



# Cornerstone Connection

## Serving Foster and Adoptive Parents

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### Foster Parent Banquet

On the evening of Friday, May 17, 2024, the Division of Children Services celebrated Stark County foster parents during the Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet at La Pizzaria in Canton. The banquet is held during the month of May, in observance of National Foster Care Month.

The night included appetizers, dinner (served family style), entertainment, and a formal ceremony. Nearly 200 people were in attendance, which included foster parents and their families, Stark JFS employees, child welfare workers, and community partners. We were also happy to have several public figures join us.

The following foster parents were recognized for reaching significant milestones:

30 years of service: Howard & Robin Dunham

25 years of service: Martha Burkholder

20 years of services: Edward & Billie Jo Muckley

10 years of service: Steven & Tara Gower

5 years of services: Jeremie & Rachael Baker, Tyler & Kari Lab, Dennis & Shelley Rowbotham,  
Bryan & Jeanette Treisch

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to share this special night with all of you, thank you for everything you do for the children in our community!



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## Annual RUMO Rising Up...Moving On

On Thursday, June 27, 2024, we were excited to join Project KARE to celebrate the graduation of four youths in foster care during the annual Rising Up... Moving On (RUMO) event! This year's celebration was a little different from previous years. In lieu of a formal luncheon and ceremony, the graduates requested a fun day of playing games at Dave & Buster's in Belden Village Mall.

Graduates, along with their friends and family, were treated to a casual lunch of chicken fingers, macaroni & cheese, French fries, and sliders. Guests were provided with game cards that allowed them to play in the arcade all afternoon. Games included VR/video games, air hockey, ping pong, billiards, and more!

Staff from the Division of Children Services were in attendance to congratulate them and distribute gifts to help with the next chapter of their lives.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Thank you to Adams Angels 912, Jerry Coleman, Brian Kandel, Susan Lenigar, Edward Marino, Jaqui Petro, Kathy Savage, Andrea Scassa, Rae Ann Swinehart, and Maggie Paul's Unit (Recruitment, Licensing, & WWK).

Congratulations to our graduates: Milo Evans (Cypress High School, Mansfield), Lucas McCauley (East Canton High School, East Canton), Trinity Snell (Stow-Munroe Falls High School), and Aaliyah Wise (Cypress High School, Mansfield)!



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## Vipperman Family Recognized

On Saturday, August 10th, Stark County foster parents Kaz and Melissa Vipperman were recognized during the Savannah Bananas baseball game in Cleveland, Ohio. The owners of the team, Jesse and Emily Cole, have a mission of celebrating the foster care community while educating and inspiring others to get involved. The Coles are foster parents themselves, licensed since 2020. Through their nonprofit organization, Bananas Foster, they are dedicated to bringing families together. For more information about the organization, visit [BananasFoster.org](https://BananasFoster.org).



## Using an Alternative Caregiver

It is important for all our foster families to know that alternative caregivers can be used for respites, vacations, and more. This helps with normalcy. The role of alternative caregivers is not for daily child care, but to provide babysitting services when you need it. They must be preapproved by our office prior to service. There is no limit to the number of alternative caregivers you can have on file with us. For more information about how to register an alternative caregiver with our agency, please contact your family resource worker.

In accordance with our policy, respite care services are designed to provide temporary relief of child caring responsibilities. Respite care may be planned and arranged in advance, or when the situation warrants, on an emergency basis.

### Training Schedule September

#### SEPTEMBER

##### **Helping Children Process Their World: Sensory Processing Issues in Children**

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 9:00am-12:00pm | Trainer: Angie Buckalew

##### **Communicable Disease - Protection Your Family's Health**

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 12:45pm-4:00pm | Trainer: Angie Buckalew

**\* A reminder to please submit your Cap Certificates\***

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**AUGUST 2024 - PHONE LIST**

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| <b>ON-CALL</b>                               |      |           | <b>SCHOEPFNER, LAURA</b> - Supv. (TWL)      | 8133 |           | <b>INDEPENDENT LIVING &amp; PLACEMENTS</b>    |      |
| <b>CLEAVANGER, EMILY</b> (Part-Time)         | N/A  |           | <b>BACKER, STEPHANIE</b>                    | 8782 |           | <b>BAUMGARDNER, THEANA</b>                    | 8295 |
| <b>FILM, JENNIFER</b>                        | N/A  |           | <b>CHESNES, RACHEL</b>                      | 8104 |           | <b>DILLARD, ALEXIS</b> - IL Specialist        | 8870 |
| <b>HASKELL, CATHY</b>                        | N/A  |           | <b>HERSHEY, RAINI</b>                       | 8838 |           | <b>GRUNDER, PAIGE</b> - IL Specialist         | 8785 |
| <b>MORRIS, KAMI</b> (Part-Time)              | N/A  |           | <b>HOCH, ZOE</b>                            | 8828 |           | <b>KERRY, LISA</b>                            | 8751 |
| <b>FRONT DESK</b>                            |      | 1st Floor | <b>RADEL, MELISSA</b> - Unit Support Wkr.   | 8982 |           | <b>MONTECUBIO-BRADY, MICHELE</b>              | 8849 |
| <b>KENNEDY, SHANNON</b> - Supv.              | 8783 |           | <b>BURNS, MALLORY</b> - Supv.               | 8044 |           | <b>PLACEMENT LINE</b>                         |      |
| <b>GALES, EMILY</b> - Unit Support Wkr.      | 8033 |           | <b>DURANT, MORGAN</b>                       | 8858 |           | <b>PAUL, MAGGIE</b> - Supv.                   | 8905 |
| <b>MORETTA, ANDREA</b> - Unit Support Wkr.   | 8034 |           | <b>ERB, AMY</b>                             | 8696 |           | <b>RECRUITMENT, LICENSING &amp; VVWK</b>      |      |
| <b>SECURITY</b>                              | 8847 |           | <b>MAHAFFEY-VELENYI, SHAWN</b> - SSW3       | 8914 |           | <b>EITMAN, CHRIS</b> - Homestudy Specialist   | 8839 |
| <b>CHILDREN'S NETWORK</b>                    |      | Network   | <b>MCDANIEL, KATHERINE</b>                  | 8709 |           | <b>FITZWATER, NY</b> - VVWK Recruiter         | 8820 |
| <b>FASHBAUGH, CHELSEA</b> - Prog. Admin.     | 1705 |           | <b>DEAN, JESSICA</b> - Supv.                | 1721 |           | <b>GLADIEUX, LISA</b> - Homestudy Specialist  | 8767 |
| <b>CRABLE, JULIANNE</b> - MDT Navigator      | 1714 |           | <b>ASHER, SAMANTHA</b>                      | 8689 |           | <b>HAMILTON, DARRYLANN</b> - VVWK Recruiter   | 8106 |
| <b>HICKEY, JACKIE</b> - Unit Support Wkr.    | 1702 |           | <b>LINDOWER, BROOKE</b>                     | 8518 |           | <b>LOOMIS, JENNIFER</b> - Unit Support Wkr.   | 8789 |
| <b>INTERNS</b>                               |      |           | <b>MCCARTNEY, SARA</b> - SSW3               | 8644 |           | <b>SPEICHER, KATIE</b> - Supv.                | 8806 |
| <b>MALLETTE, AMIE</b> - Intern               | N/A  |           | <b>PARILLO, MONICA</b> - SSW3               | 1713 |           | <b>FAMILY RESOURCES &amp; TRAINING</b>        |      |
| <b>LEGAL DEPARTMENT</b>                      |      |           | <b>STRAUSE, MARIANNE</b> - SSW3             | 8923 |           | <b>CHANEY, MONIQUE</b>                        | 8804 |
| <b>COMPTON, QUAY</b> - Chief Legal Counsel   | 8781 |           | <b>FARKAS, ALICIA</b> - Supv.               | 8837 |           | <b>FLOTT, SHARMALEE</b> - Unit Support Wkr.   | 8246 |
| <b>EOFF, CRISTINA</b> - Attorney             | 8796 |           | <b>SEXUAL ABUSE UNIT</b>                    |      |           | <b>FURR HAMILTON, DAPHNE</b>                  | 8746 |
| <b>PHILLIPS, JAMES</b> - Attorney            | 8781 |           | <b>CAMPBELL, EMMA</b>                       | 8987 |           | <b>HUMMEL, KATIE</b>                          | 8810 |
| <b>TUESDAY, ALLISON</b> - Attorney           | 8891 |           | <b>HAGEDORN, ASHLEE</b>                     | 8145 |           | <b>WHITAKER, CHERI</b>                        | 8291 |
| <b>WALTENBAUGH, BRANDON</b> - Atty Supv.     | 8891 |           | <b>HOOPES, BRIANNA</b> - Unit Support Wkr.  | 8055 |           | <b>TUCKER, JENNIFER</b> - Supv.               | 8850 |
| <b>LAUGHLIN, MEIGHAN</b> - Legal Secretary   | 8885 |           | <b>KROAH, SONYA</b>                         | 8030 |           | <b>KINSHIP</b>                                |      |
| <b>PARIANO, RENEE</b> - Legal Secretary      | 8781 |           | <b>MANNION, ASHLEY</b>                      | 8834 |           | <b>JONES, DIANA</b> - Kinship Coord.          | 8148 |
| <b>POTWORA, CHRIS</b> - Legal Secretary      | 8796 |           | <b>MCCLEAN, MEGHAN</b>                      | 8822 |           | <b>MACK, CARLA</b> - Kinship Coord.           | 8519 |
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| <b>CHAMBLISS, LINDA</b> - Supv.              | 8809 |           | <b>MILLER, MEGAN</b>                        | 8294 |           | <b>JONES, KRISTY</b> - Evaluator              | 8646 |
| <b>BERLETICH, ANGELA</b> - Unit Support Wkr. | 8205 |           | <b>POWELL, TIFFANY</b> - SSW3               | 8078 |           | <b>KEAGY, TAYLOR</b> - Evaluator (Part-Time)  | 8189 |
| <b>EGGENSCHWILER, LISA</b> - SSW3            | 8841 |           | <b>WAGNER, KATIE</b> - SSW3                 | 8753 |           | <b>WILLIAMS, RACHAEL</b> - Evaluator          | 8903 |
| <b>JOHN, ARWEN</b>                           | 8635 |           | <b>SMITH, MINDY</b> - Supv.                 | 8147 |           | <b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>                       |      |
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| <b>THOMAS, CHRISTOFF</b>                     | 8770 |           | <b>HALL, RAELYNN</b>                        | 8137 |           | <b>FTM</b>                                    |      |
| <b>CLIFFORD, TERRELL</b> - Supv.             | 8913 |           | <b>HETRICK, KIMBERLEE</b> - SSW3            | 1719 |           | <b>HADDEN, NICOLE</b> - FTM Facilitator       | 8144 |
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| <b>FORTUNE, JULIE</b> - Unit Support Wkr.    | 8398 |           | <b>WALPOLE, DANNI</b> - SSW3                | 8757 |           | <b>KENNEDY, SHANNON</b> - Supv.               | 8783 |
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| <b>GABEL, KIMBERLY</b> - SSW3                | 8720 |           | <b>FOSTER, ANGELA</b>                       | 8604 |           | <b>WILLIAMS, KELLI</b> - Unit Support Wkr.    | 8893 |
| <b>LAHMERS, BAILEY</b>                       | 8207 |           | <b>MYERS, LYN</b>                           | 8647 |           | <b>MYERS, LIZ</b> - Supv.                     | 8772 |
| <b>OVERTON, LYNSEY</b> - SSW3                | 8802 |           | <b>SHOWALTER, ANGELA</b>                    | 8997 |           | <b>SUPPORT UNIT</b>                           |      |
| <b>REYNA, ROBIN</b> - Unit Support Wkr.      | 8794 |           | <b>VEGA, BIANCA</b>                         | 8621 |           | <b>CHESSER, JOCELYNN</b> - SS Aide            | 8779 |
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| <b>WEINGART, RACHEL</b> - SSW3               | 8594 |           | <b>FOGLE, LISA</b> - Supv.                  | 8627 |           | <b>SOLENTHALER, KELLY</b> - SS Aide           | 8149 |
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