

Serving Foster and Adoptive Parents

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Project KARE'S Holiday Project

This holiday season, Project KARE worked with 129 organizations to provide gifts to approximately 850 children living in the foster care system. We are grateful to all the churches, schools, local businesses, Project KARE board members, and individuals who participated in their holiday projects, including Adopt-A-Child, Adopt-A-Teen, Stocking Stuffers, and Toy Drives.

Organizations were creative in their efforts: 10 held donation drives for toys, hats, gloves, socks, and underwear, and 6 worked together to fill 535 stockings for children of all ages. Stark County is fortunate to have so many generous and caring people!



SCJFS STAFF VS. YOUTH

YAB Madness Basketball Game



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Join us on Thursday, March 21st to watch Stark County Job & Family Services' staff take on our foster youth in the annual YAB Madness Basketball Game! The competition will take place at the Martin Center, 1253 3rd St. SE in Canton. Warm up is at 5 p.m. and the game begins at 5:30 p.m. Foster youth who wish to participate may register for free, please email Sarah.Goins@jfs.ohio.gov. Spectators are encouraged to come and cheer for their team! Entry to watch the game is \$2 per person. Food concessions will be available.

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Wear Blue Day—April 10th

Our agency will once again participate in the state-wide “Wear Blue Day” on April 10th, in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. We encourage everyone to share photos of yourself, as well as friends and family, wearing blue on April 10th to share on social media with the tag #StarkWearsBlue. You can also send photos to Rachel.Koller@jfs.ohio.gov, to be shared on our social media pages.



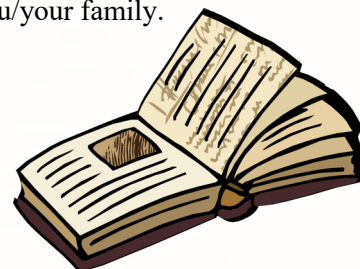
Project KARE will be issuing a 2024 Wear Blue shirt for the public to purchase. The design and sales information will be shared with you soon. You can also check StarkJFS.org for details.

Foster Parent Directory

To stay better connected with our foster families, we would like to introduce a directory —**but, we still need your help!**

Many of you have not submitted information to include for your listing. If that’s you, please email the following to Rachel.Koller@jfs.ohio.gov:

- 1.) phone number
- 2.) email address
- 3.) photograph of you/your family.



Ongoing Training Schedule February-May 2024

FEBRUARY

All Stressed Up and No Way to Let Go!

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, from 6:00pm-9:00pm | Trainer: Karen Vadino

MARCH

Trauma Systems Therapy for Foster Caregivers

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 9:00am-4:00pm | Trainer: Ann Bagley

APRIL

Anxiety Disorders Among Children and Adolescents: Recognition and Interventions

Date: Monday, April 29, 2024, from 6:00pm-9:00pm | Trainer: Stacy Simera

MAY

Creating a Stable, Nurturing, and Safe Home Environment

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 9:00am-11:00am | Trainer: Nadine Musser

Parenting a Child With a History of Sexual Trauma

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 11:15am-12:45pm | Trainer: Nadine Musser

Trauma Informed Parenting

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 1:45pm-3:45pm | Trainer: Nadine Musser

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Foster Parent Banquet to be Held on May 17th

Mark your calendars! We are happy to announce that the 2024 Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 17, 2024. Due to the overwhelming success of last year's event, we will be returning to La Pizzaria, 3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, Ohio 44718. Their food, service, and ambiance make this evening very special.

An official Save the Date will be mailed to you soon, followed by an invitation with event details. The banquet is an opportunity for us to thank all of you and let you know how much we appreciate what you do for the children of Stark County. We hope you will be able to join us!



“Leap Into Foster Care” Event - Bring Your Friends!

Do you have friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers who are interested in learning more about the foster care process? Here's an opportunity for you to introduce them to our agency. We are partnering with the State of Ohio and several surrounding counties to host coordinating recruitment events on Leap Day, February 29th. These will give our current foster parents (yes, you!) an opportunity to introduce someone new to our agency, with the idea that they could potentially become a licensed foster care home in Stark County.

Stark County's event will be held at Ohio Roasting Company, 4870 Frank Ave NW, North Canton Ohio 446720. Stop by with a friend between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to meet with a licensing specialist, mingle with other foster families, enjoy a cup of coffee, and say hello to all your friends from Children Services!



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STARK COUNTY JFS, CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION **JANUARY 2024 - PHONE LIST**

You must dial (1)-330-451 and the 4-digit number listed.

ADMINISTRATION		ASSESSMENT/INTAKE		FAMILY RESOURCES & QI	
MAYLE, TRICIA - Deputy Director	8077	PETRICINI, SUZANNE - Prog. Admin.	8844	HOREY, JAMIE - Prog. Admin.	8840
HILL, KOURTNEY - Admin. Assistant 1	8412	BADALICH, MAURISSA - Supv.	8717	GOINS, SARAH-Supv.	8209
NEISEL, MICHELLE - Admin. Assistant 2	8846	BACKER, STEPHANIE	8782	INDEPENDENT LIVING & PLACEMENTS	
ON-CALL		CHESNES, RACHEL	8104	BAUMGARDNER, THEANA	8295
CLEAVENGER, EMILY (Part-Time)	N/A	HOCH, ZOE	8828	DILLARD, ALEXIS - IL Specialist	8870
FILM, JENNIFER	N/A	RADEL, MELISSA - Unit Support Wkr.	8982	GRUNDER, PAIGE - IL Specialist	8785
HASKELL, CATHY	N/A	WAGNER, KATIE	8753	KERRY, LISA	8751
MORRIS, KAMI (Part-Time)	N/A	BURNS, MALLORY - Supv.	8044	MONTECUBIO-BRADY, MICHELE	8849
FRONT DESK		DURANT, MORGAN	8858	PLACEMENT LINE	8688
KENNEDY, SHANNON - Supv.	8783	ERB, AMY	8696	PAUL, MAGGIE - Supv.	8905
GALES, EMILY - Unit Support Wkr.	8033	FISHER, CHARLENE	1720	RECRUITMENT, LICENSING & VWK	
MORETTA, ANDREA - Unit Support Wkr.	8034	MAHAFFEY-VELENYI, SHAWN - SSW3	8914	EITMAN, CHRIS - Homestudy Specialist	8839
SECURITY	8847	RYZNER, BREANNA - SSW3	8626	FITZWATER, IVY - Wkkr Recruiter	8820
CHILDREN'S NETWORK		DEAN, JESSICA - Supv.	1721	GLADIEUX, LISA - Homestudy Specialist	8767
FASHBAUGH, CHELSEA - Prog. Admin.	1705	ASHER, SAMANTHA	8689	HAMILTON, DARRYLANN - Wkkr Recruiter	8106
CRABLE, JULIANNE - SSA/Peer Navigator	1714	McCARTNEY, SARA - SSW3	8644	LOOMIS, JENNIFER - Unit Support Wkr.	8789
HICKEY, JACKIE - Unit Support Wkr.	1702	MCCLINTOCK, BROOKE	8518	SPEICHER, KATIE - Supv.	8806
INTERNS		PARILLO, MONICA - SSW3	1713	FAMILY RESOURCES & TRAINING	
MALLETE, AMIE - Intern	N/A	STRAUSE, MARIANNE - SSW3	8923	CHANEY, MONIQUE	8804
LEGAL DEPARTMENT		FARKAS, ALICIA - Supv.	8837	FLOTT, SHARMALEE - Unit Support Wkr.	8246
COMPTON, QUAY - Chief Legal Counsel	8781	SEXUAL ABUSE UNIT		FURR HAMILTON, DAPHNE	8746
EOFF, CRISTINA - Attorney	8796	CAMPBELL, EMMA	8987	HUMMEL, KATIE	8810
PHILLIPS, JAMES - Attorney	8781	HAGEDORN, ASHLEE	8145	WHITAKER, CHERI	8291
TUESDAY, ALLISON - Attorney	8891	HOOPES, BRIANNA - Unit Support Wkr.	8055	TUCKER, JENNIFER - Supv.	8850
WALTENBAUGH, BRANDON - Atty Supv.	8891	KROAH, SONYA	8030	KINSHIP	
BARCALOW, LAURA - Legal Secretary	8891	MCDANIEL, KATHERINE	8709	JONES, DIANA - Kinship Coord.	8148
LAUGHLIN, MEIGHAN - Legal Secretary	8885	MIDDLETON, MARLEE	8985	MACK, CARLA - Kinship Coord.	8519
PARIANO, RENEE - Legal Secretary	8781	MITCHELL, VICKI - Supv.	8825	SIEGFRIED, CHERYL - Kinship Coord.	8143
POTWORA, CHRIS - Legal Secretary	8796	CHERRY, KEYAIRA	8136	QUALITY IMPROVEMENT	
ADOPTIONS & ONGOING		HERSHEY, RAINI	8838	JONES, KRISTY - Evaluator	8646
DECHELLIS, STACY - Prog. Admin.	8842	KRAJCI, TINA - Unit Support Wkr.	8918	KEAGY, TAYLOR - Evaluator (Part-Time)	8189
CHAMBLISS, LINDA - Supv.	8809	MANNION, ASHLEY	8834	WILLIAMS, RACHAEL - Evaluator	8903
BERLETICH, ANGELA - Unit Support Wkr.	8205	POWELL, TIFFANY - SSW3	8078	SUPPORT SERVICES	
EGGENSCHWILER, LISA - SSW3	8841	SCHOEPFNER, LAURA - SSW3	8133	HILANEH, MARY - Prog. Admin.	8109
HOOTEN, KRISTIN	8773	SMITH, MINDY - Supv.	8147	FTM	
JOHN, ARWEN	8635	CHARPING, DENISE - Unit Support Wkr.	8819	HADDEN, NICOLE - FTM Facilitator	8144
RICHARDSON, HEATHER	8754	HETRICK, KIMBERLEE - SSW3	1719	RALSTON, HOLLY - FTM Facilitator	8881
THOMAS, CHRISTOFF	8770	LUCAS, BRIAN - SSW3	8933	KENNEDY, SHANNON - Supv.	8783
WEINGART, RACHEL - SSW3	8594	MICHEL, JOSIE	8262	RECORD ROOM/RMS/SACWIS	
CLIFFORD, TERRELL - Supv.	8913	WALPOLE, DANNI - SSW3	8757	CONNER, BRITNEY - Admin Asst 1	8121
BASH, SHERI	8731	STEIN, JENNIE - Supv.	8855	HESSON, KRISTI - SACWIS Trainer	8790
CRAIG, AMY - SSW3	8029	REPORT LINE		SIMMONS-HILL, PENNY - Cler. Specialist	8851
FORTUNE, JULIE - Unit Support Wkr.	8398	TO MAKE A REPORT DIAL 1-330-455-5437		STEWART, SANDRA - Unit Support Wkr.	8031
GRICE, JENNIFER - SSW3	8780	BOWMAN, MIRANDA	8603	MYERS, LIZ - Supv.	8772
SCHMIDT, CAITLIN	8721	COULTER, SANDRA	8895	SUPPORT UNIT	
TRAVIS, BENJAMIN	8227	FOSTER, ANGELA	8604	CHESSER, JOCELYNN - SS Aide	8779
ADOPTIONS & PERMANENCY		MYERS, LYN	8647	CLAPPER, TARA - SS Aide	8588
VACANT - Supv.	8729	OLIVER, JESSICA	8645	DAUB, BRITTANY - SS Aide	8897
DUNN, CAYLA - SSW3	8681	SHOWALTER, ANGELA	8997	HEWIT, ELIZABETH - SS Aide	8878
GROFF, HAYLEY - Unit Support Wkr.	8247	VEGA, BIANCA	8621	McDOUGAL, APRIL - SS Aide	8193
HAYS, KAITLYN	8824	WILLIAMS, CARRIE	8625	McGREW, MOLLY - Unit Support. Wkr.	8199
JONES, EMILY	8760	STRICKLAND, KELLY-Supv.	8959	MULLINS, AMBER - SS Aide	8142
MERRICK, KARI	8812	CURTIS, KARMIESHA	8523	PAPAS, CHRISTINE - SS Aide	8899
RICHARDSON, MIRANDA	8529	LOPES, SHAELAH	8827	PITTMAN, BRIAN - SS Aide	8103
McARTHUR, BREANNE - Supv.	8718	MILLER, ARIN	8505	SOLENTHALER, KELLY - SS Aide	8149
GABEL, KIMBERLY - SSW3	8720	PORTER, KELLY - SSW3	8629	ROSA, ANGI - Supv.	8927
LAHMERS, BAILEY	8207	WOODWARD, CARLIE	8784	TRAINING UNIT	
OVERTON, LYNSEY - SSW3	8802	FISCAL DEPARTMENT		MCLEAN, MEGHAN	8146
REYNA, ROBIN - Unit Support Wkr.	8794	SNYDER, BARB - Prog. Admin.	8752	SOISSON, SAMANTHA	8146
SMITH, EMILY	8130	FOGLE, LISA - Supv.	8627	INTERNS	
STOKER, LATOSHA	8848	PAYMENT PROCESSING		CONFERENCE ROOM EXTENSIONS	
WATSON, MONICA-Supv.	8761	AMAN, SUSAN	8699	Admin. Conf. Room - 3rd Floor	8046
BIEHL, ZINA - SSW3	8916	BEARD, KAREN	8700	Conference Room A - 1st Floor	8039
GRIMES, HEATHER - SSW3	8907	KOSTELNIK, PENNY	8898	Conference Room B - 1st Floor	8035
MCDONALD, MEGAN	8135	SCHRADER, DIANE	8908	Conference Room D - 1st Floor	8037
MOLEDOR, HANNAH	8755	SHRIGLEY, SANDY	8698	Conference Room F - 2nd Floor	8056
POUNDS, WANDA - SSW3	8221	STEVENS, KERI - Supv.	8593	Conference Room G - 2nd Floor	8585
THOMAS, KENSINGTON	8391	BENEFIT MANAGEMENT		Legal Conference Room	8884
WEIGAND, CHELSEA - Supv.	8650	LOURY, NANCY (A-00)	8764		
ATKINS, MYA	8836	MARTENY, JO (P-Z)	8584		
BURKHART, VICTORIA	8673	SNAUFFER, MICHELLE (Gp-0)	8978		
IMHOFF, JESSICA	8904	CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT REPORT LINE			
THOMAS, HANNAH	8618	1-800-233-KIDS (5437)			
WILLIAMS, KELLI - SSW3	8701	330-455-KIDS (5437)			
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		CHILDREN SERVICES	330.451.8706		
		LEGAL DEPARTMENT	330.451.8769		

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