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FKCE NEWS
NOTICIAS PARA PADRES DE CRIANZA

Foster Parent Community Letter



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Workshop Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide specialized information about the **FREE** Foster and Kinship Care Education Classes.

Claudia's Corner

Open your hearts and home...become a foster parent. Call us for more info.

Q: Are Social Workers Still Conducting Visits?

A: Yes. Every case is different and county visits are still being conducted.

Q: What is the protocol for my visit?

A: Discuss this with your social worker. Be proactive and assess your household structure to promote social distancing when the CSW home visit is scheduled.

Los Angeles County is requiring that EVERYONE wear masks. Have the supplies needed and follow the COVID regulations on a daily basis and when your home visit is conducted.

Q: How do I sign up for a FKCE Renewal or Pre-Service Workshop?

Email us at cgarcia@lbccc.edu **AND/OR** call the FKCE Department at 562-938-3114. Due to the college responding to the safety of our community we are all working remotely. All voicemails will be responded to within 24 hours Monday—Friday

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree...."

-Martin Luther



Anuncios –Talleres

Ofrecidos en la rueda social de ZOOM

La hora antes de cada taller provemos un entrenamiento y Apollo en el uso de la ruedas sociales: Cada Viernes de 11 AM a 2 PM Talleres de Renovación.

Cada Mes hay talleres para la Tarifa D, F y W

English Workshop Trainings (Monthly Pre-Service Trainings)

D Rate Pre Service - May 2, 6, 9, and 13 (4-9 PM)

F Rate Pre Service - April 27 May 4, 11, and 18 (4-9 PM)

En Esta Edición:

Calendario de Talleres

Entrenamiento para Nuevos Padres de Recursos

Recursos Comunitarios

Telefono de contacto

Entrenamiento de Rueda Sociales

Fostercare Month - A Celebration of Continued Resources



A heartfelt letter to our Resource Parents.

The month of May is appropriately assigned as fostercare month. The month of May brings new seasonal colors as we start to transition from Spring to Summer. The Greeks called it **May** after their goddess Maia, who was referred to in Roman culture as Bona Dea. The Roman poet, Ovid, suggested that the meaning of this Month's label originated from the Latin word that means "Elders". The zodiac signs of this month are Taurus and Gemini that symbolize strong traits of mental strength and a focus on security. These zodiac signs are patient, making them good teachers and instructors. Taureans are encouraging and always show due appreciation, which best fits the role and responsibilities of resource parents.

During this month we take this time to honor our resource (aka foster/adoptive/relative/kinship) families, for many reasons. We have witnessed many of you continuing to reach out and assist families in need even during these uncertain times. You have also remained engaged with your professional development services that provide you with trainings on how to increase your skills in becoming a trauma informed parent. You continue to share all that you have, even when some of you are struggling with meeting your own needs, yet you put every effort into welcoming abused children into your homes. Many of you have put your health on the line as you confront placements that may expose you to COVID 19. We have partnered with you in this journey. We know how many of you compassionately share the journey with children who seek medical attention, answers while mending their broken hearts, knowledge about their situation, a loving family who will care for them and keep them safe, and someone to accept them as they are.

You are an inspiration and the true backbone of CPS. The world can learn so much from our resource families about courage, resiliency and compassion. Yes, May is the month to honor fosterparents, but we should honor those who open their hearts and homes to our most vulnerable populations on a daily basis.

Thank you for all you do...you are appreciated

Mez de Mayo - Una Celebracion de Padres de Crianza



Una carta de agradecimiento para nuestros padres de recursos (crianza),

El mes de Mayo es asignado para celebrar a padres de recursos por sus contribuciones en trabajar con familias que batallan con adicción, abuso, problemas de salud mental, y muchas más incapacidades que no los permite mantener sus hijos bajo su cuidado.

Les damos este honor, porque somos testigos de su compasión y dedicación a los niños que están cuidando. En este cargo, nosotros en el Colegio Comunitario de Long Beach, los estamos acompañando en su camino en sanar los traumas que impactan el desarrollo de sus hijos. Nosotros estamos muy orgullosos de compartir este viaje con ustedes y apoyarlos con compartir información que ayudará a sanar a sus hijos. Gracias por tener la fortaleza, compasión, amor, y dedicación de servir a su comunidad. Son una inspiración. El mundo puede aprender de muchos de ustedes en como ser más compasiva(o)s y valientes. Sí, el mes de Mayo está designado para celebrarlos, pero cada día deberíamos reconocer a todos ustedes que abren sus casas y corazones a los niños más necesitados.

Gracias por todo.....los agradecemos!



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Ruby is a veteran DCFS worker. She has mastery experience and knowledge in technology and safety. She is also a former foster youth who has been employed with DCFS for over 2 decades.

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Angelica is a veteran social work with more than 2 decades of experience. She has been instructing in the FKCE Educational Program for over 5 years.



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Sophie is an ER COVID Nurse. She has been a nurse for over 12 years. She has experience working with the medically fragile population. In her spare time, her and her family provide support and advocacy for families and foster parents.