



KFAPA News

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Dana Decker Region 5 Vice President

Dana Decker has assumed the responsibilities of Region 5 Vice President for KFAPA. Dana has an Undergraduate degree in Finance and Management from McPherson College and a Masters in Management from Friends University. Dana is an adoptive parent as of four years ago. Dana loves to bake (her truffles are awesome) and she would love to adopt again sometime in the future. Dana is employed by Hawker Beechcraft in Wichita. Region 5 is Sedgwick County. Anyone wishing to contact Dana can do so at danad5@cox.net.

Welcome Dana to KFAPA!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Increasing public awareness of the need to ensure the safety and welfare of children led to the passage of the first Federal child protection legislation, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), in 1974. While CAPTA has been amended many times over the years the purpose of the original legislation remains intact.

In the early 1980's, Congress made a further commitment to identifying and implementing solutions to child abuse. Recognizing the alarming rate at which children continued to be abused and neglected and the need for innovative programs to prevent child abuse and assist parents and families affected by maltreatment, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives resolved that the week of June 6-12, 1982, should be designated as the first National Child Abuse Prevention Week. The following year, April was proclaimed the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Since then, child abuse and neglect awareness activities have been promoted across the country during April of each year. The Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) within the Children's Bureau coordinates Child Abuse Prevention Month, providing information and releasing updated national statistics about child abuse and neglect each April.

In 1989, the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse had its early beginnings as a Virginia grandmother's tribute to her grandson who died as a result of abuse. She tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car as a way to remember him and to alert her community to the tragedy of child abuse. The Blue Ribbon Campaign has since expanded across the country, and many wear blue ribbons each April in memory of those who have died as a result of child abuse.



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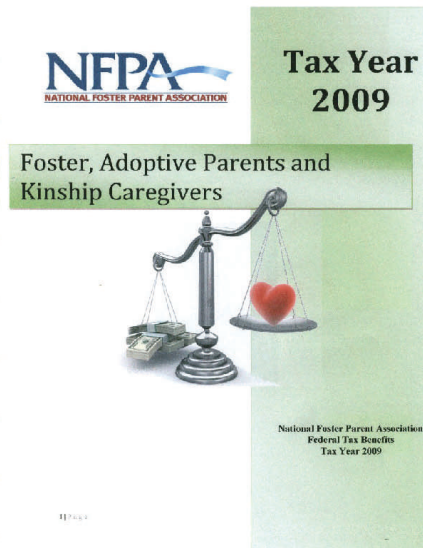
April 17, 2010

Independence, Kansas

(teleconferencing will be available)

see www.KFAPA.org for more information or to view

Tax Time! Have Questions??



Do you have questions on what you can claim?

Who you can claim?

Why you can claim it?

The following link to the National Foster Parent Association Federal Tax Benefits Tax Year 2009 tax guide may help.

http://nfpaonline.org/uploads/2009_federal_tax_benefits.pdf

You can download the guide, print and take to your accountant or use as your own reference.

www.nfpainc.org



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Adoption Profiles

Selena and Kiesha



These vibrant pre-teens are looking for a family together. Selena enjoys listening to music, spending time with her friends and watching MTV. While she likes school, she doesn't have a favorite subject. Like her big sister, Kiesha likes listening to music and hanging out with her friends. Both girls are proud of their Hispanic heritage and are learning to speak Spanish. They need a forever family that is willing to help them navigate their pre-teen and teenage years. Selena and Kiesha deserve a family that can provide them with love, patience, understanding and stability.

Case numbers are CH-5132 and CH-5133

Dalton



Sports, gymnastics, and building with Lego's are all things Dalton enjoys. He also loves animals and hopes to one day become a veterinarian. In school his favorite class in school is art because he gets to build things. Dalton's new family will need to help him overcome his struggles with anger and encourage relationships with peers and adults in his life. He would benefit most from a two parent home with lots of patience, and possibly older children. They will need to set clear boundaries, rules and expectations for Dalton. But most of all, Dalton's forever family will need to be able to provide him with the unconditional love this young man deserves.

Case numbers are 5118

Did you know that for every \$1 spent on prevention services, \$7 is saved in later intervention costs.



The Casey Family Scholars Scholarships and Foster Care to Success Scholarships

Casey Family Programs and The Orphan Foundation of America announced the application process for the 2010-2011 academic year is underway. The Casey Family Scholars Scholarships and the Foster Care to Success Scholarships are awarded based on a combination of merit and need and funding levels are determined based on cost of attendance and other resources. Applications are being accepted until March 31, 2010.

To access the application and to obtain more information visit
<http://orphan.org/index.php?id=30>

NeedyMeds

NeedyMeds is a non-profit organization founded in 1997 as a resource for people who need help with the cost of medicine. For more information, go to:

<http://www.needymeds.org/brochure/brochure>

Text4baby

Expectant mothers are getting a new tool to help keep themselves and their babies healthy; free tips sent directly to their cell phone timed to their due date or baby's date of birth. This is an exciting opportunity for moms and babies. Form more information on text4baby, please visit text4baby.org.

An educational program of the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB), text4baby provides pregnant women and new moms with information to help them care for their health and give their babies the best possible start in life. Women who sign up for the service by texting BABY to 511411 (or BEBE in Spanish) will receive free SMS text messages each week, timed to their due date or baby's date of birth.

Text4baby aims to help:

- Get critical information to moms need to keep themselves and their babies healthy
- Reduce premature births in America
- Reduce health care costs

If you or someone you know are pregnant or have an infant at home you should take advantage of the great service!

Links to Check Out

www.nfpaonline.org

National Foster Parent Association website

www.KFAPA.org

Kansas Foster & Adoptive Parent Association website

www.kfapatalk.blogspot.com

Our newly developed blog site provides educational and informative postings. Take a look!

www.usa.safekids.org

Sign up to receive the latest recalls emailed directly to you.

Adoption Sites

www.adoptuskids.org

www.nacac.org

www.baprc.org

www.adoptioninformation.com

www.adoptioncouncil.org

www.aspiranet.org



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