



**MESSAGE FROM THE CEO**

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Dear Remarkable Resource Parents,

Well, it has been a full year of living with COVID 19. I recognize the toll this has taken on everyone, the youth, the resource families, the biological families, the foster care case managers, resource development staff and the whole world. Given this year of trauma, I cannot believe how resilient, remarkable, and resourceful you have all remained during this challenging time. For the many gifts of love, stability, and a nurturing environment which you have continued to provide, I thank you.

I recently ran across some data on the website *Protect Kids*. I want to share some of the data revealed by a recent, nationwide survey of foster parents.

- 93% were glad they made the decision to do fostering.
- 84% said the experience was one of their most rewarding in life.
- 80 % were able to make a notable, positive impact in the life of a child.
- 79% said they would recommend fostering to friends and family.
- 73% said that more experienced foster parents were their top resource.
- 72% witnessed positive, major life transformations in the kids for whom they cared.

These survey results are amazing tributes to how much it means to those doing the fostering and to those being fostered. The major life transformations in the children for whom you care did not just happen. You played a vital role in those transformations.

Please help me recognize our wonderful case management and resource development staff during March, Celebrate Social Workers Month. Together, the CPP staff and the resource parents are truly a team that can change the world. Thank you all.

And remember, "Even on your worst day on the job, you are still some child's best hope." Larry Bell.

Have a beautiful day,  
Brenda Maly, CPP CEO

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of agencies providing foster care case management services to children and families. CPP is comprised of the following agencies:



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### COOL WHIP EASTER EGG DYING

#### FUN IDEA FOR EASTER

**PREP TIME: 15 MINS**  
**TOTAL TIME: 35 MINS**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 12 hard boiled eggs
- White vinegar
- 3 cups of whipped topping
- Food coloring

### DIRECTIONS

1. Place eggs in a large bowl and cover with white vinegar. Soak for 2 minutes, drain and dry the eggs thoroughly.
2. On a large plate or small baking sheet, spread your whipped topping in an even layer about 1/2" deep. Drop food color in single drops about an inch apart, in as many colors as you choose. Use a toothpick to swirl the colors to a marbled effect.
3. Roll eggs in whipped cream and let sit 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from whipped cream (you may want to use latex gloves to avoid staining hands) and rinse until no whipped topping remains. Let dry completely on a paper towel and display.

## COMMON CENTS CORNER

My name is Michele Gross and I am your go to person for payment information! You may reach me at 314.534.9350 x 1610 or at [CPP\\_Billing@familyforwardmo.org](mailto:CPP_Billing@familyforwardmo.org)  
 Payment dates are: **The 15th of each month for the previous month.** If the 15th falls on Saturday, it will be on the 14th and if the 15th falls on Sunday, it will be on the 16th. **Please get your invoice to me by the 5th of each month.** If you are mailing the invoice, **please mail by the 3rd.** Please use the pre-printed invoice form that was mailed to you with the previous month's payment.



Mail to: 3309 S. Kingshighway Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63139 Attn: Accounting Specialist (an envelope is included with a new invoice with each payment)



Email to: [CPP\\_Billing@familyforwardmo.org](mailto:CPP_Billing@familyforwardmo.org) (please make sure if you take a picture that it is clear and sending as an attachment works best....there are apps in the app store to make it a pdf file!)

Fax to: 314.533.0075 (no cover sheet is needed)



Drop it off at the Kingshighway location of FamilyForward (same as mailing address)



Call and leave a voice mail with the information of the child(ren)s name(s) and which days they were in your home (**please use this as the last resort**).



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### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**December EOM – Nargis Sajid**

**January EOM - Candice Doze**

**February EOM – Samantha Fitzgerald**

**January Resource Worker of the Quarter – Latieke Moore**

## Foster Parents of the Quarter



**Erin Daniels and Erin Ives** currently have a sibling group of two placed through Epworth. S.D was in Ranken Jordan when she came into care suffering from brain injuries that she allegedly suffered from a fall. Erin and Erin rotated daily visits to Ranken Jordan due to their COVID visitation guidelines. They formed a bond with S.D and assisted the therapist with PT, OT and feeding tube training. When she was ready to be released form the Ranken Jordan the social workers could not believe the improvements that S.D. made. They truly believed it was due to the dedication that Erin and Erin displayed during her stay at Ranken Jordan as well as the bond that they developed with S.D while she was in Ranken Jordan. Erin and Erin also initiated the contact and facilitated the move with the provider who had S.D's brother at the time. He was able to maintain his daycare placement and be placed

with his sister. When S.D was released form Ranken Jordan they were able to set-up childcare for her at a specialized center due to her medical needs and so that she could continue with all of her therapist and doctor appointments. The family also sends the birth family pictures and will Facetime them weekly so they can see the kids. They have done an excellent job with the kids and they are both thriving and meeting all of their developmental milestones!

~Stacy Irby-King, Licensing

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## Recruiting



Aaliyah is a beautiful, happy, and super smart ten-year-old girl. Her favorite colors are pink and purple. She loves to color, play on her tablet, watch cartoons, and watch movies. She loves to go to the movies, go out to eat, and go to fun places for kids like Incredible Pizza. Aaliyah is typically a good eater and her favorites foods include spaghetti, ribs, chicken wings, and spinach. She does not like tomatoes. Aaliyah sleeps through the night without issue and does not take naps during the day. Aaliyah gets along very well with her current foster mother and the other children in the home. She shares a room with one of her foster siblings and does well with that. She makes friends easily. Aaliyah has the responsibilities of keeping her room clean, taking out the trash, and some other small jobs her foster parent tasks her with. She might need a couple reminders but will eventually complete her chores. Aaliyah is currently physically healthy and developmentally on target.

Termination of Parental Rights has been completed. Aaliyah is legally free for adoption.

For more information or to express interest, please contact Amanda Blaylock, Adoption Specialist with FamilyForward/Children's Permanency Partnership-(C) 314-203-6069 (E) [Amanda.blaylock@familyforwardmo.org](mailto:Amanda.blaylock@familyforwardmo.org)

# Resources and Trainings

## Upcoming Training

Virtual Stars Training  
Dates: Tuesday April 6, 2021  
9 consecutive weeks  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This class will be taught via Zoom, you will need audio and video to participate. A link will be sent prior to class to be able to participate.

RSVP: To your licensing worker

All classes will need to be attended to continue to be a licensed Foster Parent.

## **Spaulding Training**

After STARS training, the additional Spaulding program is offered free of charge for prospective adoptive families. Spaulding training offers families the tools and information that they need to: explain how adoptive families are different; importance of separation, loss, and grief in adoption; understand attachment and its importance in adoption; anticipate challenges and be able to identify strategies for managing challenges as an adoptive family; and to explore the lifelong commitment to a child that adoption brings.

\*\*\*To sign up for these classes, please contact

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## **Do YOU like fostering? Refer!**

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\*\*\*Remember that each licensed provider is required to complete 30 hours of professional parent training every two years. If at the time of renewal, the 30 hours are not completed, this could affect licensure, placement of the youth in your home, and payment. Please contact your resource provider with questions.\*\*\*

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!!**

All resource providers **MUST** complete pre-service and annual training regarding psychotropic medications and informed consent. Resource providers will not be eligible for initial licensure or licensure renewal without completing these trainings annually. These trainings are mandatory and without them being completed, Children's Division can lose funding and face sanctions. Anyone that does not complete these mandatory trainings could be put at risk of having a revoked license as well as placement disruption for youth in your home. It is extremely important that when you are asked by your licensing worker to complete any mandatory training, you complete it within the deadline given. If you do not have the tools to complete any training that you are asked to do, please be sure to inform your licensing worker of this so that you can be accommodated. Please reach out to your licensing worker for more information regarding mandatory Children's Division trainings if you have any questions.

