

Support for Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Parents/Youth in Livingston County

Parent Support Group

Second Tuesday of each month
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Barnard Center
401 Barnard Street in Howell

Monthly two-hour support group for foster, adoptive, and kinship parents in Livingston County. A speaker or special topic along with discussion occurs at each meeting. Dinner is provided and parents receive up to 2 hours of training credit for each meeting. To RSVP and for more information contact Sharon Dalian at 517-548-1269 or dalian@ameritech.net.

Future Foster Adults

Opportunities for youth 14-23 who have been in foster care to meet other foster kids, increase community awareness, and develop skills and resources for life on their own. The group meets every two weeks. Contact Damiekco Smith at 517-548-0263 for more information.

Annual Recognition Dinner and Picnic

These two events are held on an annual basis (normally in May and August) and provide opportunities for networking, family activities, and support/training.

Quarterly Trainings

Licensed foster parents must complete a minimum of six training hours per year. In order to assist with meeting this requirement, FAKS provides three or more six-hour training events annually. Shorter training opportunities are provided throughout the year, as well as at the annual recognition dinner and summer picnic. Training notification fliers are sent via email and mail. Relative and adoptive caregivers are welcome to attend any of these trainings. Contact Ann Koivisto at 517-548-0258 for more information.

Mentoring

Mentoring by experienced foster parents is provided for all licensed foster parents who have children in their home. Contact Jackie Muzyl at 517-548-0253 for more information.

Respite

Respite for foster, adoptive, and kinship parents is available for as little as a few hours to a couple of days. Contact Angela Zyskowski for more information at 517-304-3338.