

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER AND/OR ADOPTIVE PARENT?

Thank you for your interest in our foster care and adoption programs. If you would like to learn more about becoming a licensed foster parent and/or adoptive parent, we can send you information. **You must request a foster & adoptive parent informational packet by calling 517-548-0233 and leaving your name and telephone number.** After you receive the informational packet and have made the decision to pursue foster and/or adoptive parenting, we will provide you with a 2-hour orientation to our programs and policies. At this orientation, you will receive a license application to begin the licensing process. The Livingston County Foster, Adoption and Kinship Services (FAKS) workgroup provides a comprehensive training called PRIDE, which stands for "Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education." The PRIDE program is a 27-hour pre-service training that we offer three times a year, in the spring, summer, and in the fall/winter.

Spring Series: This series is directed to those who are primarily interested in fostering juvenile court wards. This training will be presented by an experienced Livingston County Court Foster Parent and the Livingston County Juvenile Court Adoption Supervisor, Gerry Glenn. The spring 2008 series dates have not yet been determined.

Summer Series: This series is offering an orientation on Tuesday June 5, 2007 from 6:00-8:00p.m., located at Shiawassee County Department of Human Services – 1975 W Main, Suite 1, Owosso, MI 48867. The summer series training dates have not yet been determined. Please contact Licensing Certification Specialist Mrs. Belinda Blanchard of Shiawassee County DHS at 989-725-3248 for further information.

Fall/Winter Series: This series is offering an orientation on Tuesday August 28, 2007 from 6:00-8:00p.m., located at Livingston County Department of Human Services – 2300 E. Grand River, Suite 1, Howell, MI 48843. This 27-hour 9-week PRIDE training will begin on Tuesday September 11, 2007 from 6:00-9:00p.m., located at Livingston County Department of Human Services. The classes will continue every Tuesday thereafter for 8 weeks, with the last class on November 6, 2007. This training will be presented by an experienced Livingston County DHS Foster Parent Mrs. Sharon Dalian and Licensing Certification Specialist Ms. Jackie Muzyl of Livingston County DHS. Please call Ms. Muzyl at 517-548-0253 to register for this training series.

To give us an idea of the number of participants to expect at any of the PRIDE training events, we would appreciate a call from you letting us know if you plan to attend. Just leave your name and telephone number with Gerry Glenn for the spring series (517) 540-7760; Belinda Blanchard for the summer series (989) 725-3248; and Jackie Muzyl (517) 548-0253 for the fall/winter series. If you leave a detailed message, and leave both names of the parties attending and a phone number, this will be sufficient information for our planning and we will not call you back unless your training is cancelled. We look forward to seeing you during 2007 and 2008.