



**April 2010**

## **Koochiching County Foster Care News**



**Dear Koochiching County Foster Parents,**

I hope I don't jinx all of us by saying what a beautiful spring it has been so far. I have noticed a definite improvement in everyone's attitudes once the snow was gone and the winter coats, boots, hats and mittens were put away.

April is a busy month for Foster Care Recruitment. Please read the information contained in the newsletter carefully, so you don't miss any of the dates for upcoming events.

I hope all of you have a wonderful month!

**Tammy Jo Crawford-Braaten**  
**Foster Care Home Recruiter**

### **Upcoming Events**

**~~ April 16 & 17 ~~**

**Home Show at Kerry Park**

As part of our recruitment efforts, we will have a booth at the Home Show at Kerry Park this year. Information about foster care parenting and other ways you can help children in need in Koochiching County will be available for

**Upcoming Events Continued**  
participants.

If you happen to attend the Home Show this year, please stop by and say hello.

**~~ Thursday, April 22 ~~**

**Family Fair 5:30—7:30**

**Falls High School**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. KCCS, in collaboration with ISD 361 Community Education and the Boise Safety Committee have invited local organizations that work with children and families to join us in the promotion of healthy families. The cafeteria will have displays and hands on activities; the gym will be open as well as open swimming in the pool, which will be supervised by certified lifeguards. There will be no charge for this event. Falls High Student Council will be selling pizza and other refreshments in the concession stand. Sheldon Slaubaugh of KGHS/ KSDM will be hosting a live radio remote from the event. Foster Care Parents who attend will receive training credit for this as you will have the opportunity to see what resources are available for children in our area.



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### **SAVE THE DATE**

To honor all of Koochiching County's wonderful Foster Care Parents, an appreciation dinner will be held on Thursday, May 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Invitations will be going to all of you mid-April, but we wanted you to save the date!

### **MENTOR PROGRAM**

It was decided at the last training that a Mentor Program will be put in place for newly licensed Foster Care parents. Experienced Foster Care parents who would like to participate should call or email Tammy Jo for details.

### **TRAINING**

Training hours are being calculated and will be mailed to you with May's newsletter. Please check the hours over carefully to make sure that everything is included. Remember, you need 12 hours annually in order to be in compliance. If you do not have the required number of hours, the agency will not be able to place any children with you until you are in compliance. DVD's will not be able to be used for the majority of training hours. DVD's are to be used for specific training topics and to assist in making the required number of hours in special circumstances.



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