.org.

Foster Parent Ambassadors: We are looking for experienced foster parents to answer questions at our information booths on both days.

Contact mike.hamblin@utahfostercare. org or call 877-505-KIDS (5437)

Sponsorships: Consider dedicating a chalk art square to your favorite dad, individual or business! For details on sponsorships, contact deborah.lindner@utahfostercare.org



2010 Chalk Art Festival
Friday, June 18 – Saturday, June 19
The Gateway
Downtown Salt Lake City

And don't miss the awards for Utah's Foster/Adoptive Dads of the Year on Saturday, June 19th on the main stage area. We hope to see you there!



Charles S.



Birthday: 02/1993 Grade in School: 10th Heritage: Caucasian

Rachel Ray and Wolfgang Puck are no match for this teen in the kitchen. Charles loves to cook and wants to be a gourmet chef when he grows up.

He is a great help to those in need and doesn't mind the challenge of a little hard work.

Charles enjoys playing and collecting cards, gardening, and is a fan of playing pool.

These wonderful characteristics, Charles' fine sense of humor and his personable nature make him a joy to be around. If your family is interested in this active teen we urge you to inquire.

For more information, please contact:

The Adoption Exchange 801.265.0444 www.utdcfsadopt.org

Scholarship Opportunities for Youth in Care

The "Olene S. Walker Transition to Adult Living" Scholarship is accepting applications for Fall 2010 semester. The application deadline is April 15, 2010. Youth in foster care who are planning to attend college this fall at any of the following Utah schools are encouraged to apply:

University of Utah
Utah Valley University
Salt Lake Community College
Weber State University
College of Eastern Utah
South Utah University
Weber and Ogden ATC

To be eligible to apply for the TAL scholarship, youth must be one of the following:

- (1) An individual in foster care who has not yet attained 21 years of age, or
- (2) An individual who exited foster care, but while in foster care, after the age of 14, received 12 months of TAL services and the court terminated reunification, or
- (3) An individual who reached 18 years of age while in foster care, but has exited foster care and who has not

yet attained 26 years of age, or (4) An individual adopted from foster care after attaining 16 years of age and who has not yet attained 26 years of age;

For more information regarding the scholarship or to download an application, please visit www.justforyouth.utah.gov and click on education.

Children's Action Network and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption have partnered to create a national scholarship program, "Fostering a Future," sponsored by Capital One, to benefit youth adopted from foster care.

Application deadline is April 20, 2010. Applicants must have been adopted from the United States foster care system after the age of 13 years old.

For more information go to: http://www.childrensactionnetwork. org/ or email Caninformation@aol. com or call 1.800.525.6789.



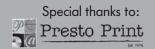
Utah Foster Care Foundation's 1st Annual Symposium

"Attachment in Perspective" on April 21 & 22, 2010 REGISTER NOW! Space is limited



Please register via our website www.utahfostercare.org and click on the purple symposium announcement.

To make a hotel room reservation call:
1.877.498.3232 & mention
Utah Foster Care Foundation





Fostering Healthy Children

By Chris Chytraus, R.N., BSN, CPM

Program Manager Fostering Healthy Children **Program**

We often get questions from foster parents regarding medications that are prescribed for a child. There are specific licensing rules for foster parents regarding administration of medications. These rules include:

Foster and proctor parents should administer prescribed medications. according to the written directions of a licensed physician. When the child is prescribed a medication by a medical provider, it should be filled at the within pharmacy hours and you should begin administering it as directed. Antibiotics should be obtained for the child immediately following the doctor's visit so they can be started immediately.

Medicine is only given to the child for whom it was prescribed. You should



Fostering Faster Follow-up

NEVER use another child's medication for any child. It is important that the prescription bottle contain the appropriate number of pills at all times according to the prescribed use. If you use another child's medication, the original child may run out of

medications prior to the refill date.

Medications can not be discontinued without the approval of the licensed physician. If the child experiences side effects they should be reported immediately licensed physician that prescribed the medication. NEVER stop a medication because you think the child does not need it. must always consult with the child's primary care provider that ordered the medication. The Fosterina Healthy Children program must receive a Health Visit Report signed by the doctor for all medication changes.



Jazmen G.

Birthday: 11/1993 Grade in School: 10th Heritage: **African** <u>American</u>

This outgoing and energetic young Jazmen! woman "American Idol" may be in her future as she has a beautiful singing voice and loves to use it. In fact, when she grows up she would like a career as a singer or a dancer. Along with a talent for singing, Jazmen is also very artistic and enjoys drawing and painting. Always armed with a smile, Jazmen loves to meet new people and hang out with her friends.

If your family can provide Jazmen with the love and support she needs, we urge you to inquire.

For more information, please contact:

The Adoption Exchange 801.265.0444 www.utdcfsadopt.org

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Perspectives on Adoption

Annual Adoption
Conference

May 12th & 13th, 2010 South Towne Expo Center, 9575 S. State Street in Sandy, Utah.

Presented by the Utah Adoption Council (UAC)

The brochure is available on the UAC website, www. utahadoptioncouncil.com

The Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Sandy (10680 South Auto Mall Drive) are offering a rate of \$89.00 a night. Please contact them at 801.495.1317 for additional information or to book your reservation. Mention you are with a conference at the South Towne Expo Center to get the discounted rate.

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www.myufafa.com

Utah Foster/Adoptive Families Association (UFAFA) Corner

What is UFAFA?

The Utah Foster/Adoptive Families Association (UFAFA) has been around for many years. It existed years before the Utah Foster Care Foundation was created by the Utah legislature. At the time, it was called the Utah Foster Care Association and it worked with DCFS in helping to recruit, train, retain, support and advocate for foster parents. The Foundation has now taken on the roles of recruiting, retention and training. UFAFA now fills the roles of advocacy and support.

So What Does UFAFA Mean to You?

All licensed foster families and/or families who have adopted a child from state custody are automatically members of UFAFA. We can and will answer questions you may have about fostering. Sometimes that answer may be directing you to a resource than can help you. We can and will

provide support for you during an allegation. We can and will advocate for foster/adoptive families rights at the Legislature.

How do you get in touch with UFAFA?

The best and easiest way is to become a member of our website. www. myufafa.com All of our contact info is available there. We are also on Facebook – become a fan! You can follow us on Twitter as well (myUFAFA). We are currently trying to create an email list of our members. Please email your contact info including name, address, phone, region, email address and month licensed to ufafa1@gmail. com. We would really appreciate it! We promise to only use the info for foster/adoptive family business!

Thanks ~
Jennifer, Renee, Cayce, Beth and Ember
Your UFAFA Executive Committee



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May is National Foster Care Month!

Every day, some 2,600 children and youth throughout Utah are living in foster care because their parents are unable to take care of them. We appreciate the foster/adoptive parents who provide a stable and secure home for these children until they can either return to their parents or establish a lifelong connection to a nurturing adult.

National Foster Care Month is an excellent opportunity to show our gratitude for the dedication of the foster/adoptive families who care for children and youth in care, and the social workers who support them.

Thanks to these outstanding individuals, many formerly abused or neglected children will safely reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving families. Children and teens will have the opportunity to overcome their troubled childhoods and realize their full potential. No matter what their age, every young person in foster care benefits from a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting

presence in his or her life.

Behind the statistics are countless stories of children who grew up to be thriving adults while others struggled with life's challenges without the benefit of family support. Success stories come about when someone takes the time to offer comfort, provide support, give advice, or simply share a milestone moment with a youngster enduring a difficult family situation and make the difference between travesty and triumph.

Celebrate Foster Care Month with Provo Mayor John Curtis

Tuesday, May 4th; 11:30 am Provo City Offices, main entrance 351 West Center Street

Wishing Well Funds

Utah Foster Care Foundation has funds available to meet the special needs of children in foster care when DCFS is unable to meet these needs for any reason. Funds are limited.

Requests **MUST** include the following:

- Child's first name, last initial and age
- Foster parent's name and home address
- Caseworker's name and contact information
- The item being requested and the associated costs
- Brief description of how the child will benefit

Request should come in writing by a foster parent, the child in care or the caseworker.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Dispersal of funds can take up to 4 weeks.
- Checks are mailed to the foster parent's home address.
- Funds are for children in foster care **ONLY**.
- Items covered by the foster care reimbursement or by Medicaid are not eligible.
- Only requests previously denied by DCFS are eligible.

VACATIONS:

- A child in care can receive vacation funds only **ONCE** in their lifetime.
- Vacations are restricted monetarily & may not cover all costs.

SUBMIT REQUESTS TO:

Nikki MacKay Utah Foster Care Foundation 5296 So. Commerce Dr. #400 Murray, UT 84107

> OR nikki.mackay @utahfostercare.org



Medical Bill Payment for a Child in Foster Care

By the Utah Department of Health

Health care providers who provide care to foster children under the responsibility of the Division of Child and Family Services should designate "Fostering Healthy Children" as the party financially responsible to pay for the child's care, regardless of the child's Medicaid eligibility status. The caseworker or kin/foster parent should not be designated as the responsible party.

DCFS and the Division of Health Care Financing, Bureau of Medicaid Operations have partnered to ensure payment for health care services for foster children. All claims for reimbursement must be submitted though the Utah Medicaid billing system (MMIS). Health care providers should obtain a copy of the child's Medicaid cared, if the child is Medicaid eligible, and bill according to normal Medicaid billing procedures.

If the child in not Medicaid eligible, obtain a copy of the child's State Medical Services (MI-706) form verifying that the child's health care costs will be covered, and bill according

to instructions designated on the form. It is the provider's responsibility, once the MI-706 is received, to submit the claim electronically with the MI-706 number.

For billing purposes, please send claims to the following: **

Fostering Healthy Children Program Utah Department of Health-CSHCN PO Box 144671

Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4671

The majority of children in foster care are Medicaid eligible. For those that are not Medicaid eligible, DCFS has a special fund to pay for the services at the Medicaid rate that are authorized for billing using the State Medical Services (MI-706) form.

Thank you for utilizing this billing procedure for foster children. It will make receiving payment much more efficient. If you have any questions, you may call either the person who issued the MI-706 or the State Medical Services (CMC) representative at (800) 662-9651-#210 or (801) 538-6085.

**NOTE: Claims can be billed electronically with the MI-706 in the prior field.

Western Region Partners in Parenting

Envision Lending Group	\$500.00 off closing costs	Scott Stringham 866.413.8976
Pampered Chef	Free cooking classes for children	Jana King 801.375.6818
Gingerbread Bakery	15% off all items	17 S. Payson 801.465.0367
Cutting Cottage Full Service Salon	20% off services & products	Caryl Ward 801.754.1041
Evans Hair Styling College	\$3.50 hair cuts call for days	801.224.6034 Orem
All Fibers Carpet Care	10% off services	801.319.4066 Utah/Wasatch Co.
Heavenly Touch Massage	\$10.00 off one hour massage	Gail Fletcher 801.592.4503
Family Legacy Dental	Call for offer	801.277.5080 Orem
Massage Therapy	\$30.00 per hour	Julia Knaphus 801.796.5969
The Dance & Fitness Zone	\$10.00 per month adults & children	Stephanie 801.404.1574
Scott Hancock Salon in P.G.	20% off hair services	Rebecca Erickson 801.368.3262
Borders Book Stores	20% off excluding specials	
Let's Play Music	Call for Discounts	Cathy Eliason 801.380.0202
Green with Envy	10% off lawn care	Alpine: 801.280.1000 Highland: 801.916.5000
Taco Time	10% off	American Fork Provo Towne Center
Ultra Steam Cleaning Systems, Inc.	10% off all cleaning	Troy 801.319.4364
3 Jen-eration Catering	10% off all cleaning	Shiray 801.229.6381
Room Mural Painting	20% off	Shiray 801.229.6381
Modbe Clothing	10% off 3 items or more	Franchesca 801.367.4451
Pampered Chef	Provides food for parties	Joyce 801.380.0188
Simply Signs by Jan Hilton	30% off	Jan 801.434.7004
Midtown Mortgage	1% origination fee	Tifiny Rose 801.789.8726
Waste Can Washers	20% off all services	Anthony Platts 801.473.7095

Partners in Parenting are local businesses that want to show their appreciation for all you do by offering discounts and specials to foster families.

Just present your Resource Parent ID Card to take advantage of these offers, and be sure to let these businesses know that you appreciate their support!

While the Utah Foster Care Foundation is sincerely grateful to our Partners in Parenting, we cannot endorse any of the services or products offered. A statewide list and description of all Partners in Parenting is available at our website: www.utahfostercare.org.

The Resource Parent ID Card identifies you as one of our valued foster care providers and allows you to enjoy the benefits and savings from local merchants.

You MUST have your Resource Parent ID Card to access discounts from these businesses. Please do not ask for exceptions.

If you do not have a Resource Parent ID Card, please call Darcey at 877.505.KIDS.

If you are aware of any business that would like to become a Partner in Parenting, please call Jessica at 801.373.3006.

To Register For Classes:

Contact:

Nancy Zelenak Western Region Trainer

Phone: 801.373.3006

Email:

nancy.zelenak @utahfostercare.org

Toll Free:

877.373.3006

Please be ready with your name, phone number & the title of the class you would like to be registered for.

Notes on In-service Trainings:

- Classes are for licensed foster parents ONLY
- Training hours will be applied to re-licensing requirements
- Primary caregivers are required to attend 12+ hours of in-service training per year
- Secondary caregivers are required to attend 4+ hours of in-service training per year
- ADULTS ONLY unless otherwise specified
- Classes start on time
- You must attend the entire class to receive credit

Director of Education Mick Woolsey, LCSW

Phone: 435.229.8808
Email: mick.woolsey
@utahfostercare.org

Western Region Training

Monthly training announcements for currently licensed foster parents

First Placement Meeting/PMT

Date: April 2, 2010 and again on July 30, 2010 Time: 10am-2pm Location: Utah Foster Care

Foundation 252 N. Orem Blvd.

Presented by:

Nancy Zelenak

This training is a Pre-service refresher as well as a chance to address specific issues with your current placement. Principles from the Practice Model will also be reviewed.

Required in the first year of licensure.



American Fork DCFS

DCFS in American Fork is moving locations. The DCFS phone numbers are remaining the same; the entrance is directly west of the LDS Temple. They are hoping for a May 1, 2010 opening.

Foundations for Youth

FFY #1: Building Trusting Relationships

July 7th; 5:30pm

FFY #2: Adolescent Behavior

July 14th; 5:30pm

FFY #3: Assessing, Planning & Teaming

July 21st; 5:30pm

FFY #4: The Goals of Transition to Adult Living

July 28th; 5:30pm

Presented by:

Les Harris

DCFS has asked that all families who have or plan to have youth in their home, age 14+, to take this training. This is a 4-part series. To be considered 'graduated', both spouses need to take all 4 classes.

*July classes will be held at the Spanish Fork DCFS office: 607 E. Kirby Lane.

Parenting Tip of the Month

Western Region wants to STRONGLY ENCOURAGE all foster parents to attend one of the upcoming "Medication Disbursement" trainings. (see p. 10)

Western Region Training

Monthly training announcements for currently licensed foster parents

Upcoming In-service Trainings

April 7th

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Orem UFCF 252 N. Orem Blvd.

Birth Parent Panel

Presented by Guest Panel

Meet birth parents who have successfully overcome personal issues to have strong relationships with their children.

Sponsored by the Central Cluster

April 13th

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm American Fork Hospital Classroom 1 170 N. 1100 E.

Addictions (Part 1)

Presented by Martin Roundy

This four-part training will teach you what you never knewor understood about addiction. Your attendance is highly encouraged.

> Sponsored by the Timpanogos Cluster

April 14th

10:00 am - Noon Orem DCFS 1106 N. 1200 W.

TAL Skill Building

Presented by Troy Gasser

A throrough review of Transition to Adult Living services, including: WIA, Basic Life Skills, Education Vouchers, Drivers Ed. & Licensing issues, leaving state custody, etc.

Sponsored by the Structured Cluster

Training Tips:

- Approved Trainings-In-service trainings provided and approved by Utah Foster Care Foundation.
- Foundations for Youth-FFY is required for families caring for youth 14 and up.
- Community & Partner Trainings- Call your regional trainer (found on page 4) for approval prior to attending a class or conference that is held within the community and is not a pre-approved training.
- **BRMT-** You must attend the entire session of Behavioral Replacement Model Training.

IMPORTANT:

TO REGISTER FOR A TRAINING THAT IS CLUSTER-SPONSORED, YOU MUST CALL YOUR AREA CLUSTER FACILITATOR, FOUND ON PAGE 10.

April 14th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Spanish Fork DCFS 607 E. Kirby Lane

Medication Disbursement

Presented by Dr. Marsha Medford

Learn about the role of medications, importance of following prescriptions, and the vital role foster parents play in giving doctors accurate information on a child's progress, etc.

Sponsored by the Mt. Nebo & Millard/Juab Cluster

April 22nd

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Orem UFCF 252 N. Orem Blvd.

Family Problem Solving

Presented by Joy O'banion

Foundational information. How to encourage the people who live in your home to work together.

Sponsored by the Adoption/Kinship Cluster

May 11th

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Location TBA

Addictions (Part 2)

Presented by Martin Roundy

This four-part training will teach you what you never knewor understood about addiction. Your attendance is highly encouraged.

> Sponsored by the Timpanogos Cluster

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- Approved On-line Training-Families may visit the web site: www.fosterclub.com for up to 2 hours of online training per year.
- 1st Placement/PMT- 4 Hours of Practice Model Training must be completed within the first year of licensure.
- Peer Parent Training and Resource Family Consultant (RFC) Training- 6 hours each per year may be used toward licensure. RFC Training must be provided by DCFS RFCs.

REMINDER:

Family team meetings do not count toward In-service training hours.

What are Clusters?

Clusters are groups of foster, adoptive and kinship families that meet together on a monthly basis.

Clusters can help you:

- Obtain In-service training hours
- Meet other foster, adoptive and kinship families
- Get support
- Arrange respite care
- Attend fun family activities

Call the Cluster facilitator nearest you or contact Jessica at 801.373.3006 for more information.

For more information on upcoming Cluster trainings, see "Upcoming In-service Trainings" on pages 9 & 11.

Western Region Cluster Concepts

Monthly Cluster announcements for currently licensed foster parents

Millard/Juab

Facilitator: Jilean 435.623.4049 brijil98@yahoo.com

April 14th; 7-9pm @ Spanish Fork DCFS. Medication Disbursement In-service.

Kinship/Adoption

Facilitator: Cayce 801.426.4880 thilltribe@juno.com

April 22nd; 7-9pm @ Foundation's Orem office. Family Problem Solving In-service.

Central Cluster

Mt. Nebo

Facilitator: Kirsten Boxx

801.798.7593

kirpeylog@yahoo.com

April 14th; 7-9pm @ Spanish Fork DCFS.

Medication Disbursement In-service.

Facilitator: Beth 801.426.8782 bethha@provo.edu

April 7th; 6:30-8:30pm @ Foundation's Orem office. Birth Parent Panel.

Structured

Facilitator: Cindy 801.785.1014 montano1000@aol.com

April 14th; 10am-noon @Orem DCFS. TAL Skill Building In-service.

Timpanogos

Facilitator: Jennie 801.756.1845 jennie@1daywindow.com

No Cluster meeting for April. May 11th; 6:30-8:30pm @ location TBA. Addictions part 2 In-service.

North Star

Facilitator: Shanna 801.360.2011 northstarcluster@yahoo.com Facilitator: Amanda 801.319.3678 northstarcluster@yahoo.com

No Cluster meeting for April.

May 12th; 6:30-8:30pm @ American Fork DCFS.

Medication Disbursement In-service.

Crossroads

Facilitator: Stephanie 801.789.7753 eventsinabox@yahoo.com

No Cluster meeting in April or May. June 15th; 6:30-8:30pm @ Eagle Mountain Fire Station. Summer Activities for Kids In-service.

Wasatch/Summit

Facilitator: No facilitator call Utah Foster Care Foundation @ 801.373.3006

Februrary 19th; 7-9pm @ Heber City DCFS. Medication Disbursement In-service.

Western Region Training

Monthly training announcements for currently licensed foster parents

Upcoming In-service Trainings, cont.

May 12th

10:00 am - Noon Orem DCFS 1106 N. 1200 W.

Medication Disbursement

Presented by Dr. Marsha Medford

Learn about the role of medications, importance of following the prescription, and the vital role foster parents play in giving doctors accurate information on a child's progress, etc.

Sponsored by the Central Cluster

May 12th

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm American Fork DCFS 578 E. 300 S.

Medication Disbursement

Presented by Dr. Cisneros

Learn about the role of medications, importance of following the prescription, and the vital role foster parents play in giving doctors accurate information on a child's progress, etc.

Sponsored by the North Star Cluster

May 19th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Heber City DCFS 69 N. 600 W.

Medication Disbursement

Presented by Dr. Marsha Medford

Learn about the role of medications, importance of following the prescription, and the vital role foster parents play in giving doctors accurate information on a child's progress, etc.

Sponsored by the Wasatch Cluster

June 15th

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Location TBA

Addictions (Part 3)

Presented by Martin Roundy

This four-part training will teach you what you never knew or understood about addiction. Your attendance is highly encouraged.

> Sponsored by the Timpanogos Cluster

June 15th

6:30 pm-8:30 pm Eagle Mountain Fire Station #2 3785 E. Ranches Pkwy.

Summer Activities for Kids

Presented by Cayce Thill

Resources and unique ideas to keep all ages of children busy and happy!

Sponsored by the Crossroads Cluster

July 20th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Eagle Mountain Fire Station #2, 3785 E. Ranches Parkway

Medication Disbursement

Presented by Dr. Cisneros

Learn about the role of medications, importance of following the prescription, and the vital role foster parents play in giving doctors accurate information on a child's progress, etc.

Sponsored by the Crossroads Cluster

Support Workers who Help Children

By Deb Hofhines Utah Foster Care Foundation Southwest Region Area

Representative

Some jobs are difficult and gut wrenching. The hours are long, thankless and stressful. The pay stinks, case loads are high and at times dangerous. Sounds like law enforcement? Instead, think child welfare.

Imagine being a child welfare worker in Utah where budget cuts have killed any hope for relief. With bureaucracy and red tape, it's hard to be a true social worker, but that is what is expected. Try doing this job while hearing all the ugly things people say about you and your agency, things you cannot defend or justify due to confidentiality. You're thinking "dream job," huh? Well, hundreds do it throughout the state every day.

We would like to say thank you in honor of March's Social Worker Month. Thanks for showing up every day and helping children and families across the state.



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