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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Richard Farlinger

Many thanks to our Executive Board—Julio Alvarado, Trish Leonard, and Jessica Couch—for their work in organizing and devoting their time to our Rummage Sale fundraising event on the weekend of May 15th and 16th. Thanks also to the Sunrise Montessori School in Roseville, CA, for allowing Nepenthean Homes the use of their property for this event. The hard work of other volunteers—our Administrative Secretary, Martha Steuer, and her two daughters, Nola and Anya Steuer, as well as Alicia Samaniego, Gail Lindhorst, Dave Carothers, Ashton and Dallas Crawford, Dylan Cayuga, Deanna Coker, Jaclyn Slay, and Robert Lambuth—was very much appreciated as well. The Rummage Sale at the Montessori School was successful in netting warmly welcome funds as we continue planning and development of our fundraising efforts.

We have received information relative to the Revised State Budget for 2010-2011, that the FFA rate, which was cut by 10% last October, may remain at its current level. However, information received indicates that certified home fees and annual license fees will be increased. We will keep up hope that overall, the legislature will view the needs of abused and neglected children as a top priority, and act accordingly. ♥

NEW SACRAMENTO OFFICE INFORMATION:

Effective February 1, 2010

ADDRESS:

1331 Garden Highway, #320
Sacramento, CA 95833

PHONES:

Main: (916) 993-7776
Fax: (916) 993-7701
Mike: (916) 993-7787
Toll-free: (800) 439-8998

If you wish to call the 800 number, please be advised that it connects to the Innovation Center switchboard, where you can request to be transferred to Nepenthean Homes.

Foster Child Paperwork Made Simpler – Part 1 of 3

By Michael F. Quinn M.A.

This article will present some common foster child documents, forms, and examples of how the important paperwork can be used by foster parents to enroll children in services and monitor a child's progress in the foster home.

It is important to remember that foster childcare documents and forms vary. Make sure to consult with your state, county, or private agency to ensure you have the required paperwork for your foster children. Refer to the examples presented below to get a helpful overview of how foster parents often use the various documents, forms, and records in everyday foster care.

Paperwork and More Paperwork

As experienced foster providers know, foster children often arrive with a number of state, county, or private agency documents, forms, and records. There are special paperwork filing formats required of providers by foster agencies and methods of storing the confidential paperwork. Often, the forms are incomplete—or important ones are missing. It can quickly become confusing. Let's try to simplify the process:

Generally, foster child paperwork can be broken down into two simple categories:

1. Foster child official documents used outside the foster home—to enroll foster children into medical, educational, and special programs.
2. Foster child forms and progress records collected and filled out over time, and stored in the foster home—to track a child's care and overall progress.

Remember, too, that foster care completed forms become important foster child records that track services provided to the children.

Outside-Use Documents

Let's review the outside-use documents first. Outside-use foster child documents allow foster parents to enroll children into medical, school, and special programs for foster children. The most common set is the medical documents and includes:

Foster Child Medical Documents and Records

Medical Consent form: This document

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CAPITOL CITY NEWS



**ON-CALL CELL PHONE: (916) 704-7780
Foster Parent Training—Mandatory!**

Date: **Saturday, June 26, 2010**
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Topic: “Prudent Parent Decision Making and CCL Updates”
Where: Sacramento office
Speaker: Mike Quinn, MA

FOSTER PARENT ORIENTATION:

The next foster parent orientation meeting will be on **Saturday, June 5, 2010**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Sacramento office. **Please call Rich Farlinger at (916) 993-7776 to RSVP.** This meeting will answer your questions about foster children, foster parenting, and becoming a certified foster parent with Nepenthean Homes FFA.

ATTENTION FOSTER PARENTS!

As you know, 12 hours per year of foster parent training are required to maintain your certification.

To help with this, Nepenthean Homes is now offering our 21-DVD Foster Parent College training set. These videos are available for viewing in-house at our Sacramento and El Sobrante offices **ONLY**—we cannot offer home check-out.

You may call the offices to schedule a time to view the videos. Each DVD is 30 to 45 minutes in length. Viewing only gives you one hour training credit; viewing plus taking the test gives you two hours training credit.

For more information and to schedule your viewing time, please call the Sacramento or El Sobrante office.

PLEASE NOTE: You may do a maximum of six (6) hours of online foster parent training with Foster Parent College. Please call Mike Quinn or Rich Farlinger at the Sacramento office (916) 993-7776 with your email address, to get set up for this **no-cost** training.

BAY AREA NEWS



**ON-CALL CELL PHONE: (510) 750-4769
Foster Parent Training—Mandatory!**

Date: **Wednesday, June 30, 2010**
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Topic: “Payment Information”
Where: El Sobrante office
Speaker: Rich Farlinger

ADDITIONAL FOSTER PARENT TRAINING:

The Center for the Vulnerable Child (CVC) at Children’s Hospital Oakland, in cooperation with Alameda County Social Services and Nepenthean Homes Foster Family Agency, presents **NO-FEE** foster parent trainings. The classes serve as continuing education hours by foster care agencies. Verification of attendance is given.

Date: **Wednesday, June 9, 2010**
Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Topic: “Daddy and Papa”
(Documentary film about the placement of a baby boy into the home of two adoptive gay men.)
and

Date: **Wednesday, June 23, 2010**
Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Topic: “Parenting LGBTQ Youth”
Speakers: Dana Johnson, MSW and members of Project Eden Lambda Youth Project. Film clips from “Breaking the Silence,” a film about foster youth.
Where: Children’s Hospital Oakland, Center for the Vulnerable Child, 5275 Claremont Ave. and 5400 Telegraph, Oakland
(This building has two entrances—enter on either side.)
RSVP: Please call Peggy Pearson at (510) 428-3783. **Sorry, no childcare is available.**

SUPPORT GROUP for kinship caregivers and grandparents, **Wednesdays 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** Held at Family Resource Network, 5232 Claremont Ave., Oakland, CA. For more information and RSVP call Sonia Waters at (510) 547-7322 x15.

FOOTHILLS NEWS



**ON-CALL CELL PHONE: (530) 392-1597
Foster Parent Training—Mandatory!**

UPCOMING AUBURN AREA FOSTER PARENT TRAININGS WILL BE HELD ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, PER CFH. PLEASE CALL THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE TO SCHEDULE YOUR FOSTER PARENT TRAINING, AT (916) 993-7776. (REMEMBER, YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST 12 HOURS OF FOSTER PARENT TRAINING PER YEAR TO MAINTAIN YOUR CERTIFICATION!)

CENTRAL VALLEY NEWS



**ON-CALL CELL PHONE: (916) 704-7780
Foster Parent Training—Mandatory!**

We are working on our schedule for foster parent training in the Modesto area. Currently, we encourage our foster parents to take advantage of the online training available through Foster Parent College. See the “PLEASE NOTE” in column 1, this page.

FOSTER PARENT ORIENTATION:

If you are interested in learning more about foster care, please call us! An orientation meeting will be set up to answer your questions about foster children, foster parenting, and becoming a certified foster parent with Nepenthean Homes FFA.

- Placer/Nevada County Area: Call Mike Quinn at (916) 993-7787. An individual meeting will be set up for you.
- Bay Area: Call Kevin Smith at (510) 222-2666. Orientation meetings are available on the first Wednesday of the month, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the El Sobrante office.



Birthdays
this month!

BAY AREA:

Myron F. (Sims home).....6 on 6/1

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL OUR FABULOUS
FOSTER FATHERS!**



SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010



*Celebrate the
First Day of
Summer!*

Monday, June 21, 2010

NEPPY'S NOTABLES

June birthdays for staff:

Mike Quinn (Sacramento) on June 13



SACRAMENTO:

- Play Station I games (new or gently used)
- Kids' movies on DVD
- Computer CPU
- Computer software
- New or gently used plain paper fax machine

MODESTO AREA:

- New or gently used laptop computer for Modesto teen

BAY AREA:

- Changing table
- Hand-held electronic games
- VCR

AUBURN AREA:

- Dust cover for flat monitor (20")
- New or gently used plain paper fax machine
- 1", 2", or 3" empty three-ring binders (in good condition)

**WELCOME NEW KIDS ON
THE BLOCK:**

BAY AREA:

- Marvin P.
- Ahmed S.
- Erum S.
- Chris H.
- Stephanie D.
- Joel D.



GOOD NEWS!



Gayla R. of the Giacomini home, made the cheerleading squad at Bear River High School. Yeah, team! Way to go, Gayla!

Jasmine V. of the Lopez home attended a weekend Summer Exploration Camp at Sly Park in early June, through Sacramento City Unified School District. Sounds like fun, Jasmine!

Nepenthean Homes is a private, non-profit Foster Family Agency that helps adults become successful foster parents. If you want to improve a needy child's future by becoming a certified foster parent, please telephone:

- ** in Sacramento area, 1-916-993-7776
- ** in Foothills area, 1-530-268-9743
- ** in Modesto area, 1-916-993-7776
- ** in Bay Area, 1-800-564-2292

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