



# Kitsap FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION

Serving and Supporting Kitsap Foster Families

## Do you want to

### Help Kids to have a haunting good time?

2011 Ghost Train Fundraiser planning is now underway. KFCA want to make the Ghost Train bigger and better than ever. To make this happen we need your assistance. Do you enjoy seeing kids have fun? Do you enjoy Halloween? Are you interested in helping KFCA raise funds? Do you perhaps have a connection to goods and services such as exterior industrial lighting or porta-potty/handwashing stations? Are you artistic; well organized; have other skills or good community connections? This is the opportunity for YOU!

Please contact Barbara Holbrook @ [events@kitsapfostercare.org](mailto:events@kitsapfostercare.org) or 360.649.0414



## KFCA NEWSLETTER September—October 2011

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

#### Dinner Meetings

@ Lincoln Ave BC  
1250 Lincoln Avenue—Bremerton

#### September 21, 2011

speaker—Linda Kalinowski, DLR will address new training requirements for foster homes. This is must know info! Also, Terry Botsford from the South Kitsap School District Ready for Kindergarten will discuss her program.

#### October 19th

Speaker—Beth Post, Law enforcement officer and mental health professional will address crisis intervention with youth

Questions Call Phyllis 360-275-5725

#### October 29

Ghost Train @ Jackson Park in Port Orchard  
2pm—8pm

### Region 5 Consultation Meetings:

You are invited to bring your issues to: Barbara Holbrook, KFCA Board Member (360) 649-0414 or Elizabeth Griffin Hall FCRN @ (360) 990-9955 or (253) 473—9252 or Luanne Vail—foster parent Liaison (360) 990-9995 who will be happy to hear from you and share your thoughts with representatives. Please contact one of the representatives listed above for meeting dates and times.

**IT IS NOW TIME FOR NEW 1624 REPRESENTATIVES TO BE SEATED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE POSITION PLEASE CONTACT PHYLLIS BISHOP 275-5725 OR [president@kitsapfostercare.org](mailto:president@kitsapfostercare.org) OR LUANNE VAIL 360-990-9995 [LIAISON@kitsapfostercare.org](mailto:LIAISON@kitsapfostercare.org)**

### FPAWS EVENT

Please join us for 3rd Annual Bremerton Washington "Walk Me Home...to the place I belong" walk at the Blackberry Festival on the Bremerton Pier. We will be at the Blackberry Festival all weekend, so stop by and say hello. The walk will start at 11:00 on Monday. We walk over and around Evergreen Park. Have your picture taken with the UL72 Foster Care Hydro-Plane. You will get a free Tee-shirt and can earn Water Bottles, Hats, Vests and Sweatshirts for your fund raising efforts. These funds help support our volunteer work to create the best possible system for kids needing out of home placement.

Monday, September 05—at 11:00 AM  
Blackberry Festival Bremerton waterfront  
**Contact** Mike Canfield 360-990-1255  
[mkbeth@comcast.net](mailto:mkbeth@comcast.net)

**Due to limited funding The DREAM Project will now be accepting applications only from KFCA members and only while funds are available. For more info, please go to [www.kitsapfostercare.org](http://www.kitsapfostercare.org)**

# Training Schedule:

## The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children

Presented by: Gary Benton, MA

September 8, 2011 - 9:00am to 4:00pm  
Tacoma DSHS Building—1949 South State Street

Gary has been in social work for over 30 years providing marriage and family therapy; anger management and domestic violence treatment to a wide range of participants. He is a local and national consultant and trainer.

His presentation will cover topics such as: Identifying factors from DV that leads children to act out; provide strategies to prevent or minimize acting out; provide suggestions to improve adult response to an acting out child/youth

## Parenting Plus Foundations for Parenting Someone Else's Child

Presented by Linda Falcocchio

9/19/2011 - 9/27/2011

All day sessions 9:30am to 3:00PM

Bremerton United First Methodist Church  
1150 Marine View Drive - Bremerton

A 30 hour Parenting Plus curriculum for foster parents, adoptive parents and relative providers. Class will cover cultural competence, self-concept, child development, discipline, the difficult child, and teaming, assertiveness & self-care, sexual aggressive youth and physically assaultive youth. Classes are from 9:30am to 3:00pm on these dates 09/19; 09/20; 09/21; 09/22; 09/23; 09/26 & 09/27

To register for classes contact Linda Falcocchio  
@ 253-983-6474 or 360-475-3596 /  
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## PIERCE COUNTY ALLIANCE IS LOOKING FOR FOSTER HOMES SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR RESPONSIBLE LIVING SKILLS PROGRAM!

The Responsible Living Skills Program is designed for foster care placement with an emphasis on four basic areas:

Achieve competency in independent living skills  
Youth participation in personal decision making  
Youth participation in program planning, implementation and evaluation  
Youth contribution of time, talent and skills to the community

### Eligibility for a youth into our Responsible Living Skills Program is as follows:

RLSP youth are between the ages of 14.5 & 17  
Youth must be currently dependent  
Primary and alternate permanency planning goals may not be return home  
Youth must have sufficient behavior control and a desire to succeed in the program  
The RLSP placement is not for clients with high need behavioral issues

### Pierce County Alliance will provide Case Management and assist clients and the foster home with helping the placed youth with the following:

Employment/Job Search  
Vocational/post secondary opportunities  
Income maintenance  
Health care and prevention skills  
Access to community resources/adult mentors  
Transportation  
Housing options  
Volunteer opportunities  
Ansell Casey Assessments every 12 months  
Ansell Casey Goal Plans every 12 months specifically designed to the youth's areas of need. The goal plans are based off of the Ansell Casey Assessment.

Youth aging out of care need special assistance with assuring they are prepared for independence. Due to the additional help, foster parents will be reimbursed at a higher rate. Interested? contact Kathy Bannon Youth Services Coordinator @ 253-502-5491

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W/TH 8:30-2:30

### *Esteemed Community Partner:*

**Elizabeth Griffin-Hall—**

**Foster Care Resource Network Liaison**

**Region 5 Recruitment & Retention**

[elizanngriffin@aol.com](mailto:elizanngriffin@aol.com)



### **Quarterly Regional & State Wide Foster Parent Consultation Meetings**

House Bill 1624 is a piece of legislation requiring the Children's Administration to consult with foster parents. The goal is to ensure foster parents participate directly or through a representative and have a chance to offer input at each stage of ongoing work regarding:

- Recruitment of foster homes
- Retention of foster homes—issues you face or problems you feel the state should fix so you can parent.
- Effective training for foster parents
- Development of coordinated & plans that strengthen services for the protection of children

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