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From the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition

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Foster Parents Presentations

Foster parents Tina Devor, Carolyn Neeley, and Billie Thornton are working with the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition and the Metro-East Foster and Adoptive Care Alliance making *brief* presentations to groups in the Metro-East area about the need for foster families.

They would appreciate any help you can give them in locating contact persons for PTO's, church groups or any other organization that would be interested in having them speak.

If you know of an organization or group please contact one of the following:

Tina Devor / 618.344.1280
(Madison County)

Carolyn Neeley / 618.233.5785
(Belleville, Smithton, Freeburg, New Athen, New Baden, Red Bud)

Billie Thornton / 618.960.9139
(East St. Louis, Madison, Belleville, Centreville)

Magic House Offers Free Admission to Foster Children

The Magic House now offers foster parents and those living in their homes free admission to the Magic House at all times.

Foster families must show identification that proves they are currently licensed. The offer does not extend to adoptive parents, unless they can prove they are currently licensed foster parents.

The Magic House is located one mile north of I-44 at 516 S. Kirkwood Rd. Kirkwood Rd. is the section of Lindbergh Blvd. between Big Bend Blvd. and Manchester Rd.

A Day at the Ballpark

The organizers of Christian Family Day have again offered to donate Cardinal Baseball tickets for Illinois foster families. Game day is **Saturday, July 19th**, at **2:55pm** when the Cardinals host the San Diego Padres. In addition to the game, beginning at 12:30 p.m. there will be pre- and post-game activities, including Christian music, special Cardinal baseball cards, testimonials from players, a featured speaker, a concert and lunch. To be eligible, families must reside in Bond, Clinton, Washington, Monroe, Randolph, Madison, or St. Clair Counties.



A total of 150 tickets will be provided at no charge to foster parents and **their immediate families**, including foster, adoptive, and biological children **LIVING IN THE HOME** by a **lottery drawing**. This is an event for children so please, only two adults from each family.

To place your entry into the drawing, please mail the entry form below to: Tom Kircher, Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition, 111 North Seventh Street, Suite 402, St. Louis, MO 63101. **Entry forms must be received on or before May 30th**. We will **pick the winners on June 2nd** and notify them with a phone call. The tickets will be mailed out one week before game day. **Only the winners will be notified**.

Thanks to the Cardinals and the Christian Family Day at the Ballpark organizers for their generosity. This is a great opportunity for the entire family to head to the ballpark and cheer on the Cardinals!

Foster Family Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone Numbers: (home) _____	(cell) _____
Email address: _____	Licensing Agency: _____
Number of Adult Tickets: _____	Number of Child(ren) Tickets: _____

Upcoming Foster Parent In-Service Training

DCFS Office of Training has many opportunities coming up for you to receive your in-service training hours. You can also view the training schedule via their website: 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" for details regarding upcoming classes. To register, call DCFS Office of Training at 877.800.3393. If you have any additional questions about in-service training, please contact your licensing representative.

- **April 1, 15 and 22 / 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. / Thursday**
Module #4: Sexual Development of Children & Responding to Child Sexual Abuse (9hrs); DCFS Office, 10251 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights, IL 62008
- **May 5, 7, 12 and 14 / 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. / Monday and Wednesday**
Module #1 The Foundation for Meeting Development Needs (12hrs); Ramada Inn, 6900 N. Illinois St., Fairview Heights, IL 62208
- **June 28 / 9:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m. / Saturday**
Child Trauma (4hrs), Catholic Charities, 2105 State Street, Granite City, IL 62040



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition is a not-for-profit agency which strives to create permanency in every foster child's life by recruiting and supporting foster/adoptive homes in the St. Louis metropolitan community.

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KidStore Happenings

The KidStore, a resale shop open exclusively to foster/adopt, relative caregivers, caseworkers and GALs/CASAs, announces **May Bag Sale!**
3rd/7th:\$2.50, **10th:** \$2, **17th:**\$1.50,
21st: \$1, **24th:** Closed, **31st:** \$.50

Hours: 1st and 3rd Wednesday
All Saturdays
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Located 10 Min. from Poplar St. Bridge

Directions: From Illinois, cross the Poplar Street 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 onto Shaw. Turn left on 39th, left on Flora, and left on Spring. It is located at 2109 South Spring, on the second floor of Tyler Presbyterian Church. Our entrance and parking are at the back of the church.

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FACC Training Extravaganza May 31st, 2008: 7.5 Training Hours

THEME: Putting "Positive" into Practice

FACC will host the next Training Extravaganza on **Saturday, May 31st, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** The Extravaganza allows foster/adoptive/relative caregivers to receive 7.5 in-service training hours in one day, and also allows you to bring the kids. In the morning, children will participate in Financial Literacy Training with Junior Achievement thanks to Citigroup Financial. Space is limited to 200 adults and 100 children. Because childcare fills up in the first few days, we use a lottery method to process registration. No phone registration accepted. You may also download a registration form by visiting www.foster-adopt.org.

PLEASE PRINT

	Child's First Name	Age
Date: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Address: _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Zip code: _____	_____	_____
Day Phone #: _____	_____	_____
Home #: _____	_____	_____
E-Mail Address: _____	_____	_____

REGISTRATION CLOSES May 21ST 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 FACC that you are registered.

Send registration form to: FACC, ATTN: Training Extravaganza, 111 North Seventh Street, Suite 402, St. Louis, MO 63101, or fax to: 314.241.0715.

Please call 800.FOSTER.3, if you need to cancel your registration. No phone registrations accepted.