

Reminders & Resources
FEC Highlighter

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What's New – F.E.C. in the Community

Breakfast is on Us!!

We Appreciate You!

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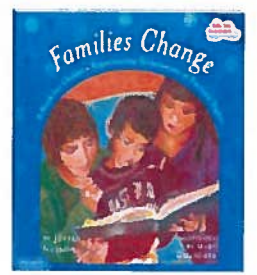
golden corral
Send Buffet in the West

It's been a long summer. You deserve a break. Let FEC treat you to breakfast.

August 1st, 2017 at 12:30pm
Golden Corral - 815 Providence Road, Brandon, FL 33511
FEC Foster Parent and Kinship Caregivers up to the first 43 people.

*Relax
take it easy.*

Book Nook...



Families Change: A Book for Children Experiencing Termination of Parental Rights

Book by Julie A. Nelson

All families change over time. Sometimes a baby is born, or a grown-up gets married. And sometimes a child gets a new foster parent or a new adopted mom or dad. Children need to know that when this happens, it's not their fault. They need to understand that they can remember and value their birth family and love their new family, too. Straightforward words and full-color illustrations offer hope and support for children facing or experiencing change. Includes resources and information for birth parents, foster parents, social workers, counselors, and teachers.



ON-LINE TRAINING

Below are a few websites where you can access available foster care-giving trainings from reading articles to interactive videos to obtain your hours for re-licensure. Remember, 12 training hours are needed per year, with 1-2 training hours completed each month!

Online Training Resources offer training hours from the comfort of your home with flexible hours.....train around your schedule. No need for baby sitters.

Website Resources.

www.centerforchildwelfare.org

www.childwelfare.gov

How YOU Can Help!!

- Think “outside the box” by accepting a child outside of your regular placement profile.
- Go to our updated website at www.lectampa.org and make a donation to be used to support FEC’s programs & services.
- Follow us & LIKE us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FECtampa

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Join us in welcoming our newly licensed foster families:

*Renaye Wiggins-Montgomery
Crystal Lauderdale & Peter Masa
Jonerthen & Lovincer Kiriisa
Mairobis Pupo & Ernesto Ortega
Brenda Buster
Leticia James*

FEC Programs are possible through the generous support of



Important Dates...

**Breakfast @ Golden Corral
Friday, August 18, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.
815 Providence Road - Brandon, FL 33511
FEC will pay for the 1st 40 foster parents & kinship caregivers to arrive**

UPCOMING TRAINING:

HCFPA Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 2nd, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
HCFPA Meetings are held at the Family Place – 9309 N. Florida Ave. in Tampa near E. Busch Blvd.

FEC In-Service Training Tuesday: TOPIC:
Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 at 6:00 pm
“Training Tuesday” Sessions are held at the W.E. Davis Family Support Center – 5407 N. 30th St. Tampa
Child care is available on a limited basis due to safety concerns. Please RSVP to your FDS.

FEC Pre-service: Topic: “Psychotropic Medications”
Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Main Office – 1002 E. Dr. MLKing, Jr. Blvd. in Tampa, FL (Entrance in the rear of the College Hill Conference Center)
Sorry, child care is NOT available for this training.

FEC’s Helpful Fostering Tips:

1. You MUST call FEC IMMEDIATELY to let us know when children are placed or leave your home.
2. You MUST complete 12 hours of in-service training annually for re-licensing. You must complete at least 3 to 4 hours quarterly. You should complete a combination of classroom and on-line training throughout the year.
3. Mileage and Child Care Reimbursement Requests MUST be submitted by the 5th day of the month. Reimbursements will ONLY be issued for the past 60 days.
4. You and the Transporter MUST call Eckerd Placement immediately when children arrive at your home. The number to call: (813) 210-4276

Have a Great School Year!



For Relative Caregivers

**KINSHIP MEETINGS BACK IN FULL SWING
AFTER A LONG SUMMER**

The Family Enrichment Center (FEC) Grandparents' Support Group meetings were suspended during the summer; but are "back in full swing" beginning Monday, August 14th.

The purpose of the support group is to bring caregivers together to discuss issues that are meaningful, productive and meant to reduce a caregiver's feeling of isolation. Group members learn from and share their common concerns. Each month, representatives from the community are invited to share information and resources from caregiver's voiced concerns. Join the group for an always **INSPIRATIONAL GOOD TIME!!**



Members of the Kinship Caregivers Support Group meeting about financial literacy.

➔ **National Grandparent's Day is Sunday, September 10th**
Be on the look-out for more information about this year's celebration to be held at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County

Important Dates...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Grandparent/Caregiver Support Group

Monday, August 14^h, 2017 at 10:00 am to NOON

W.E. Davis Family Support Center – 5407 N 30th St. Tampa

Guest Speakers: TBD

Sorry, Child care is not available for this event

EARLY SCHOOL RELEASE DAYS ARE ON MONDAYS.

Did You Know...

1. In a standard traffic light, is the green on the top or the bottom?
2. In which hand is the Statue of Liberty's torch?
3. How many states are there?
4. On the U.S. flag, is the top stripe red or white?
5. Which side of a woman's blouse are the buttons on?
6. On the back of a dollar bill, what is in the center?



What is the ASQ-3?

The Ages & Stages Questionnaires – Third Edition (ASQ-3) is the most accurate, family-friendly way to screen a child for developmental delays between one month and 5-1/2 years, and determine if a child needs further assessment or on-going monitoring.

Why does the ASQ-3 matter?

- 1) Helps with observing, documenting and highlighting your child's development.
- 2) Can detect possible developmental concerns early on and provide appropriate referrals to resources.
- 3) Provides the opportunity to help your child build critical school readiness skills.
- 4) Focuses on your child's strengths and helps to encourage the relationship.
- 5) Recognizes that you are the expert on your child by including you in the ASQ-3 process.
- 6) Presents new activities to help your child continue with his/her developmental growth.

How the ASQ-3 process works:

- 1) The case manager helps you conduct the ASQ-3 during a kinship home visit.
- 2) The ASQ-3 is scored and reviewed and the family is notified of the results.
- 3) If there are concerns follow-up and options are discussed with the family.
- 4) Developmental activities are provided. Children who show concerns are re-screened within 2 months or referred to appropriate resources.

ANSWERS
1. Bottom
2. Right
3. 50
4. Red
5. Right
6. One

Here are tips to keep your kids safe when they go back to school

BY CARMEN GONZALEZ CALDWELL
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Well, summer is over and our children are getting ready to start school August 10. Now is a good time for parents to make sure their kids stay safe.

Let's review a few important tips:

- Never place your child's name on any piece of clothing that is visible to anyone. You do not want to make them a target for a stranger to call out to by name.
- Make sure your child knows his or her full name, phone number, parents' full names, address and a work or cellphone number.
- Throughout the school year, talk to your child about drugs, strangers and any weapons they might see or hear about, bullies or any related concerns. Let the child know that such information should be reported to the teacher, school police and to you immediately.
- If your child is going into a new school or going to school for the first time, ask them whether there is anything that frightens or makes him or her uncomfortable. Share that information with the teacher or school police.
- Check with your child's school regarding policies and procedures on emergency



If your child rides the school bus, talk to him or her about how to behave. If your child has to wait alone at a bus stop, stress not accepting rides from strangers. If older kids ride with a friend, make sure that you speak to them about wearing seat belts. CARL JUSTE Miami Herald File

situations so you are not frightened if there is a lock-down. If you know the policies and procedures, you can calmly pick up your child when it's appropriate.

- If your child rides the school bus, talk to him or her about how to behave. If your child has to wait alone at a bus stop, stress not accepting rides from strangers. If older kids ride with a friend, make sure that you speak to them about wearing seat belts.
- Do not assume that your child knows even the basic facts about safety and other risks.
- If your child goes directly home after school, set up a regular calling time to know when your child arrives at home.
- Another good idea is getting your child involved in school organizations and programs. Parents should get involved in the school PTA.

Let's not forget other measures that adults must heed, such as watching your speed in school zones and wearing seat belts at-all-times including back-seat passengers. It's the law. Remember, adults are the role models for their children.