

### KIDSTORE

The KidStore is not closing! The KidStore is a resale shop open exclusively to foster/adoptive/relative/kin caregivers, caseworkers and GALs/CASAs. *On your first visit, bring proof of foster/adoptive parent status. Acceptable forms of identification include: foster parent ID, copy of your foster parent certificate/license, or CD/DCFS check stub.*

**Hours** (except holidays):

1st and 3rd Wednesday  
every Saturday 9 a.m. to noon

**Directions:** (Just 10 min. from the Poplar St. Bridge); From IL, cross the Poplar St. Bridge. Take the 2nd exit to I-55/I-44. Take I-44 West to Grand, Exit 288. Take the exit, then turn left on Grand and travel south. Take the first right on Shaw. Turn left on 39th, left on Flora, and left on Spring. It is located on the 2nd floor of Tyler Presbyterian Church (entrance and parking are at the back of Church). **KidStore Map:**



### Monthly Workshops

The Coalition will host monthly Financial Literacy and Job Preparation Workshops for older youth (ages 15+) to increase their ability to make informed financial decisions, create a savings plan, and prepare for future employment. Community mentors will assist youth in setting financial, educational, and career goals. Registration is required. Contact Nickie at 800.FOSTER.3 or [nickiesteinhoff@foster-adopt.org](mailto:nickiesteinhoff@foster-adopt.org).

#### Upcoming Workshops:

07.21.11 / 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
08.06.11 / 10 a.m. to noon

### [RE]FRESH is OPEN!

We have opened the doors to our new store and fashion adventure for teens and twenties, [RE]FRESH: A Fashion Coalition™. [RE]FRESH is located at 1710 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144 (at the corner of Brentwood and Rose in the Joseph H. White Building). Please park on the top deck of the parking structure.

**Hours:** **Thursdays** 11 to 8 (open exclusively to foster youth and foster/adoptive families), **Fridays & Saturdays** 11 to 8 (open to all), **Sundays** 11 to 5 (open to all)

### [RE]FRESH Discount Procedures for Youth in Foster Care and Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Families:



**Youth Currently in State Custody** (i.e. a child in foster care who is not adopted or in a guardianship placement):

- Each youth will receive a 90% discount on \$100 worth (original value)<sup>i</sup> of clothing, jewelry, and accessories during a 6-month period.
- At the time of the youth's first visit, the youth must present a [RE]FRESH Approval Form<sup>iii</sup> signed by the youth's case manager. This approval form will allow the youth to shop at a 90% discount during a 6-month period up to a \$100 limit (original value).
- In order for the discount (90% discount up to \$100 limit, original value) to be reset for another 6-month period, the youth must provide an updated [RE]FRESH Approval Form signed by the youth's case manager.<sup>iv</sup>



**Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Families:**

- Each family will receive a 30% discount on \$100 worth (original value)<sup>v</sup> of clothing, jewelry, and accessories during a 6 month period.<sup>vi</sup>
- To utilize the 30% discount, the family must show a current check stub from the Missouri Children's Division, the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services, or private agency (to prove that the family is currently a foster/adoptive parent) at the time of EACH visit.
- The family's discount (30% discount up to \$100 limit, original value) will be automatically reset after the 6 month period, providing that the family continues to show a current check stub from the Missouri Children's Division, the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services, or private agency at EACH visit.

<sup>i</sup> The KidStore will continue to operate.

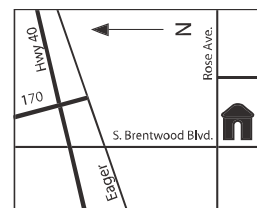
<sup>ii</sup> To ensure that we have enough clothing for everyone, there is a limit on how much discounted clothing a foster youth may purchase during a 6-month period. The average clothing price at [RE]FRESH is \$10. Therefore, if a youth purchases 10 pieces of clothing at \$10 each and receives a 90% discount, s/he would receive \$100 worth of clothing for \$10. (10 pieces of clothing x \$10) x 90% = \$10. After the youth reaches the limit, s/he is welcome to shop using his/her foster parent's 30% discount. When the foster parent's discount is exhausted, the youth may continue to shop at the original prices (average price point at [RE]FRESH is \$10).

<sup>iii</sup> The case manager can receive a [RE]FRESH Approval Form via email by contacting the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition at 314.367.8373 or emailing [refresh@foster-adopt.org](mailto:refresh@foster-adopt.org).

<sup>iv</sup> As long as the youth remains in foster care, s/he is eligible to receive the 90% discount (limit = \$100 original value) during the next 6-month period, as long as the youth brings in a new [RE]FRESH Approval Form signed by the youth's case manager. The 6-month periods are July 1st to December 31st and January 1st to June 30th. Example: If a youth presents his/her case manager-signed [RE]FRESH Approval Form on October 15th, the youth has until December 31st to use the 90% discount up to the \$100 limit (original price). To receive the 90% discount up to a \$100 limit after January 1st, the youth must provide a new case manager signed [RE]FRESH Approval Form.

<sup>v</sup> The average clothing price at [RE]FRESH is \$10. Therefore, if a family purchases 10 pieces of clothing at \$10 each and receives a 30% discount, they would receive \$100 worth of clothing for \$70. (10 pieces of clothing x \$10) x 70% = \$70. Once the family's discount is exhausted, they are welcome to continue shopping at the original prices (average price point at [RE]FRESH is \$10).

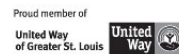
**Discounts begin July 7th, 2011.**





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## Illinois Edition



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### CH+A POST-ADOPTION SERVICES

Difficulties can arise any time after an adoption. Children's Home & Aid (CH+A) provides services to families experiencing adoption-related difficulties including assessments and counseling.

All therapists have a Master's degree and receive ongoing training in adoption related issues. Counties served by CH+A include: Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington, and portions of Calhoun and Macoupin. Services are funded by the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services. Call Jan Gann at 618.452.8900 x147.

### DCFS IN-SERVICE TRAININGS

Training schedule can be viewed at [www.state.il.us/DCFS/library/com\\_communications\\_train.shtml](http://www.state.il.us/DCFS/library/com_communications_train.shtml). Click on "Foster caregiver in-service training" and "Class description for foster caregiver in-service training." To register, call DCFS at 877.800.3393. Questions about in-service training? Contact your licensing representative.

#### Upcoming Trainings:

**Reunification** (3 hours):  
**09.08.11** / 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Illinois Mentor (791 Wall St.,  
O'Fallon, IL 62269)

**Child Trauma** (4 hours):  
**09.26.11** / 6 to 10 p.m.  
Children's Home & Aid Society  
(120 East A Street, Belleville, IL  
62223)

**Promoting Children's Personal  
& Cultural Identity** (6 hours):  
**10.20.11** / 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Children's Home & Aid Society  
(120 East A Street, Belleville, IL  
62223)

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### TRAINING EXTRAVAGANZA: SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th

Thanks to the Daughters of Charity Foundation of St. Louis, the Coalition will host a Training Extravaganza (TE) on **Saturday, August 13th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Southgate Church** (9829 East Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63126). The theme of the August Training is *Family Advocacy*. The Extravaganza is an all-day workshop that allows foster/adoptive/relative caregivers to receive 7 in-service training hours in one day, and you can bring the kids! See below for additional information and registration form (also available at [www.foster-adopt.org](http://www.foster-adopt.org)).

**Space limited to 200 adults and 100 children.** Registration forms must be received by **August 5th** to be included in the childcare lottery. ALL requests for childcare received by August 5th will be placed into the same lottery pool. Registration forms will be drawn at random until the 100 childcare slots are filled. All families who register will be **notified by mail**. *If childcare is full, adults are still welcome to attend and receive 7 training hours.*

**PRINT CLEARLY. REGISTRATION CLOSSES 08.05.11. NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED.**

#### TRAINING EXTRAVAGANZA REGISTRATION—AUGUST 13TH

	Child's First Name	Age/Gender
Date: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Address: _____		
Zip code: _____	Daytime phone #: _____	
Home phone #: _____	E-mail: _____	

Yes, I am still able to attend if childcare is unavailable.

In order for you and your child(ren) to participate, you must agree to attend **all workshops**, complete the registration form, return it, and receive verification from the Coalition that you are registered. **Forms can also be downloaded from [www.foster-adopt.org](http://www.foster-adopt.org).**

**Send TE Registration to:** Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition, ATTN: Registrations, 1750 South Brentwood Blvd., Suite 210, St. Louis, MO 63144, or fax to 314.241.0715. Call 800.FOSTER.3, if you need to cancel your registration.