

Focus on Children

Winter 2019

Year in Review

What a busy one it was!

In 2018 there were 10 adoptions granting permanency for 18 children

145 children were in the agency's custody, with 60 of these children entering care in 2018 (please note: not all of these children required placement into a foster home)

We received permanent custody of 10 children

12 new foster homes were licensed

Adult Protective Services has been expanded and is now its own unit

The FAPA Reverse Raffle was held March 24

Pinwheels for Prevention was celebrated April 11, and Jessica Wright was named child advocate of the year

Amanda Kennedy joined Subcare in April

The Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner was held May 23 and the Bailes family was named our foster parent of the year

The FAPA sponsored a night at the movies to view the film "Instant Family" on November 18th

The FAPA Christmas Party was held December 8

The foster parent newsletter, Focus on Children, was re-established



For 2019

(Mark your calendars!)

The FAPA Reverse Raffle will be held on April 13, 2019

The Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner will be held on May 22, 2019

UPCOMING TRAININGS:

1/12/19 9-4pm: 949-60 Sibling Relationships in Foster Care: Keeping them Connected

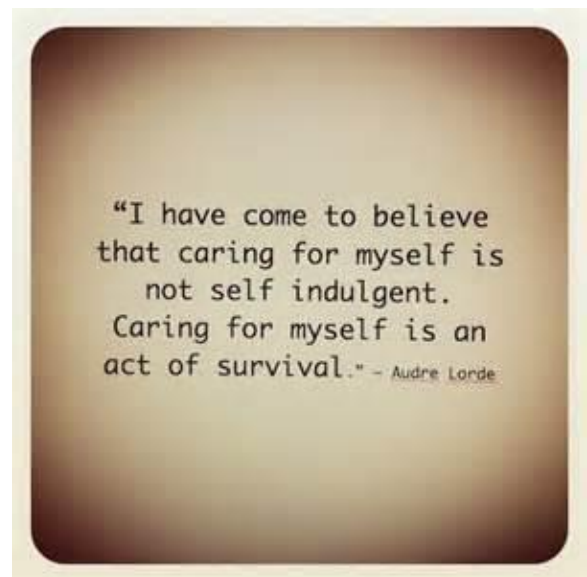
2/23/19 9-4pm: 991-48 Trauma Systems Therapy for Foster Caregivers

3/16/19 9-4pm: Zebras Don't Get Ulcers: Ways to Manage Stress

Write it in your heart that every day
is the best day in the year

R.W. Emerson

Remember, self-care is imperative to maintaining health, especially during the challenges that fostering can present. It also helps remind others (and ourselves!) that we have needs and those needs are important. Take some time and practice some self-care today!



You cannot *drink*
from an empty cup.

FILL YOURSELF UP. YOU'RE WORTH IT.

Ways to Get Involved

How to be an active foster parent, even if you don't have a placement

- ❖ Become active with the FAPA- this will enable you to meet other foster parents who might need respite. If they know you they will feel more comfortable asking you for help
- ❖ Attend a planning meeting for the Reverse Raffle
- ❖ Attend a training and stay current on important issues facing foster parents
- ❖ Consider volunteering to speak at an open house or other community event

Goal for 2019:

Increased foster parent attendance at FAPA events and meetings

Next meeting is 01/29/19 at 6pm at Victory Lane Church located at 7550 Belleflower Road in Mentor.



Subcare Team: Gene, Megan, Kelly & Amanda

16th Annual

REVERSE RAFFLE

\$3,000 Main Board Prize

LA VERA PARTY CENTER
32200 CHARDON ROAD * WILLOUGHBY HILLS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th, 2019

6:00PM - 11:00PM

**\$100.00 DONATION INCLUDES DINNER FOR TWO
BEER * WINE**



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