

# Foster Parent Monthly

July 2020

## Greetings from George

The month of July represents the beginning of the second half of our calendar year. During this month we remember the birth of our beloved America by celebrating our Independence and Freedom from British rule. We highlight this celebration on what we have come to know as Independence Day, the 4th of July.



For the first six months of 2020, we all have been faced with challenges that are unprecedented in our lifetime. A global pandemic, social unrest and community disturbances throughout our world have caused us to make many changes in our day to day routines. I will challenge you and say that all is not lost!

With this new beginning, we have observed families bonding more and spending more time together. Opportunities to engage in physical activities such as taking walks together have dramatically increased, mealtimes have centered more on home-cooked meals being prepared rather than dining out, and families are engaging in more activities together such as watching television, playing board games and having fun time outside in their yards.

This new beginning brings greater opportunities for foster, adoptive, and kinship families to continue to build and strengthen family bonds. Take time with your families to celebrate July 4th, our nation's independence and the freedom we all enjoy as Americans.

This is a great time to make cards, send notes, and text messages of hope, love, and togetherness to those who are connected to you.

Remember to Stay Safe, Healthy, and Well!

## Suggestions

- Submit ideas for this newsletter & in-service trainings to George. This will also allow us to better serve your family's needs.
- Want to toot your own horn, another foster parent's horn, maybe a social worker's horn? Email George and don't forget a photo!



## Contact Information

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Social Work Services	704.216.8440	
After Hours & Holidays	704.216.8500	Ask for the DSS On-Call Social Worker



### Board Payment Schedule

- June's payment & Clothing Allowance will be mailed together on July 24, 2020.
- July's payment will be mailed on August 21, 2020.
- August's payment will be mailed on September 25, 2020.

**COVID-19**  
coronavirus

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Rowan County

**ROWAN COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
*Be an original.*

We continue to be grateful for your front line work in caring for children! Rowan County DSS continues necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. In person events for foster parents and youth remain cancelled. Details of the status of each are below.

### Foster Parent In-Service Training

- In person training remains cancelled until further notice. You are still responsible for ensuring each foster licensed adult completes their bi-annual training requirements. **20 hours of continuing foster parent educational training are required every two years for re-licensure.** Check out the free resources below:
  - Fostering NC provides online training. <http://fosteringnc.org/on-demand-courses/>
  - The Center for Adoption Support & Education (CASE) is offering 13 free In-Demand webinar courses with coupon code HOME. <https://store.adoptionsupport.org/webinars>
  - Fostering Perspectives offers 30 minutes of training credit for each of their newsletters at the following link. <https://fosteringperspectives.org/?s=get+credit>

### Foster & Adoptive Parent Support Group

- Bi-Weekly Virtual ZOOM Group meeting is held on Sundays at 9:00 p.m. The late-night time is to give everyone a chance to get the kids off to bed so the parents will have uninterrupted time. Email Sarah Shrewsbury at [shrewsburysarah@yahoo.com](mailto:shrewsburysarah@yahoo.com) for a link to the meeting. You can request to be added to a private Facebook group which is updated regularly with the zoom meeting id.

### Foster Parent Recruitment Informational Meeting

- Tuesday August 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Depending on restrictions in August this meeting may be held virtually. You may email us at the new address provided below for more information.
- We are always in need of quality families interested in making a positive, lifetime impact through fostering. Inform us if you know of a local organization or group that is willing to give us time for a brief presentation. Know someone interested in becoming licensed foster parent? Email us!
- **New e-mail:** [Fostering@rowancountync.gov](mailto:Fostering@rowancountync.gov)

**LINKS Meeting**

- LINKS meetings are suspended at this time. Our coordinator continues to send out the monthly newsletters. If you have a foster child over the age of 13 and are not receiving the newsletter, please contact LINKS coordinator, Tisha Warren, at (704)216-8488 or [Tisha.Warren@rowancountync.gov](mailto:Tisha.Warren@rowancountync.gov).

**Support & Resources**



Christine Ball	8 Years	7/27/2012
Jamie & Amanda Thompson	8 Years	7/03/2012

**STATISTICALLY SPEAKING**

At the end of May 2020, Rowan County DSS had 222 children in foster care and 31 licensed foster homes.

**Medical Health Standard of Care**

*Initial Visits from Date of Custody:*

- Health screening within 72 hours.
- Comprehensive visit within 30 days.
- Follow up visit within 60-90 days

*Routine Health Care Follow Ups:*

- Monthly for infants from birth to age 6 months
- Every 3 months for children age 6-24 months
- 2x a year for kids between 24 month and 21 years.

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