



Lane County  
**Fostering Connections**

**DHS Child Welfare  
 And  
 Foster and Adoptive Association of Lane County**

**April 2009**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

We had an awesome FAAPA meeting in March. Alex Trotter engaged us in a one on one question and answer on the New Safety Model in place. So many questions answered on what to expect from the State and what the State is expecting from Foster Parents. This was one of the best trainings we have had.

Guess What's Coming? A subject that affects so many of us Foster Parents: Teens in Crisis, smoking, drinking, drugs, sex, school, dating, body piercing, Tattoos, cell phones, Internet (My Space), curfews, birth control, and peer pressure, etc. Do you think you need help with any of these issues? Come and join us!! I promise you, it will enlighten you and hopefully give you insight into solving, controlling and understanding these problems. We have experienced Foster Parents coming to speak on their experience, failures, and successes on these subjects. I believe this will be one of the best interventions into Teens Concerns that we have ever had. We would like to invite you to come and participate in this. Bring your experiences and ideas.

We had more Foster Parents joining the FAAPA this month. We thank you so much. Our Organization is growing by leaps and bounds. Our meetings are growing each month with more Foster Parents joining in to participate in making the FAAPA grow. With the growth, we are able to do more and more for the kids. We are having another Sibling Connection this summer along with a huge Family Carnival Picnic at

Richardson's Park this coming August. We have committees in place and planning this event. I personally am so excited about this summer event. It's going to be a blast for the families. We are talking about having another Raffle for large prizes like we did at the Christmas Party. If you have suggestions or can donate something for the Raffle or know of someone willing to donate a prize for the Raffle, please contact me. The Raffle is a fun event for everyone and also puts money into our FAAPA account. Our account is what supplies all the fun things for your kids, Raffles, Christmas Party, Summer Picnic, etc.

In the Newsletter you will see an Albertson Community Partner Sign Up. Pull out your Albertson Preferred Card. Attach your personal Id to it. Take it into Albertson or go on line to Albertson Community Partners. This is very important to our organization as they give to the FAAPA 3 % of all sales made by Foster Parents. If you once joined, you must sign up again, as Albertson's sold out and all records were erased.

We are expecting a good crowd for this meeting. Please let us know how many children you are bringing. Child care is provided. Contact name below. All FAAPA members will receive a personal phone call of reminder April 21<sup>st</sup>. Neda Livingston 688- 1738

Jeanie Mackay  
 President  
[Jmackay555@comcast.net](mailto:Jmackay555@comcast.net)  
 541-689-4288

## **TRAINING NEWS...**

### **\* REGISTER FOR CLASSES\***

#### **APRIL**

#### **Behavior Crisis Management Training**

Trainer: Sandra McIlhenny

Dates: April 2, April 9 and April 18.

Times: see below

Place: DHS/Child Welfare

Camas Rm

1899 Willamette St.

Eugene, OR 97401

3 total Classes for this training: 2 Netlink trainings at Willamette on April 2 and April 9. The times for these 2 are from 6:30 to 9. The 3<sup>rd</sup> class is on April 18 from 9 to 4 at Willamette. All 3 classes must be registered for and attended for credit.

#### **Advanced Principles for Caring for the Medically Fragile Infant**

Trainer: Mary Ellen Riley

Date: Saturday, April 4

Time: 9 - 2 pm

Place: DHS/Child Welfare

Lucy Lahr Room

McKenzie Center

2885 Chad Drive

Eugene, OR 97408

#### **Infant/ Child CPR**

Trainer: Mark Mikkelsen

Date: Wednesday, April 15

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Place: DHS/Child Welfare

Camas Room

1899 Willamette St.

Eugene, OR 97401

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#### **Child Passenger Restraint Training:**

#### **CAR SEAT SAFETY**

Trainer: Dan Plaster, SSA and Car Seat Technician

Date: Wednesday, April 22

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Place: DHS/Child Welfare

Room TBA

1899 Willamette St.

Eugene, OR 97401

*This training is required for all homes fostering children age 3 and under.*

## **MAY**

#### **Basic Principles of Caring for the Medically Fragile Infant**

Trainer: Mary Ellen Riley

Date: Saturday, May 9

Time: 9 am - 2 pm

Place: McKenzie Center

2885 Chad Drive

Eugene, OR 97408

Basic Principles of Caring for the Medically Fragile Infant will be changing. It will be a more "hands-on" training, demonstrating infant care. There will be an emphasis practical information in caring for children who have been prenatally substance exposed as well as those who may have suffered neglect or minor injuries prior to coming into care. This is a very open training, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions and share experiences. Required within the first year for all families entering the Infant Tier program.

#### **Making the Most of Caseworker 30 Day Visits**

Trainer: Sandra McIlhenny, Child Welfare Partnership

Date: Thursday, May 14

Time: 6 – 9 pm

Place: DHS/Child Welfare

Room TBA

1899 Willamette St.

Eugene, OR 97401

Make the most of the time you have during your 30-day contacts with caseworkers. Learn what is most important to cover, what caseworkers are taught to discuss, who they have to talk to and how to provide them with information that ensures safety, permanency and well being for children. Understand why caseworkers need "alone" time with the child and how unannounced visits work. Learn how 30-day contact improves outcomes for children in all areas including permanency. Most of all learn tips on maximizing the time you have with the caseworker so you can spend time on the other important work you have to do!

\*\*\*This training is sponsored by Portland State University's Child Welfare Partnership.\*\*\*\*

### 10 Tips for Parenting Teens

Trainer: Jennifer Scholes, MA  
 Date: Tuesday, May 19  
 Time: 9-noon  
 Place: DHS/Child Welfare  
 Room TBA  
 1899 Willamette St.  
 Eugene, OR 97401

Raising teenagers is challenging, and more so when they have been in the foster care system. In this training you will learn 10 strategies to help you, your family and your teen. Topics will include: relationship building, setting reasonable limits, communication skills, and the skills teenagers need to successfully move into young adulthood. \*\* This training is sponsored by Portland State University’s Child Welfare Partnership. \*\*

### Infant/ Child CPR

Trainer: Mark Mikkelsen  
 Date: Wednesday, May 20  
 Time: 6:30 – 9:30 pm  
 Place: DHS/Child Welfare  
 Camas Room  
 1899 Willamette St.  
 Eugene, OR 97401

### Child Passenger Restraint Training: CAR SEAT SAFETY

Trainer: Dan Plaster, SSA and Car Seat Technician  
 Date: Wednesday, May 27  
 Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
 Place: DHS/Child Welfare  
 Room TBA  
 1899 Willamette St.  
 Eugene, OR 97401

*This training is required for all homes fostering children age 3 and under.*

Please leave me the following when you call:

- Your full name, first and last, plus the name of your partner/spouse if that person will be attending also. If your name is unusual or uncommon, then spelling it would be helpful.
- Your complete address. If your name is common, or I haven’t heard it correctly on the answering machine, I can use this information to cross reference to make sure I have the right person.
- Your phone number and email address. If I need to notify you of a cancellation or a venue change, my first attempt will be via email because I can reach more people in a short amount of time. If I am unable to reach you via email then I will try via telephone.
- The full name of the class you are registering for along WITH the date. **It does happen that there is more than one training opportunity on the same day. It is also not unusual for classes to have similar sounding names.** For example, week 3 of the Foundations class is titled “Behavior Management.” There is also a “Behavior Crisis Management Training” class.

### PLEASE REGISTER FOR CLASSES

**BY CALLING TAMMIE HARRIS AT 349-4459  
 OR BY EMAILING HER AT  
[TAMMIE.K.HARRIS@STATE.OR.US](mailto:TAMMIE.K.HARRIS@STATE.OR.US)  
 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

**\*\*\*THESE CLASSES COULD BE CANCELED IF  
 THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE  
 REGISTERED! \*\*\***

**DON’T SHOW UP AT THE CLASS AND  
 EXPECT IT TO BE HAPPENING, IF YOU  
 HAVEN’T REGISTERED FOR IT!**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED FOR A  
 CLASS AND SHOW UP FOR IT, YOU MAY BE  
 TURNED AWAY IF THE CLASS IS AT THE  
 MAXIMUM NUMBER!**

To sign up for Foster Parent College, call or email Chris Sterling at 349-4463 or [Christina.L.Sterling@state.or.us](mailto:Christina.L.Sterling@state.or.us)  
 Tell Chris which class you want to take online, and she can arrange it quickly.  
[www.fosterparentcollege.com](http://www.fosterparentcollege.com) to find all class topics online

## DAY CARE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING

Day Care now provided for Advanced Training at a minimal fee. We will offer on site day care at all advanced trainings.

You must pre-register with Chris Sterling 349-4463. There are 15 slots available, your child **MUST** be pre-registered due to adult/child ratios. The cost will be \$1.50 per hour. The next scheduled advanced training will be CPR on April 15th, Car seat training on April 22nd, Making the Most of 30 Contact, May 14th and 10 tips for parenting teens on May 19th.

Foster & Adoptive Parent Association of  
Lane County

**Important Albertsons Community Partners Action Item**  
***You Must Relink Your Card To Keep Our Program Successful !***

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, we have been earning much needed funding through the Albertsons Community Partners Program. We need your help to continue earning funds.

**Even if you have linked your Preferred Savings Card to our organization in the past, you need to re-link your card number in order for us to continue earning funds. Link (or re-link) your Albertsons Preferred Savings card to our organization now at:**

**WWW.ALBERTSONSCP.COM**

All you need is your Preferred Savings Card Number and our Organization ID. It will only take a minute and will help us greatly.

If you do not know your Preferred Savings Card Number, please call:  
(877) 932-7948.

Our Organization ID is: 49000109411

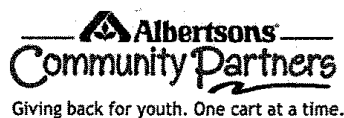
You must relink your card at the website above by February 28, 2009 in order to keep earning funds for our organization.

**Please pass this notice around to your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors so they can link their cards for us as well.**

If you do not have a Preferred Savings card, you can get one at any Albertsons or online at Albertsons.com.

*Every time you shop at Albertsons and scan your linked Preferred Savings Card, we will earn back up to 4% of your shopping dollars!*

Thank you for your support!



## **LIBBIE M IS LEAVING US**

Foster home certifier Libbie Marshall will be retiring from DHS at the end of April. She will be available to assist you with respite requests through Thursday, 4-30-09.

## **HELPFUL CONTACTS**

### **CASA Clothes Closet/ equipment**

174 Deadmond Ferry Road. Springfield, call first: 984-3130

**Clothes Closet**- West Eugene Family Center- Call the SSA's at West 686-7722, Libby Forsberg-x272, Dan Plaster-x242 or Twyla Pew-x301

[www.oregon.gov/dhs](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs) - Department of Human Services Website

[www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/cross\\_index.htm](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/cross_index.htm) will take you to Policy for Certification; The 2<sup>nd</sup> Index, (Resource Management Index) contains the Certification Rules, both for Foster Parents and the Department.

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/fostercare/rates/#principles>

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/fostercare/rates/faq.pdf> takes you to [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu/netlink](http://www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu/netlink) - Netlink Child Welfare Partnership

[www.fosterparentcollege.com](http://www.fosterparentcollege.com) - Foster Parent College (credits available thru Chris Sterling)

[www.head-start.lane.or.us/](http://www.head-start.lane.or.us/) or 747-2425 Head Start

[www.reliefnursery.org](http://www.reliefnursery.org) the Relief Nursery Inc. 343-9706

### **Statewide Foster Parent Lending Library**

The Statewide Foster Parent Lending Library is now open for your viewing. We have over 1000 books cataloged and are still in the process of cataloging the videos, DVDs and other resource material. You are welcome to take a look and see what we have to offer. All books and resource material are sent out to

our patrons in a canvas bag with pre-paid return postage. The patrons for this library are our foster, relative, adoptive parents.

Further announcements and access instructions will be sent directly to them in the next couple of weeks.

A tutorial has been created to help everyone get acquainted with the new library. Anyone can see what the library contains, but ONLY our foster, relative, adoptive parents are able to actually reserve items for check-out. Our patrons will be using their provider number as their User Name.

Feel free to check out the tutorial at <http://www.oregondhs.booksys.net/opac/oregondhs/>

The Librarian is Cynthia Gallegos. You can reach her at (503) 373-7838 or email at:

[Cynthia.R.Gallegos@state.or.us](mailto:Cynthia.R.Gallegos@state.or.us).

## 2009 Adoption and Foster Classes Orientation

General Applicants 10:00am – 4:00pm	Special & Relative Applicants 9:00am - noon	LOCATION
January 10 February 14 March 14 April 11 May 09 June 13	April 25 May 30 June 27 July 25 August 29 September 26	DHS/Child Welfare Camas Room 1899 Willamette St. Eugene, OR

### Foundation Classes

<u>WEEK and TOPIC</u>	<u>TUESDAY EVENING CLASSES</u> 6:30 – 9 p.m. DHS Child Welfare Camas Room 1899 Willamette Street, Eugene
Week 1: <b>Attachment, Grief and Loss</b>	Jan 27    Mar 31    Jun 02    Aug 04
Week 2: <b>Impact of Abuse on Development</b>	Feb 03    Apr 07    Jun 09    Aug 11
Week 3: <b>Behavior Management</b>	Feb 10    Apr 14    Jun 16    Aug 18
Week 4: <b>Sex Abuse and its Effects on Children</b>	Feb 17    Apr 21    Jun 23    Aug 25
Week 5: <b>Working with Biological Parents</b>	Feb 24    Apr 28    Jun 30    Sep 01
Week 6: <b>Drug Endangered Children</b>	Mar 03    May 05    Jul 07    Sep 08
Week 7: <b>Honoring a Child's Heritage</b>	Mar 10    May 12    Jul 14    Sept 15
Week 8: <b>Foster/Adoptive Parent Panel Relative Q &amp; A</b>	Mar 17    May 19    Jul 21    Sep 22
Week 9: <b>Infants in Foster Care ~ Basic Principles</b>	Mar 24    May 26    Jul 28    Sep 29

<u>WEEK and TOPIC</u>	<u>FRIDAY DAYTIME CLASSES</u> 9:00 am - noon DHS Child Welfare Camas Room 1899 Willamette Street, Eugene			
Week 1: <b>Attachment, Grief and Loss</b>	Apr 24	Jun 26	Aug 28	Oct 31
Week 2: <b>Impact of Abuse on Development</b>	May 01	Jul 03	Sep 04	Nov 06
Week 3: <b>Behavior Management</b>	May 08	Jul 10	Sep 11	Nov 13
Week 4: <b>Sex Abuse and its Effects on Children</b>	May 15	Jul 17	Sep 18	Nov 20
Week 5: <b>Working with Biological Parents</b>	May 22	Jul 24	Sep 25	Nov 27
Week 6: <b>Drug Endangered Children</b>	May 29	Jul 31	Oct 02	Dec 04
Week 7: <b>Honoring a Child's Heritage</b>	Jun 05	Aug 07	Oct 09	Dec 11
Week 8: <b>Foster/Adoptive Parent Panel Relative Q &amp; A</b>	Jun 12	Aug 14	Oct 16	Dec 18
Week 9: <b>Infants in Foster Care ~ Basic Principles</b>	Jun 19	Aug 21	Oct 23	Dec 25

To register, please call Tammie Harris at 349-4459 or 686-7555 ext. 4459 or email [Tammie.K.Harris@state.or.us](mailto:Tammie.K.Harris@state.or.us)

## Remember:

Call **Heather Allen** if you have issues or questions regarding regular foster care payments or if you are interested in direct deposit information – 349-4493

Call **Rebecca Hansen** if you have a child on psychotropic medications – 686-7722 ext 360

Call your **child's caseworker** for mileage reimbursements, special rates and personal care.

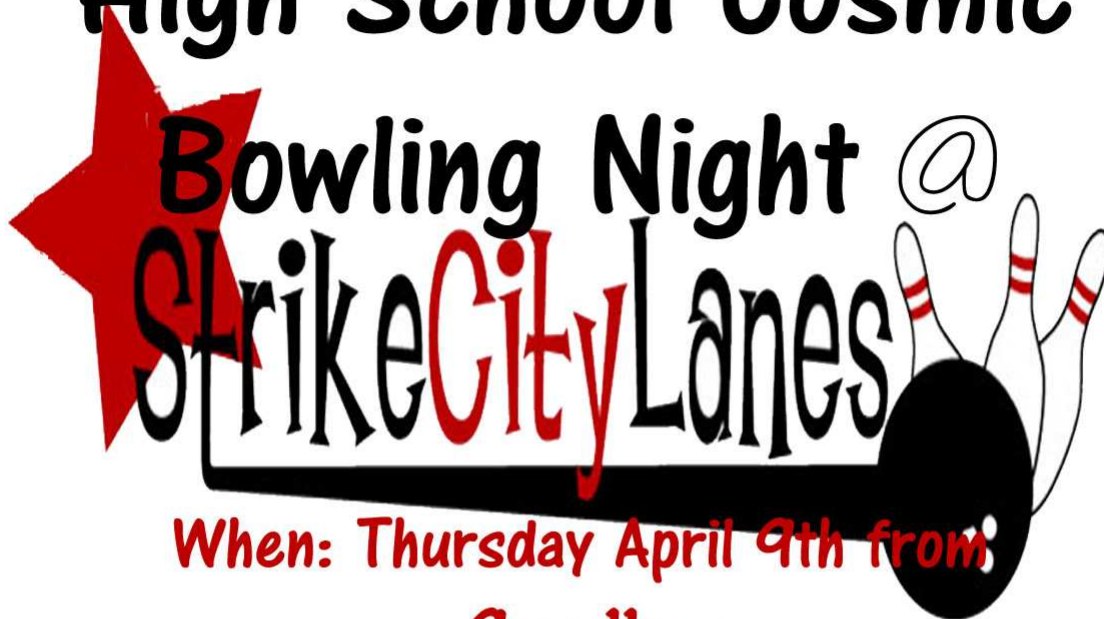
Call **Holly Steer** at 349-4458 or email at [holly.a.steer@state.or.us](mailto:holly.a.steer@state.or.us) if you want this newsletter in a different format, or if you want on or off the distribution list.

Call **Tammie Harris** at 349-4459 or email at [Tammie.k.harris@state.or.us](mailto:Tammie.k.harris@state.or.us) if you want to register for a class.

Call **Mary Echols** at 349-4322 or email at [mary.a.echols@state.or.us](mailto:mary.a.echols@state.or.us) regarding medical card or provider (medical or dental).

Call or email **Chris Sterling** at 349-4463 or [Christina.l.sterling@state.or.us](mailto:Christina.l.sterling@state.or.us) for specific training.

The Junior League of Eugene Presents the First  
**High School Cosmic**



**When: Thursday April 9th from  
 9pm-11pm**

**Where: Strike City, 1170 Highway 99**

Included are 3 tickets for a free round of bowling. 1 for your student and 2 extra tickets for two of his/her friends to come and bowl with them!!

\*Each student MUST have a high school student ID and or OR ID card for admission to this event.

**\*\*your RSVP is required for this event\*\***

(So we can buy enough pizza and soda and get enough chaperones) Please leave your name & # students attending, including their optional 2 guests.

Email/Call Chris Sterling (DHS)

Email: [Christina.L.Sterling@state.or.us](mailto:Christina.L.Sterling@state.or.us)

wk#: 349-4463

\*if you are a parent interested in chaperoning the event, please contact Lisa Wood @ (541) 953-3272

**J** The Junior League of Eugene sponsors this event for more information on JLE visit our website:  
[www.jleugene.org](http://www.jleugene.org) **J**

The Junior League of Eugene, Oregon, is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

We are dedicated to serving our community's youth, family and the underserved.



## MEDICAL CARDS

The medical card belongs to the child and should always move with the child. Foster parents should keep a folder or envelope with all the child's medical information in it. That would include the medical card, a list of any prescriptions, doctor, dental, mental health appointments, name of the providers for these services, etc to be passed on to the caseworker or new care provider if the child is moved. This is essential information for the child.

The new medical cards are considered **permanent** and are only sent out one time. It is now even more important that foster parents keep track of these cards and pass them on when a child moves.

## **Luggage for Foster Kids**

There is plenty of luggage available for foster children who need it. The sites that have luggage and the contact persons for each are as follows:

### **Willamette:**

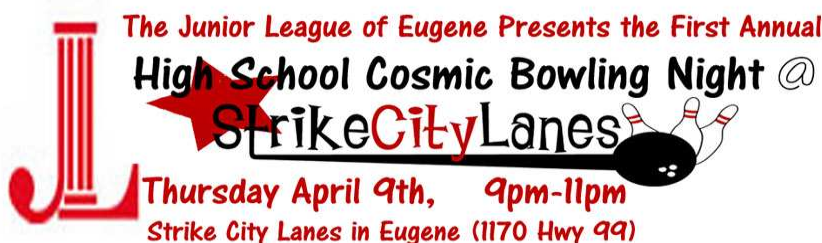
Libbie Marshall: 349-4464



The Junior League of Eugene Presents the First Annual  
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# A Caring Place



*A free respite childcare center for foster children*

## Current openings



# now available!



- What:** ACP is a community wide effort that includes Relief Nursery, Junior League of Eugene, First Congregational Church, & DHS. It's an opportunity for foster children to have social interaction and play time with a high staff ratio. *It is also a chance for you, as a foster parent, to have a break...*
- Who:** Any foster child age 6 weeks to 6 years old who would benefit from socialization and developmental learning opportunities. *\*If a foster child in your home is attending, your biological and/or adopted child/ren are also invited to attend.*
- When:** Tuesdays 2-5 p.m., Thursdays 9 am- Noon & 2-5 p.m.
- Where:** First Congregational Church: 1050 E. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Eugene (23<sup>rd</sup> & Harris)
- How:** Contact Sandy Angerbauer (Child Welfare contact person) at 686-7722 x 328 or your caseworker.



## Clothing Assistance for Foster Children

**Better Living Center:** all ages clothes closet open to all in Florence. Open Wednesdays, 1-4pm. At 85134 Highway 101 S, Florence OR 97439; (541)997-2137

**CASA of Lane County:** clothes closet for foster children, open M-F 9am-4:30pm, 174 Deadmond Ferry Rd. Springfield; 541-984-3132; [www.casa-lane.org](http://www.casa-lane.org)

**Catholic Community Services (CCS):** clothes closet for all ages, and many other basic needs. 1095 W 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, (541) 345-3642 or 1025 G Street, Springfield, (541) 747-8349; [www.ccslc.org](http://www.ccslc.org).

**Community Sharing Program of Cottage Grove:** clothing and other basic needs in Cottage Grove. 1245 Birch Avenue, Cottage Grove, [www.communitysharing.org](http://www.communitysharing.org); (541) 942-2176 or 942-0142 (hotline)

**Dexter Food Pantry:** Clothing closet and food box site. 38925 Dexter Rd, Dexter, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 2-6pm. (541) 937-4229.

**Emerald Adventist Community Services:** Clothing center open September through May. Tuesdays 10-12:00pm, and 12:30-1:30pm. 90 Lawrence St, Eugene, (541) 342-1501

**Friends In Service to Humanity (FISH):** Emergency food, clothing, bus token & antibiotic prescription assistance. Phone 9:30am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday, (541) 689-9750 for assistance.

**First Way:** free clothing for infants up to age 5, and baby supplies. Drop in M-Th 10am-4pm and Fri. 11am-2pm. 1667 High St., Eugene. (800) 848-LOVE, [www.possiblypregnant.org](http://www.possiblypregnant.org),

**Helping Hand Room:** clothing for all ages, including baby clothes and layettes for new mothers. Call for appointment for Tuesday or Thursday 12-2pm. First Christian Church, 1166 Oak Street, Eugene, [www.heartofeugene.org](http://www.heartofeugene.org), (541) 344-1425.

**Hosea Youth Services:** clothes closet for teens and young adults (under 22) and other services, open M, W, F 2-7pm at 834 Monroe St., Eugene, (541) 344-5583. [www.hoseayouth.org](http://www.hoseayouth.org).

**Junction City Local Aid:** all ages clothes closet open Tue., Wed., Thu. 9-1pm, at 265 W 6<sup>th</sup> St., Junction City, (541) 998-3992. [www.jclocalaid.org](http://www.jclocalaid.org).

**Lane Pregnancy Support Center:** free infant clothes up to size 2T and 10-12 diapers once a month, call for hours Eugene: 142 E 13th Ave, 345-0400. Junction City office: 245 W 6th, 998-7920. Cottage Grove office: 1238 S. 6th, 942-2333. Springfield office: 819 A St, 744-3303.

**Operation School Bell:** Serves kids in school at Eugene 4J, Junction City, Pleasant Hill, Creswell and Bethel School Districts, as well as clients of Department of Youth Services and Looking Glass. Sign up through school counselor to receive bag of clothes with shoe voucher delivered at school.

**Saint (St.) Vincent de Paul Society Social Services:** clothing, furniture and household goods. 456 Highway 99 N, Eugene, OR 97402, (541) 689-6747, [www.svdp.us](http://www.svdp.us)

**Salvation Army Family Services:** clothing (in Eugene thrift store), household supplies. 640 W 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, open M-Th 8:30-12 & 1-3:30pm; Fri. 8:30-12:30, (541) 343-3328 or 1275 Mill Street, Springfield,

Clothing Assistance 3.11.9 – Listing on this page does not imply DHS endorses any organization.  
For a complete listing of community resources, go to [www.211lane.org](http://www.211lane.org).

**SALVATION ARMY FAMILY SERVICES: OPEN 9AM-2PM (541)747-6229**

**SUISLAW OUTREACH SERVICES:** free clothing for all ages, M-F 9am- 4:30pm. 1576 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Florence, (541) 997-2816 or (541)997-4444 (hotline).

## **Foster Parent Appreciation Day**

**You are cordially invited to attend this annual foster parent recognition event. We want to honor you for the job you do to provide safe and loving homes for Lane County's foster children. You are appreciated!**

**Join us for a delicious buffet lunch, entertainment, door prizes and an afternoon to visit with friends and relax!**

**Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

**11:30am 3:00pm**

Eagles Lodge

1375 Irving Road

Eugene, Oregon 97404

RSVP to Tammie Harris at (541) 349-4459

or at [TAMMIE.K.HARRIS@state.or.us](mailto:TAMMIE.K.HARRIS@state.or.us) to let us know you'll be there.

**Child Care will be provided, please contact Briana Robbins at [brianna.l.robbins@state.or.us](mailto:brianna.l.robbins@state.or.us)**

*It's that time of year again . . .  
Foster Parent Appreciation Day  
is coming up on May 1, 2009*

As always, we will be providing on-site childcare for foster, adoptive and birth children, ages 0-10 years old. In order for us to properly prepare, we need to know if you will be bringing children with you.

Please fill out this form by 4/24/09 and return it to:

Brianna Robbins, 1899 Willamette St., Eugene, OR 97401 or  
e-mail me with the same information at [brianna.l.robbins@state.or.us](mailto:brianna.l.robbins@state.or.us)

Foster parent(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's full name/birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's full name/birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note, if you do not register within the given timeframe, you will need to coordinate your own childcare, as we will be unable to accommodate you.

It takes a great deal of time and energy to coordinate childcare for this event and we appreciate your understanding in the matter.

## 2009 SUMMER CAMPS

For the past several years, summer camps fees have been sponsored by Wednesday's Child Foundation with donated funds. Due to the economic slowdown the requests for funds have increased and the available money has decreased. Wednesday's Child is currently accepting applications for summer camp fees and will continue to do so while funds are available.

In an effort to serve as many children as possible Wednesday's Child has asked that full consideration be given to scholarships and discounts, contribution by the foster parent and a review of higher rates and respite funds. Caseworkers will be addressing these considerations as part of the application.

The camp director and foster parent will receive a notification letter when the application is approved. Most camps accept the letter in lieu of the check to allow for registration before the fees are paid. After several weeks the foster parent will receive a check in the mail made out to the camp.

**WHAT TO DO?** Discuss the child's need for a camp experience and the need for fee assistance with the caseworker. Apply for available discounts. Provide the caseworker with documentation of the camp fees. **WHAT NOT TO DO?** Do not pay ahead of time if you are expecting to be reimbursed. Wednesday's Child will not reimburse.

Alice Omann  
Resource Developer

## **GOODWILL VOUCHER PROGRAM TO BENEFIT DHS FOSTER FAMILIES**

Goodwill has once again come through to help foster parents through its Good Samaritan Program. Here's how it works:

Drop off your used-goods donations at any Goodwill Industries of Lane and South Coast County's Donation Centers. Tell the attendant how much the donation weighs and that the donation is designated for the "DHS Foster Care Program." You will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Your donation will be recorded and sent to the Goodwill administration office. Donations can be gently used items such as clothing, shoes, housewares, dishes, utensils, books or small electrical items. (Furniture and large items are not included.)

For every 200 pounds of donations dropped off at Goodwill Industries of Lane and South Coast County's Donation Centers, a \$10.00 voucher will be issued to DHS. Foster parents can request vouchers by calling their certifier. They will be issued on the basis of economic need and are to be used for items for foster children. If you have questions, please call Libbie Marshall, 349-4464.

## **TAX INFORMATION**

Every year about this time several questions are asked about foster parenting and taxes. The most common one is: **Can a foster parent have a child's ss# for tax filing purposes?**

**Answer: Yes, please contact the child's worker if you don't find this on your placement sheet.**

As for a foster parent's **other** tax questions - We must say the following:

We cannot advise or direct you. If you have tax decisions please consult a qualified tax preparer.

Attached is information from the National Foster Parent Association. This is one source of information that could be shared with foster parents. The web site is: <http://www.nfpainc.org/>  
For a hard copy of this information, please consult with your certifier.

## **Foster Parent Resource Closet: West Eugene Family Center**

We have clothes, shoes and various articles for foster kids. You can call the SSAs at the West Eugene Family Center and arrange a time to come by, or just stop by and ask for us at reception. 686-7722, Libby Forsberg-x272, Dan Plaster-x242 or Twyla Pew-x301

### **Need a Break? Need Respite?**

Foster home certifier Libbie Marshall will be retiring from DHS at the end of April. She will be available to assist you with respite requests through Thursday, 4-30-09.

If you need a break and/or taking a vacation and need to find a respite provider for your foster child(ren).....Or....if you would like to provide respite care for other foster families...please give Libbie Marshall a call at 349-4464. Ten days notice is a good idea as there are more options ahead of time, but Lib will try to help you regardless. Thanks a bunch!!!!

### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Cottage Grove:** The Cottage Grove Support Group is meeting on a monthly basis. Please call Penelope Pilling at 767-0066 if you are interested in attending this group and to find out the date, time, and location of the next group.

**Elmira/Veneta:** Theresa Donovan wants to get the support group up and aging again. Please call her at 935-4278 and give her days of week and times that will work for you.

**Florence:** The Florence support group is still on hold. If anyone would like to get the support group in Florence up and running again, please call Libbie Marshall at 349-4464.

**Junction City:** This Junction City Support Group meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:30 AM at the home of Shay Crabtree, 723 Kalmia, Junction City. Please call her at 520-4521 if you plan to attend or would like more information.

**Eugene-Springfield & Newer Foster Parent Support Group:** This group will meet on Wednesday, April 8th from 12:00 noon to 1:30 PM at Papa's Pizza, 4011 Main Street, Springfield. For more information, call Tiffany Olsen at 744-7977.

You are encouraged to attend the support groups, open to all foster parents. It is a great opportunity to meet other foster parents and to get ideas and support. Also, you will receive **TRAINING CREDIT**.

### ***ITEMS FOR YOU***

If you are looking for larger items, Tammy may be a good resource. Currently, she has to offer:

- 1 infant Carseat
- 2 Bouncy infant seats

If you either *have* or *need* larger items, contact Tammy Hadley at 729-6309 or email her at [Joe\\_h7@yahoo.com](mailto:Joe_h7@yahoo.com).

Tammy would like to begin an email based resource group for larger items. If you are interested in being in this group please email her with your needs or goodies to offer.

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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Foundations Class 6:30-9 pm <b>Week 2:</b> Impact of Abuse on Development 6:30- 9 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> BCMT 6 – 9 pm Willamette	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Orientation 10-4 Willamette General Applicants
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Foundations Class 6:30-9 pm <b>Week 3:</b> Behavior Management  FAAPA meeting at Gateway 7-9 pm	<b>15</b> CPR 6:30–9:30 pm Willamette	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> BCMT 9 - 4 pm Willamette
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Foundations Class 6:30-9 pm <b>Week 4:</b> Sex Abuse and its Effects on Children	<b>22</b> Car Seat Training 6:30-8:30 pm Willamette	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Foundations Class 9-noon <b>Week 1:</b> Attachment, Grief and Loss	<b>25</b> Orientation 9-12 Willamette Special & Relative Applicants
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Foundations Class 6:30-9:30 pm <b>Week 5:</b> Working With Biological Parents	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
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