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Serving Foster & Adoptive Parents

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A message from the Program Administrator:

Welcome Summer! As our community begins to reopen, I am excited to announce that the Division of Children Services has some special events planned this summer.

In June, we will be hosting our annual **Rising UP Moving On (RUMO) Graduation Luncheon**. This year, RUMO will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd at Walsh University's Hoover Park in North Canton. The event will recognize nine foster youths who are graduating from high school. Our agency looks forward to celebrating the graduates, along with their foster parents, family, and friends. We are very grateful to Project KARE for sponsoring the event. For more information, you can visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ProjectKARE.



Stacy DeChellis, MSSA, LSW
Program Administrator of the
Permanency Area



In July, the agency will take part in some of the **Pro Football Hall of Fame Festivities**. Agency staff and foster parents will march in the community parade on July 25th, which will be held in downtown Canton. The following weekend, we will be participating in the **HOF 5k**. Agency staff and foster families are encouraged to join in the fun. All are welcome to run or walk with us! We will also have a booth set up during the event, to distribute information about becoming a foster parent.

I look forward to seeing some of you at these events and wish you all a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Stacy DeChellis

Hello
Summer

A Warm Welcome to Our Newly Licensed Families

Being a foster and adoptive parent is a unique experience. The journey can be both challenging and rewarding. Getting to know and staying connected with other foster and adoptive families is one of the best ways to find support and share celebrations. Our community is constantly changing and we want to provide an opportunity for our newly licensed families to introduce themselves:



Meet the Weaver Family: Joshua and Christina became licensed on March 18, 2021. Their family also includes their daughter Nevaeh, Christina's mother Ruth, and two foster children placed in their home. The Weaver's are a "pet family" and breed rottweilers. In their spare time, they enjoy spending time together as a family at their camper at Harrison Hills in Carrollton.

Meet the Costa Family: Joseph and Jessica became licensed on April 12, 2021. Walt Disney World is their favorite vacation spot—they love all things Disney! Their favorite thing is the character meet and greets, and Joe especially likes to see Gaston. At home, they enjoy cooking and baking together. Their best meal is homemade pizza, which they make on Friday nights. The Costa's are music lovers.. Both of their children play piano, and their daughter also plays guitar and clarinet. The family enjoys cookouts, sitting by the pool, and making s'mores by the fire, but ultimately spending time together makes them the happiest.



Meet the Runyon Family: Paul and Desiree became licensed on April 12, 2021. The Runyon's are high school sweethearts! They enjoy going on family outings to the zoo and look forward to their annual family vacations in North Carolina.

Meet the Karam Family: Erin and Joe became licensed on April 19, 2021. They have three children: Levi, Winnie, and Henry. Their home includes a mini farm with pigs, chickens, ducks, and turkeys! They like to travel, mostly vacationing in the Rocky Mountains or at Hilton Head Island. The Karam's have a very large extended family, almost all within Stark County. This means there are a lot of family gatherings to attend. Joe and Erin both graduated from Perry and are celebrating 10 years of marriage this year. Joe works as a Project Manager at Ryan Homes and Erin works as an Occupational Therapist for Stark County Educational Services Center. Levi plays baseball and enjoys archery, Winnie loves art and is in ballet and tap dance, and Henry is all about tractors and trains!



Welcome New Families!

Making Proud Choices! SJFS Independent Living Virtual Summer Series

Making Proud Choices! Provides adolescents with the knowledge, confidence, and skills necessary to reduce their risk of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), HIV, and pregnancy.

Classes will be held on Zoom with Paige, Katie, and a training coordinator from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday, June 10th
- Tuesday, June 15th
- Thursday, June 17th
- Tuesday, June 22nd
- Thursday, June 24th
- Tuesday, June 29th
- Thursday, July 1st
- Tuesday, July 6th
- Thursday, July 8th
- Tuesday, July 13th
- Thursday, July 15th
- Tuesday, July 20th

\$25 stipend per class—\$325 total! Be sure to provide your email address to Paige or Katie.

For more information, contact **Paige** at 330-451-8785 / Paige.Horne@jfs.ohio.gov or **Katie** at 330-451-8870 / Katelyn.Speicher@jfs.ohio.gov.



Life Skills Reimagined (LSR)

Beginning in June, you will have the opportunity to earn up to \$500 and a trip to Cedar Point!

Life Skills Reimagined (LSR) is an online program that will teach youth skills in communication, employment, independent living, personal finance and resiliency.

Youth will meet at the LSR Kick-Off to receive materials, discuss the program, and learn how to log into the virtual program. Lunch will be provided!

To RSVP, please contact **Paige** at 330-451-8785 / Paige.Horne@jfs.ohio.gov or **Katie** at 330-451-8870 / Katelyn.Speicher@jfs.ohio.gov.

LSR KICK-OFF
Thursday, June 3rd
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
402 2nd St. SE
Canton, Ohio 44702



Years of Service

~ Thank you to all our foster families ~

Every year during the Foster Parent Banquet, we recognize the foster families who have reached a milestone year of service. Since we were unable to host a banquet this year due the pandemic, we would to take this opportunity to honor and recognize these families. We are truly grateful for the commitment and excellent care they have provided to Stark County's most vulnerable children. Thank you from all of us at Stark County Children Services!



- Brittney B.
- Brandi and Eian B.
- Mary and Donald B.
- Timothy and Pamella C.
- Lisa and Jason D.
- Emily D.
- Cassy and Ryan G.
- Aaron and Julie J.
- Michelle L.
- Rodney and L.
- Alan and Gina M.
- Richard and Shannon M.
- Thomas and Frances M.
- Kayla and Addison M.
- Julie N.
- Jamika P.
- Dianne P.
- Christa and Robert R.
- Phillip and Ada S.
- Erica S. and Jonas R.
- Kacy and Daniel S.
- Abraham and Rosie T.
- Marion and Marilyn T.
- Michael and Rene U.
- Brian and Jessica V.



- Karissa and Cayley B.
- Timothy and Danielle G.
- Hannah G.
- Michael and Christy H.
- Nathan and Elizabeth H.
- Scott and Laura H.
- Thomas and Lori H.
- Kyle and Keely K.
- Ryan and Priscilla M.
- Sara R.
- Kaz and Melissa V.



- Regina and Stephen C.



- Valerie and C B F.

Training Schedule: June to August 2021

June

947-4 Effectively Dealing with Children's Issues in Visitation (3.0)

Date: Wed., June 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM-6:00 PM Trainer: Sue Tucker

Competencies addressed: 947-01-002, 949-02-001, 949-02-003, 949-02-005, 947-01-008, 949-02-002, 949-02-004, 949-02-006

923-79 Adolescent Development & Culture: Finding Beauty in the Beast (3.0)

Date: Tues., June 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM-9:00 PM Trainer: Seanine Cook

Competencies addressed: 923-01-005, 923-03-005, 925-03-002, 927-01-002, 927-01-004

988-49-DL3 (3 hr. ONLINE) Substance Use and Abuse Among Children and Adolescents (3.0)

Date: Thurs. June 10, 2021 at 5:45 PM-9:00 PM Trainer: Stacy Simera

Competencies addressed: 988-01-001, 988-01-002, 988-01-003, 988-01-005, 988-01-008; 988-03-001, 988-03-003, 988-03-006, 988-03-004

923-FF6-S Recognizing and Responding to Children who have been Sexually Abused (6.0)

Date: Sat., June 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Trainer: CeCe Norwood

Competencies addressed: 922-01-003, 923-02-005, 923-04-004, 923-05-005, 923-05-010, 923-02-003, 923-04-001, 923-04-005, 923-05-008, 923-05-011, 923-02-004, 923-04-003, 923-04-007, 923-05-009, 925-01-006

952-11 Planful Placements (6.0)

Date: Sat., June 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Trainer: Jim Still-Pepper

Competencies addressed: 948-03-004, 948-03-006, 952-03-001, 952-03-002, 952-03-005

989-73 Want to Manage Your Stress? Learn Tapping (3.0)

Date: Wed., June 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM-6:00 PM Trainer: Tijana Coso

Competencies addressed: 905-02-004, 926-02-001, 926-02-003, 989-02-001, 989-02-004, 989-02-007

990-42-NOS AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid & CPR w/o Skills Testing (4.0)

Date: Sat., June 26, 2021 at 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Trainer: Ronna Johnson

Competencies addressed: 946-01-004, 990-02-003

923-64 The Power of Play: Understanding How Play is Essential to a Child's Healthy Development (3.0)

Date: Wed., June 30, 2021 at 6:00 PM-9:00 PM Trainer: Beth Cardina

Competencies addressed: 923-01-001, 923-03-001, 923-03-004, 923-03-005

August

928-FF8A-S Engaging Primary Families (3.0)

Date: Tues., August 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Trainer: Angie Irby

Competencies addressed: 928-01-002, 928-01-004, 928-01-006, 925-02-003, 928-02-004, 928-02-005, 928-02-009

991-34 Becoming a Trauma Competent Caregiver Part I (6.0)

Date: Sat., August 7, 2021 at 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Trainer: Ann Bagley

Competencies addressed: 991-01-001, 991-01-005, 991-02-002, 991-03-001, 991-03-002, 991-03-004, 991-03-006, 991-05-001, 991-05-002

926-FF9A-S The Effects of Fostering (3.0)

Date: Mon., August 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Trainer: Bert Nero

Competencies addressed: 926-01-007, 926-02-002, 926-02-006, 926-03-001, 926-03-005

988-53 Drugs: Signs and Symptoms of a Child at Risk - *NEW* (3.0)

Date: Sat., August 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Trainer: Megan Wendling

Competencies addressed: 988-01-001, 988-01-002, 988-01-003, 988-01-005, 988-01-007, 988-01-008, 988-01-009, 988-01-010, 988-01-011

988-52 Responding to a Child or Parent That's Using Drugs/Alcohol - *NEW* (3.0)

Date: Sat., August 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Trainer: Megan Wendling

Competencies addressed: 988-02-001, 988-02-004, 988-02-005, 988-03-001, 988-03-002, 988-03-003, 988-03-004, 988-03-005, 988-03-006, 988-03-007

983-24 Developmental Delays of Children in Foster Care (3.0)

Date: Tues., August 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Trainer: Cynthia Wallis

Competencies addressed: 983-01-010, 983-01-011, 983-02-004

925-94 Dynamic Discipline for Kids in Care (3.0)

Date: Mon., August 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Trainer: Anthony President

Competencies addressed: 925-03-001, 925-03-002, 925-03-003, 925-03-004, 925-03-010

948-20 Managing Infertility Grief & Loss as a Foster and Adoptive Parent (3.0)

Date: Thur., August 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Trainer: Susan Darden Kautz

Competencies addressed: 947-01-002, 947-01-016, 948-04-001, 948-04-002, 948-04-003, 948-04-005, 948-04-006, 948-04-007

**STARK COUNTY JFS, CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION
JANUARY 2021 - ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY**

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EXT.	SUPV.		LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EXT.	SUPV.
A	ADAMSON	ERICA	8130	PETRICINI	L	LAUGHLIN	MEIGHAN	8103	KINDY
	AMAN	SUSAN	8699	HANNAN		LELO	LINDA	8982	MCARTHUR
	ANDERSON	MARIANNE	8923	MYERS, E.		LOOMIS	JENNIFER	8789	GRASS
	ARMSTEAD	DIONNE	8142	MOORE		LOURY	NANCY	8764	STEVENS
	ASHLEY	JOSEPH	8878	GRASS		LUCAS	BRIAN	8933	MITCHELL, V.
B	BARCALOW	LAURA	8891	COMPTON	M	MACK	CARLA	8519	CARO
	BASH	SHERI	8731	CLIFFORD		MAHAFFEY-VELENYI	SHAWNI	8914	MYERS, E.
	BATES	KRISHINA	8144	SMITH, D.		MARTENY	JO	8584	STEVENS
	BAUMGARDNER	THEANA	8295	GOINS		MATHIEU	MAURISSA	8294	DEAN
	BEARD	KAREN	8700	HANNAN		MAYLE	TRICIA	8077	MYERS, R.
	BELL	IVY	8820	GRASS		MCALLISTER	TRACEY	8121	KENNEDY
	BERBARI	EMILY	8145	WILCOX		MCARTHUR	BREANNE	8717	GRIFFITH
	BIEHL	ZINA	8916	WATSON		MCCARTNEY	SARA	8644	DEAN
	BOWMAN	MIRANDA	3390	SMITH, M.		MCDUGAL	APRIL	8193	KINDY
	BROWN	KRISTAL	8149	CARO		MCGREW	MOLLY	8031	KENNEDY
C	CAMPBELL	ALICIA	8689	WILCOX		MCHADDON	BOBBIE	3390	SMITH, M.
	CAMPBELL	EMMA	8146	ROSA		MCLEOD	MONICA	3390	SMITH, M.
	CARO	ROSALIND	8869	SMITH, D.		MERRICK	KARI	8812	HILL
	CASTO	KALI	8136	MCARTHUR		MILLER	SHAWN	8836	PAUL
	CHAMBLISS	LINDA	8809	HILANEH		MITCHELL	MICHELLE	1718	WILCOX
	CHANEY	MONIQUE	8804	HOREY		MITCHELL	VICKI	8825	GRIFFITH
	CHENAULT	ADRIENNE	8834	CLIFFORD		MONTEERRUBIO-BRADY	MICHELE	8849	GOINS
	CITRARO	ANTHONY	8262	MITCHELL, V.		MOORE	CINDY	8650	HILANEH
	CLEAVANGER	EMILY	N/A	GRIFFITH		MORETTA	ANDREA	8055	WILCOX
	CLIFFORD	TERRELL	8913	HILANEH		MORRIS	KAMI	8146	ROSA
	COLEMAN	JERRY	8891	FORKAS		MYERS	BRITTANY	8827	MITCHELL, V.
	COMPTON	QUAY	8781	COLEMAN		MYERS	ELIZABETH	8837	GRIFFITH
	COULTER	SANDRA	3390	SMITH, M.		MYERS	LYNETTE	3390	SMITH, M.
	CRABLE	JULIANNE	1714	MYERS, R.		MYERS	ROB	8845	FORKAS
	CRAIG	AMY	8029	CLIFFORD	N	NEISEL	MICHELLE	8846	MYERS, R.
	CRUTCHLEY	KAREN	8897	KINDY		NICKOL	AMBER	8717	WILCOX
	CUMMINGS	JESSI	8904	MYERS, E.	O	OVERTON	LYNSEY	8802	PAUL
D	DAVENPORT	HAYLEE	8824	MYERS, E.	P	PANTZER	BREANNA	8858	WATSON
	DAVIES	PAIGE	8899	GOINS		PARIANO	RENEE	8781	COMPTON
	DAVIS	HALEY	8815	MOORE		PARILLO	MONICA	1713	DEAN
	DAVIS	SUSANNE	N/A	GRIFFITH		PAUL	MAGGIE	8718	HILANEH
	DEACON	ROSEMARY	3390	SMITH, M.		PETRICINI	SUZANNE	8147	GRIFFITH
	DEAN	JESSICA	1721	GRIFFITH		PHILLIPS	JAMES	8781	COLEMAN
	DECHELLIS	STACY	8842	MYERS, R.		PIERCE	HAILEY	8391	MITCHELL, V.
	DEMATTEIS	LAUREN	8523	MCARTHUR		POTWORA	CHRISTINE	8796	COMPTON
	DILLARD	ALEXIS	8505	STRICKLAND		POUNDS	WANDA	8221	WATSON
	DUNN	CAYLA	8681	HILL		POWELL	TIFFANY	8078	PETRICINI
E	EGGENSCHWILER	LISA	8841	CHAMBLISS	R	RALSTON	HOLLY	8881	SMITH, D.
	EITMAN	CHRISTINE	8839	GRASS		REITZ	FELICIA	8757	MITCHELL, V.
	EOFF	CRISTINA	8796	COLEMAN		REITTERER	EMILY	8985	MCARTHUR
F	FILM	JENNIFER	N/A	GRIFFITH		REYNA	ROBIN	8794	MOORE
	FLOTT	SHARMALEE	8246	HOREY		RICHARDSON	MIRANDA	8136	ROSA
	FORTUNE	JULIE	8398	CLIFFORD		RITCHEY	CAROL	8893	KENNEDY
	FOSTER	ANGELA	3390	SMITH, M.		ROSA	ANGI	8927	SMITH, D.
	FREDEY	KAYLA	8135	PETRICINI		RYZNER	BREANNA	8626	MYERS, E.
	FURR HAMILTON	DAPHNE	8746	HOREY	S	SANDERS	LATRESE	8148	CARO
	FYDA	OLIVIA	8770	PETRICINI		SCHOEPPNER	LAURA	8133	MITCHELL, V.
G	GABEL	KIMBERLY	8720	CHAMBLISS		SCHRADER	DIANE	8908	HANNAN
	GALES	EMILY	8034	KINDY		SHIPLETT	AMANDA	8412	MAYLE
	GLADIEUX	LISA	8767	HOREY		SHOWALTER	ANGELA	3390	SMITH, M.
	GOINS	SARAH	8209	DECHELLIS		SHRIGLEY	SANDRA	8698	HANNAN
	GORE	BARBARA	8898	HANNAN		SIEGFRIED	CHERYL	8143	CARO
	GOSMER	CASSANDRA	8635	PAUL		SIMMONS-HILL	PENNY	8851	KENNEDY
	GRASS	ALISA	8905	DECHELLIS		SINGLETON	MICHAEL	8838	MOORE
	GRICE	JENNIFER	8780	CLIFFORD		SLUSSER	MALLORY	8778	STRICKLAND
	GRIFFIN	CARMONA	8091	CHAMBLISS		SMITH	CHARISMA	8828	MCARTHUR
	GRIFFITH	CHELSEA	8844	MAYLE		SMITH	DENISE	8840	MAYLE
	GRIMES	HEATHER	8907	MOORE		SMITH	MINDY	8855	GRIFFITH
H	HADDEN	NICOLE	8673	WATSON		SNAUFFER	MICHELLE	8978	STEVENS
	HAMILTON	DARRYLANN	8106	HILL		SNYDER	BARB	8752	KANDEL
	HARHAY	JULIE	8137	MCARTHUR		SNYDER	SUE	8896	CHAMBLISS
	HASKELL	CATHY	N/A	GRIFFITH		SPEICHER	KATELYN	8870	HILL
	HESSON	KRISTI	8790	KENNEDY		STEIN	JENNIE	8822	MITCHELL, V.
	HETRICK	KIMBERLEE	1719	WILCOX		STEVENS	KERI	8593	SNYDER, B.
	HEWIT	ELIZABETH	8588	KINDY		STOFFER	DAWN KELLY	8629	WILCOX
	HICKEY	JACKIE	1702	MYERS, R.		STRICKLAND	KELLY	8959	GRIFFITH
	HILANEH	MARY	8109	MYERS, R.		SWOGGER	MYKUALLA	1720	MITCHELL, V.
	HILL	KOURTNEY	8199	GOINS	T	TEWANGER	JENNIFER	8773	CHAMBLISS
	HILL	PATRICIA	8729	DECHELLIS		TUCKER	JENNIFER	8850	SMITH, D.
	HOREY	JAMIE	8806	DECHELLIS		TUESDAY	ALLISON	8891	COLEMAN
	HORN	PAIGE	8695	CLIFFORD	V	VANGORP	HAYLEY	8205	CHAMBLISS
	HUMMEL	KATIE	8810	HOREY	W	WAGNER	KATIE	8146	ROSA
J	JARRETT	CASEY	8779	STRICKLAND		WALPOLE	DANNI	8518	STRICKLAND
	JEFFERS	JENNY	8918	MITCHELL, V.		WALTENBAUGH	BRANDON	8891	COLEMAN
	JEPSEN	KAREN ABEL	1705	MYERS, R.		WATSON	MONICA	8761	HILANEH
	JONES	DIANA	8754	CARO		WEIGAND	CHELCEA	8755	WATSON
	JONES	EMILY	8760	HILL		WEINGART	RACHEL	8594	GRASS
	JONES	KRISTY	8646	SMITH, D.		WHITAKER	CHERI	8291	HOREY
K	KEAGY	TAYLOR	N/A	SMITH, D.		WILCOX	KRISTEN	8044	GRIFFITH
	KENNEDY	SHANNON	8783	SMITH, D.		WILKERSON	CARLSON	8721	HILL
	KERRY	LISA	8751	GOINS		WILLIAMS	CARRIE	8709	STRICKLAND
	KINDY	DESIREE	8772	HILANEH		WILLIAMS	KELLI	8784	WATSON
	KINLOW	MAH	8848	PAUL		WILLIAMS	RACHAEL	8903	SMITH, D.
	KOSTELNIK	PENNY	8819	MYERS, E.	Y	YOUNG	ANITA	8782	MOORE
	KRAJCI	TINA	8033	KINDY					
	KROLL	LORI	8618	KINDY					
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