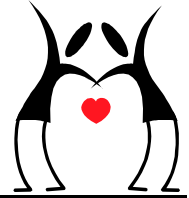


# Foster Caring



## House Bill 2106 (HB 2106)

### How Does It Affect Caregivers?

Region 1 Caregiver  
Newsletter

Summer 2010

In 2009 legislation was enacted with the intent to improve child welfare outcomes by changing the way services for children are contracted, measured and evaluated. By July 2011, Children's Administration will consolidate and convert all existing contracts for child welfare services to performance-based contracts, which will link the contractors' performance to the level and timing of reimbursement for services.

This bill acknowledges that the safety and well-being of children and families is essential to the social and economic health of Washington. It further states that it is the duty of the state to provide children at risk of being removed from their homes and families with reasonable opportunities to access supportive services that are proven to enhance their chances to be safe and secure. There is also growing evidence that, if done in a carefully planned, collaborative manner, performance-based contracting - the process of structuring a service around outcomes instead of just services to be performed - can improve the prospect of children being safer and having a greater sense of well-being.

The Child Welfare Transformation Design Committee will select two demonstration sites in which DSHS will contract out all child welfare services to private, non-profit providers by December 2012.

*You can find out more by attending the presentation by Children's Administration headquarters staff—*

***Tuesday, July 27 at 12 noon in Spokane at the DCFS office; 1313 N. Atlantic, Suite 2000; Spokane, WA.***

Have your questions answered for caregivers and CPAs including:

- ◆ What does 2106 mean?
- ◆ What does it mean for me as a foster parent or caregiver?
- ◆ How will it impact the ability of licensed caregivers to change agencies?
- ◆ What does it mean for recruitment/retention of caregivers?
- ◆ What is the role of the private agencies?
- ◆ What is the role of the social workers and other CA staff?
- ◆ How will this impact state-licensed foster parents who are caring for high-cost kids?

***Find out more at <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/partners/transformCW.asp>***

***Or by checking online at [www.fpas.org](http://www.fpas.org) and we'll update after the presentation on July 27th in Spokane.***

Regional Mini Conference coming on Saturday, September 18 in Spokane—watch for more information!

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## ProviderOne is Alive!

WA State DSHS has replaced its Medicaid Management Information System with a new electronic payment system called ProviderOne. Upon entering foster care, all children are eligible for a Services Card which replaces medical coupons. Services Cards should stay with the child. If a card is lost Caregivers or Social Workers may call the Foster Care Medical Team at 1-800-562-3022, Ext 15480. You may request a Voucher for Interim Pharmacy and Medical Services for Foster Children (DSHS Form 13-708) from the Social Worker if you have not received a Services Card prior to a medical appointment or for the pharmacist.



## Fostering Well-Being Care Coordination

Care Coordination services for children in out-of-home placement assure access to effective and comprehensive healthcare. Care coordination addresses interrelated medical, dental, mental health, substance abuse, and developmental needs to achieve optimal health and wellness outcomes.

For more information, call

Valerie Marshall, Regional, FWB Program Manager  
(509) 363-3320 or [valerie.marshall@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:valerie.marshall@dshs.wa.gov)

*See the back of your local office news insert for more information on care coordination.*

## Fostering Well-Being

### Fostering Well-Being Program:

A Partnership between  
Health & Recovery Services Administration  
&  
Children's Administration



DSHS is committed to improving healthcare for children in out of home placement. A new program in Health & Recovery Services (HRSA) called Fostering Well-Being (FWB) is a collaborative effort between HRSA and Children's Administration (CA). Fostering well-being uses a person-centered health model to address the comprehensive healthcare needs of children in out of home placement. This program will better align the Department's resources to improve health outcomes for these children. The major components of the program are:

Medical ID Services Cards issued to all children in out of home placement within 3 working days of placement notification.

Healthcare reports mailed to foster parents and caregivers within 3 working days of initial placement notification.

Medical records requested for the last 2 years for all children in out of home placement for more than 30 days.

Early & Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT) or Well-Child Exam reminders sent to foster parents and caregivers.

**Care coordination provided for a subset of medically complex children.** (See information on Fostering Well-Being Care Coordination Unit)

Health education materials mailed to foster families for children with certain health conditions.

Regional Medical Consultant available to social workers, foster families and local medical communities.

For more information, call

Valerie Marshall, Regional, FWB Program Manager  
(509) 363-3320 or [valerie.marshall@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:valerie.marshall@dshs.wa.gov)

## Reminders from Licensing

*Submitted by Melissa Fielding*

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) identified window coverings with cords as one of the top five hidden hazards in the home. About once a month, a child between 7 months and 10 years old dies from window cord strangulation and another child suffers a near strangulation.

The CPSC recommends the use of cordless window coverings in all homes where children live or visit.

**Window blind cords will be included in the home inspection as one possible safety hazard under WAC 388-148-0155.**



### Follow these basic window-cord safety rules:

Move all cribs, beds, furniture and toys away from windows and window cords, preferably to another wall.

Keep all window pull cords and inner lift cords out of the reach of children. Make sure that tasseled pull cords are short and continuous-loop cords are permanently anchored to the floor or wall. Make sure cord stops are properly installed and adjusted to limit movement of inner lift cords.

Lock cords into position whenever horizontal blinds or shades are lowered, including when they come to rest on a windowsill.

# Families for Kids Fun Facts!

*Submitted by Alisa Moore, FFK Director*

Here are some interesting statistics from your recruitment and family support program, Families For Kids. We just met with Region 1 DCFS contract managers and foster families, where we shared some of our successes and numbers from this last quarter. I'd like to share them with you here!

## **By the Numbers for March—May 2010**

- # of active potential foster families: 2,840
- # of new potential families: 232
- # of recruitment activities/events: 68
- # of foster families at support groups this quarter: 418
- # of support groups: 19 (including relative family caregiver support, Native American, and adoption support groups)
- # of FFK staff in the region: 6
- # of valuable FFK volunteers: 24  
(recruiters and support group facilitators)
- # of new applications: 53
- # of newly licensed homes: 56
- # of new African American homes: 3
- # of new Native American homes: 4
- # of new Hispanic homes: 6

Families for Kids, in close partnership with our DCFS contract managers, launched a volunteer recruitment team in Spokane, with a special focus on ethnic minority recruitment. We've met three times, and already several families have been recruited by their efforts. Many thanks to these foster moms, who are experts in what they do, with years of experience, and a lot of passion for recruitment.



Welcome also to our new recruiter, Sherry Givens, who, along with her husband Trey, is focused on recruiting African American families in Spokane.

And special welcome to our newest volunteer recruitment team member, Marian Trevino. Marian, a tribal foster parent and DCFS staff, is helping direct recruitment and support efforts in the Native American community with a special emphasis on recruiting urban Native homes in Spokane County.

## Family to Family in Washington State

*Submitted by David Needham, FTDM facilitator*

Family to Family (F2F) is a Children's Administration approach to help improve the lives of the children and families we serve. This approach was developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and is occurring in many states across the nation. F2F is comprised of five key strategies: Building Community Partnerships; Self-Evaluation; Recruitment, Development and Support of resource families; Disproportionality; and Family Team Decision Making (FTDMs).

Family Team Decision Making (FTDMs) meetings are held whenever a placement decision for a child needs to be made. The purpose of holding an FTDM is to encourage and increase family involvement in placement decisions that affect their children and to involve a broad representation of individuals to share in the decision making process. Teams work together to address the safety concerns and to create a network of support for the child and the adults who care for the child. The goal is to develop a plan that will provide the safest and most appropriate placement for children while preventing unnecessary moves and encouraging continued family involvement.

An FTDM is held for ALL decisions in the following circumstances:

**Initial placement:** When a child is assessed at high risk for abuse/neglect or within 24-72 hours of an emergency placement/removal. The purpose of the FTDM Meeting in this situation is to decide if:

- ◆ The agency must file for dependency and facilitate placement

- ◆ The child can remain in the family home with a safety/service plan in place
- ◆ The child should be voluntarily placed by parent(s) with a safety/service plan in place

**Change of placement:** Prior to a child being moved from one placement to another and to decide if:

- ◆ The child can remain in the current placement, possibly with additional supports or services
- The child must move to another placement, and then determine the child's needs and resolve any barriers to meeting those needs. Also, determine if any additional supports or services are needed for the child.

**Reunification/other permanency plan:** An FTDM is held prior to reunification or transfer of legal custody to decide if:

- ◆ The child can safely return to the family home
- ◆ To develop an alternative permanent plan if child cannot return to family home

### **Who should attend?**

The meetings are attended by the parents, the child (age 12 and older, and if appropriate), foster parents, relatives, friends, neighbors, community members, service providers, caregivers, social workers, supervisors, Guardian Ad Litem (GALs) or Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), if assigned.



## Upcoming Training:

Parenting PLUS  
Spokane DCFS  
9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13,  
10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17

Wenatchee DCFS  
7/7, 7/21, 8/12, 8/26, 8/9  
6—9 p.m.

Moses Lake DCFS  
6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/20,  
8/3, 8/17, 8/21, 9/14, 9/28, 10/5  
6-9 PM

Omak DCFS  
9/12, 9/20, 9/27, 10/11, 10/18,  
10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13  
6-9 PM

Parenting with Love & Logic—  
Spokane DCFS  
Fri 9/24, 6-9 & Sat 9/25, 9-4  
Colville DCFS  
6/30 & 7/1 6-9 PM  
Moses Lake DCFS  
8/4 & 8/11 6-9 PM

Grief & Loss  
Trainer—Rick Pribbernow  
Saturday, 7/17 9 AM—4 PM  
Spokane DCFS

Register at [cumi300@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:cumi300@dshs.wa.gov) or call 363-4821

So You've Had Your First Placement...  
Now What!?  
Spokane DCFS  
Friday 9/17 9:30—2:30

Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY)  
Friday 10/15 9-4  
Spokane DCFS Office

For Spokane classes contact Michelle at  
(509) 363-4821 or email [cumi300@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:cumi300@dshs.wa.gov)  
For ML, Omak, Wenatchee & Colville, contact  
Nancy at (509)846-2089 or email Nancy at  
[LNAN300@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:LNAN300@dshs.wa.gov)

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### Region 1 Foster Parent DVD Lending Library

Due to limited resources the Region 1 DVD Lending Library will be reserved for Support Group Use. For individual use please access the **Washington State Resource Family Lending Library** Listed on this page.

Mini  
Conference!

Mark Your Calendar!

## The Region 1 Mini Conference Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010

At the Prince of Peace Church, Spokane  
Earn up to 6 hours of training credits!  
Watch for more information!

### Washington State Resource Family Lending Library

The Lending Library offers books, tapes and other training materials for Washington state foster parents and kinship providers to check out. The materials will be mailed to you in a reusable pouch with postage pre-paid by DSHS for the return of materials.

The service is free to **all** Kinship Caregivers and Foster Parents in Washington State. You do not have to have an open case with the Department in order to use this library.

#### Access training materials

<http://fosterparent.dshs.wa.gov>

### DVD's for Training Credit Available through Netflix

If you have a Netflix account you can request the following DVD's for training credit. To receive credit request the DVD worksheet from your licensor.

- ◆ Acting Out
- ◆ Beyond F.A.T. City
- ◆ Child Development
- ◆ Child Safety
- ◆ Frontline: Growing Up Online
- ◆ Frontline: (The) Medicated Child
- ◆ Frontline: Medicated Child
- ◆ Frontline: The Meth Epidemic
- ◆ Girlhood
- ◆ (The) Happiest Toddler on the Block

For a more complete list access [www.fpas.org](http://www.fpas.org)

### Foster Care Support Network Self—Study Articles

Pamphlets provided by Foster Care Support Network. One hour of training credit is given for each pamphlet completed. Examples of available articles include:

- ◆ Foster Children and Education
- ◆ Anti-Bullying Strategies

Contact Michelle Cutlip (509) 363-4821  
Or by email at [cumi300@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:cumi300@dshs.wa.gov)

Training is also available online at  
<http://fosterparent.dshs.wa.gov>



# Families for Kids— REGION 1 SUPPORT SYSTEMS CONTACT LIST

**Regional Coordinator** Dru Powers 509-928-6697 [dru.powers@juno.com](mailto:dru.powers@juno.com)

**NOTICE:** Support group dates and locations may change. Call facilitator to confirm.



## **Clarkston Facilitator**

Angie Derting (Support/Buddy Program)

[angie@homesofhopeproject.org](mailto:angie@homesofhopeproject.org) 509-751-8719

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month @ 7 P.M.

Lewiston First Nazarene Church-childcare provided  
Hope Room – Clothes etc.

## **Colfax Facilitator** (established by Colfax office)

Shelly Elkins, Colfax Office Staff 509.397.5043

## **Colville Facilitator**

Sandee Kircher (Support/Buddy Program)

509-937-4151 [kircherbob@yahoo.com](mailto:kircherbob@yahoo.com)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 11:30 at Pizza Factory

Call to verify location.

## **Deer Park Facilitator**

Lori and Jim Bilbruck, Foster/Adopt Support Group

509-276-4744 - [bilbruckfam@hotmail.com](mailto:bilbruckfam@hotmail.com)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday ea month at 10:30 A.M. at the  
Bilbruck home - day care provided at the home

## **Ferry County Facilitator**

Arlette Porter (Support Program)

[arlette@rcabletv.com](mailto:arlette@rcabletv.com) cell: 509-680-1128

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 5:30 P.M. at Republic Hospital

## **Looney Lakers**

Pam Clifner (Support/Buddy Program)

509-937-2067 [ok9corralbed@yahoo.com](mailto:ok9corralbed@yahoo.com)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6 P.M. at

Call or email for location.

## **Methow Valley Facilitator**

Aimee Grant 509-997-0412

[aimeegrant@communitynet.org](mailto:aimeegrant@communitynet.org)

Call or email for meeting location and time.

## **Moses Lake Facilitator**(Support/Buddy Program)

Virginia (Ginny) Johnson [ginjo73@yahoo.com](mailto:ginjo73@yahoo.com)

(509) 398-3122; call or email for location & time

## **Omak Facilitator**(Support/Buddy Program)

Jacque Lott 425-478-3237

[jacquelott@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquelott@yahoo.com)

Call for meeting day and time.

## **Oroville Facilitator** (Support Program)

Beth Sutton 509-476-2817 – [godschild9878@msn.com](mailto:godschild9878@msn.com)

Call or email for meeting day and time.

## **Pend Oreille Facilitator** (Support Program)

Kimberly McNaughton 509-442-2433

[kmnaughton@lcsnw.org](mailto:kmnaughton@lcsnw.org); call or email for location/time

**South Pend Oreille County Support Group**—3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each  
month at Newport Hosp. Conf. Room: 5—7 p.m.

**North Pend Oreille County Support Group**—last Friday of each month  
at Kimberly's home—5 –7 p.m.

## **Wenatchee Facilitator** (Support/Buddy Program)

Paula Vanderpool cell 425-327-9544 [paulav@ncesd.org](mailto:paulav@ncesd.org)

Call or email for meeting day and time.

## **Spokane Facilitators**

Trudie Nesbitt – **Buddy Program Spokane**

509-487-8270 - [OnSquidRow@aol.com](mailto:OnSquidRow@aol.com)

## **Spokane Valley Support Group & Life Books**

Renee' Siers, Trainer and Facilitator

509-251-2936 – [siers2u@comcast.net](mailto:siers2u@comcast.net)

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday ea month – Call or email for location

## **Night Life Support Group** (Evening Meeting)

Amber Sherman, Facilitator

(cell-499-2456) [asherman@lcsnw.org](mailto:asherman@lcsnw.org)

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month – 6:00 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Prince of Peace Church – 8441 N. Indian Trail Rd., Spokane

Day care available – 3 day notice requested

## **Coffee Time Support Group** (Morning meeting)

Cindy Gardner, Facilitator, 928-2040, [rc.gardner@comcast.net](mailto:rc.gardner@comcast.net)

Ginger Schutt, foster/adoptive parent..

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday ea month – 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

E. Central Community Ctr – 5<sup>th</sup> & Stone - Day care available.

## **Native American Foster Family Support Group**

Aimee and Roger Moses, Facilitator

509-487-1232 and Cell 218-8889 [naffsg@live.com](mailto:naffsg@live.com)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday ea month 10 a.m. to 12 Noon

MAC (Museum of Arts and Culture) Enter on Riverside – Training  
for Adults and Craft for the children

## **Families Raising Relatives Support Group**

Contact: Michelle Cutlip 363-3392 [cumi300@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:cumi300@dshs.wa.gov)

Meets 6:00 P.M. to 8 P.M. at 505 E. Wedgewood, Spokane

Call or e-mail for meeting date.

## **Clothing Support Available in the Spokane Area:**



### **1. Clothing Perk**

The Clothing Perk will be opened soon to clothe children ages new-born to 12 like the Teen Closet does. Please check the FPAS website at [www.fpas.org](http://www.fpas.org) or Facebook for updates and more information.

### **2. Teen Closet**

The Teen Closet, a joint effort of the Foster Parent Association of Spokane and Robyn Nance of KXLY offers teen clothing for any teen connected with Children's Administration in Region 1. Visit their website at [www.teencloset.org](http://www.teencloset.org) or call (509) 534-1151 to arrange an appt. Donations of new or gently used clothing are accepted. Located in the Spokane Valley off Argonne at 9212 E. Montgomery #302. Families are welcome from throughout the region by appointment. Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9—1. Referrals by SW must be submitted first. Call 534-1151 for more information!

### **3. Julianne's Prom Closet**

Julianne's Prom Closet is open by appointment at 218 N. Bernard St., in the basement of the Fruci Building in Spokane. The Prom Closet accepts donations of quality new and gently used formal wear, as well as shoes, jewelry, purses and wraps. Call (509) 939-6324 to set up an appointment or make a donation.

# Does How a Baby Sleeps Really Matter?

*Submitted by Dr. Don Ashley*

For some years Doctors and Nurses have stressed that babies need to sleep on their back. But it is easier to pat Baby's back if they sleep tummy down. Does it make a difference?

We are almost twenty years into the Back-to-Sleep campaign. Back-to-Sleep lowered the rate of SIDS dramatically. There was no increase in choking. *Babies who follow back to sleep are more likely to live.*

It is scary what happens when Baby goes to a caregiver who does not know about Back-to-Sleep. The death rate from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome immediately goes up.

Babies have a deeper sleep on their tummy. Unfortunately, on their tummy they can sleep so deeply that they forget to breathe. There are some other "no-no's." Overheating, exposure to cigarettes, the baby pulling their blanket up over their face all increase SIDS.

You can get a fact sheet about SIDS in child-care from <http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/SIDSchildcaresafesleep.pdf>. The fact-sheet has several ideas about how to keep a baby breathing.

*Babies who follow back to sleep are more likely to live.*

Always put Baby to sleep lying back down.

Keep the baby in a smoke free environment.

When it is too cold, consider a blanket sleeper instead of a blanket.

Have a safety-

approved crib. Keep

the crib free of things that could touch or block the baby's nose.

Keep the room at a temperature comfortable for an adult wearing light clothing.

Seize the opportunity when the baby is

awake and in a good mood. Make awake tummy time a game. Awake tummy time helps to strengthen the chest muscles. If you build up awake tummy time gradually, your baby will find it totally fun and not work at all.

A pacifier in the mouth as your baby falls asleep helps to clear the nose. Let your baby spit out the pacifier when they want. The baby gets the benefit while they are falling asleep.



## Washington State Children's Administration and Foster Parent Quarterly Regional Consultation Forum (HB 1624) June 8, 2010; 1 - 3 p.m.; Addy New Life Church; Addy, WA

**Training Update – Michelle Cutlip** - see page 4

**Recruitment Update –Alisa Moore** - see page 3

**Retention / Support – Dru Powers**

Update on support groups – see page 5

**Additional Support Topics on the Agenda**

**Communications**—watch for TIP sheets coming soon from FPAWS. Caregivers are urged to go up the chain to supervisors and beyond if your questions are not answered. Dru can assist.

**FTDMs**—review of process of Family Team Decision Making meetings and how foster parents are a part of that team.

**Issues about the role of a Foster Parent**—Brent Borg is helping clarify with a foster parent in Colville so she can get school records to assist in the support of her foster children

**Receiving Care**—we will clarify with the business manager on how each office will handle this.

**Adoption Support**—Jan Lammers and Pam Copeland presented an overview of adoption support. They also reminded adoptive parents that there is \$500 a year available for training for them through adoption support.

**Statewide Consultation Meetings** – discussion of items forwarded from Region 1 which include Communication and Respect; and Internet communication and Performance Based Contracting and how it affects behavior therapists

**Next Regional Meeting – Tuesday, September 14, 2010 in Moses Lake; 1 – 3 P.M.; Big Bend Community College**

**Next Statewide Meeting – Wed., July 14, 2010; 1-4 PM; Nisqually Room, Tumwater DCFS**

Here is an abbreviated version of the agenda from Region 1 HB 1624 Regional Consultation meeting held in Addy. For a full set of minutes please contact Dru Powers at [dru.powers@juno.com](mailto:dru.powers@juno.com) or call her at 928-6697. Hope to see you at our September meeting in Moses Lake!



## Regional News

### Next HB 1624 Meeting—Tuesday, Sept. 14th

—Regional House Bill 1624 Meeting in Moses Lake from **1:00—3:00 PM** at Big Bend Community College

—**this is a consultation forum for caregivers to have their voices heard.** As part of the bill that was passed in 2007, we are required to have quarterly meetings between Children’s Administration (CA), foster parents/caregivers and members of the Foster Parent Association of WA. The purpose is to receive information and comment regarding how CA is performing the duties and meeting the obligations regarding recruitment, retention, effective training as well as having a coordinated and comprehensive plan that strengthens services for the protection of children.

—**all foster parents & caregivers are encouraged** and welcome to attend; please call (509) 928-6697 or for more information.

**\*Please contact Dru Powers at (509) 928-6697** for information

### FP Advisory Board Meetings in Spokane for 2010:

*All foster parents are welcome & encouraged to attend*

(SW Conference room; check in with reception first)

- ♦ Tuesday, July 13; 12:30—2
- ♦ Tuesday, Aug. 10; 12:30—2

### Dinners & Events for Caregivers for this summer:

- ♦ June 19—Colville Appreciation Event
- ♦ July 15—ML Appreciation Dinner; Big Bend Comm. College
- ♦ July 24—Spokane Caregiver Picnic; Audubon Park
- ♦ July 31—Omak Eastside Park—caregiver barbecue
- ♦ Aug. 1—Wenatchee Appreciation Picnic; Pioneer Park

Check out the Foster Parent Association Website for training materials, event information, contact numbers and more for **all caregivers in Region 1.** *Check it out at [www.fpas.org](http://www.fpas.org)*

*Sponsored by Foster Parent Association of Spokane, Children’s Administration and Families for Kids*

### Teen Closet Brings Fashion to Teens

The Teen Closet in Spokane is almost two years old and is proud to say that they have provided clothes for more than 300 teens since their doors opened.

Teens are referred by their social worker up to two times a year. Once the referral is received then the teen is invited to come shop and pick out new clothes.

The Teen Closet is always looking for donations of new or gently used fashionable clothing for teens as well as toiletries and outerwear. Volunteers are also needed each month on their open house day.

**Next open house is July 10 from 9—2**

SW referral must be submitted prior to that

**For more information, please call 509-534-1151 or see the website at [www.teencloset.org](http://www.teencloset.org)**

## Foster Caring Information

### F.I.R.S.T.

#### Foster Intervention/Retention Support Team

Provides non-judgmental support to foster families experiencing allegations of abuse or neglect.

**1-253-219-6782**

#### Foster Parent & Caregiver Support Line

**4:30 PM—8 AM Monday—Friday**

24 hours a day on weekends and state holidays

**1-800-301-1868**

**Do you have any openings in your home?**

**Please contact your local office placement desk**

*This newsletter is mailed to all foster parents, caregivers and interested persons in Region 1*

To submit articles for future issues, or to sign up for email alerts contact: Foster Caring; c/o Laurie Palmquist 1313 N. Atlantic, Ste. 2000 Spokane, WA 99201

Or email [R1FPSupport@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:R1FPSupport@dshs.wa.gov) or call (509) 363-3523.

Toll Free: 1-800-558-3040

Fax: (509) 363-4617

*Submission deadline for the Fall Issue is Sept. 17, 2010*

**Div of Children & Family Services**  
1313 N. Atlantic St., Ste 2000  
Spokane, WA 99201-2318

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## What Do You Want to Know How To Do?

Let us know and we'll answer in a future issue plus post online at [www.fpas.org](http://www.fpas.org)

Who do I contact about questions on my mileage reimbursement?

- ◆ *You may view mileage reimbursement guidelines online at <http://www.fpas.org/resources.php> and look under payments.*
- ◆ *If you have questions on why anything was not reimbursed, contact the child's SW.*

Where do I get the Report to the Court form?

- ◆ *It is available online at <http://www.fpas.org/resources.php> or contact your SW for a copy.*

How do I find out about FTDM's regarding the child in my home?

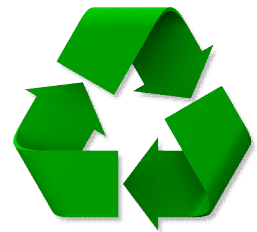
- ◆ *You can ask the child's SW. If you still have questions, contact the SW's supervisor.*

How do I refer a friend to be my respite provider in my home?

- ◆ *In Spokane contact Jennifer Aley at 363-3421. In other counties contact your licensor.*

Can I take my foster child with me on vacation out-of-state?

- ◆ *You must obtain prior approval for compliance with the regional out-of-state travel policy.*



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