

Moses Lake Office Caregiver News



What's Happening in Adams & Grant Counties?

Upcoming Orientation/PRIDE dates:

- ◆ Orientation: February 9th @ 5:00 p.m. @DCFS Office
- ◆ Orientation: March 22nd @ 5:00 p.m. @ DCFS Office
- ◆ PRIDE in Moses Lake – April 19th – 28th (contact Nancy Leigh LNAN300@dshs.wa.gov for more information and to register)
- ◆ Orientation: May 31st @5:00 p.m. @ DCFS Office
- ◆ Orientation: June 28th @ 5:00 p.m. @ DCFS Office
- ◆ PRIDE in Moses Lake – July 12th – 21st (contact Nancy Leigh LNAN300@dshs.wa.gov for more information and to register)



Thanks to Sara Northcutt for organizing the collection of Christmas gifts for our foster children.

Special Thanks to the following organizations and individuals:



- ◆ Big Bend Community College (gifts and sponsoring a family)
- ◆ Columbia Physical Therapy
- ◆ Karen Kelly for donating two purses with gifts and certificates to moms who are succeeding in the dependency process
- ◆ Payless Shoes
- ◆ “Mattie.” She donated several books as part of her senior project at the high school.
- ◆ Stratford Starbucks—headed by Supervisor Nicole
- ◆ Chief Moses Middle School—headed by Mr. Johnson
- ◆ Moses Lake Girl Scouts
- ◆ The Ostler Family
- ◆ Richard and Bronwyn Callahan
- ◆ Maiya Kanoff (donated about 40 of her stuffed animals that were new/barely used)
- ◆ Huge “**THANK YOU**” to Susanna Greiner and CMA Church for the Christmas party for our foster kids and families. It was an incredible evening! Thanks to David “Santa Claus” North for helping out! Ho Ho Ho! ☺

Reminder from the placement desk:

Amy Sperline is working the placement desk now. Her contact info is SPA4300@dshs.wa.gov or 764-5689. We sent out an email in December asking you to update your contact information, including who is in the house, ages, beds you have available and rooms. If you haven't responded, please let her know. She has updated the placement book and that information is crucial in making good decisions concerning placements. *The beds and rooms you have available make a big difference in whether you are called or not.* Please let Amy or Joy know!

Got a little project!

We have a clothing shed!! The eagle scout project is almost complete, we just need an industrial strength door and lock. Inside we need shelves and plastic containers for used clothing. Then we need donations of used clothing. We are looking for donations and volunteers to help get it set up. We are also working on some form of “*grab and go kits*” for kids who come dirty and in need of being cleaned up. We could use towels, hygiene items (deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste) and basic clothing. We are looking for volunteers for this as well. If either of these are something you would like more information about, please contact Kate DuVall at 764-5718 or ckat300@dshs.wa.gov. Thanks!



From Adoptions:

I'd like to introduce the new Adoption Home Study worker for Grant and Adams county. His name is Mingo Scott and he has been with the Department for over 10 years. Mingo has worked in almost every program area within Children's Administration, most recently he was the primary worker for Family Reconciliation Services in the Moses Lake office. Mingo is excited to take on this new role and the responsibilities and learning opportunities that it presents. He can be reached at (509) 764-5724.

National Adoption Day:



The Moses Lake office recently celebrated National Adoption Day on November 18th in Grant County. Six adoptions were finalized that day and Mike McAtee, the adoption social worker teamed up with the Moses Lake Rotary Club, who provided funding for the celebration, in order to make this event happen.

If you change:

jobs, phone numbers, emails, move, someone moves out, someone moves in, etc. (you get the idea), you must let Joy know right away!

