

SHENANDOAH VALLEY SOCIAL SERVICES

FOSTER, ADOPTIVE AND KINSHIP RECRUITMENT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Do you have a HOME in your HEART?

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Upcoming PRIDE Session

Parent Resources for Information, Development and Education (PRIDE) pre-service training gives the information you need to make an informed decision about whether fostering/adopting is the right choice for your family and provides the skills needed to work with children and families in the foster care system.

- 1) January 9, 2020 (6-9pm); *Introduction to Modern Foster Care/Process and Requirements*
- 2) January 11, 2020 (9:30am-4:30pm); *Protecting and Nurturing Children and Youth*
- 3) January 18, 2020 (6-9pm); *Loss, Trauma, and Resilience/Understanding behavior*
- 4) January 23, 2020 (9:30am-4:30pm); *Strengthening Family Relationships*
- 5) January 30, 2020 (6-9pm); *Panel & Making and Informed Decision*
- 6) February 6, 2020 (6-9pm); *Permanency and Adoption*

All sessions are required (for both parents if a two-parent household). Light meals will be provided. Please note that the information presented is not appropriate for children and we regret that we are unable to provide child care. **Registration is required.** To register, contact Heather Hudnall at 540-245-5869 or heather.hudnall@dss.virginia.gov.

Fall Library Pop-in Recruitment Events!

Come join us at our Fall Pop-In events at our local libraries! Stop by and ask questions, get information and find out how you can say YES to children in our community!

Staunton Public Library

September 24, 2019 from 10am-12pm
October 29, 2019 from 10am-12pm
November 19, 2019 from 10am-12pm

Stuarts Draft Library Station

September 17, 2019 from 1-3pm
October 22, 2019 from 1-3pm
November 12, 2019 from 1-3pm

Augusta County Library – Churchville Branch

September 18, 2019 from 2-4pm
October 16, 2019 from 2-4pm

Augusta County Library – Fishersville Location

September 26, 2019 from 2-4pm
October 24, 2019 from 3-5pm
November 21, 2019 from 10am-12pm



THE GOAL IS TO SEE THE **PRECIOUS CHILD**
THAT EXISTS **BENEATH** SURVIVAL STRATEGIES
& TO LET THEM KNOW THAT **WE SEE THEM.**

-Dr. Karen Purvis

Recruitment Event at Camp Light!

Come have some family fun and learn more information about foster care and how to become a foster parent!

October 5, 2019 from 11am-3pm
Creative Works Lane, Waynesboro

Come join Skeeter and his friends on your trip through the corn maze. Find your way through the 6-acre maze, then spend time with your friends in their gaga ball pit, play corn hole, 9-square, or one of other fun games! **ADMISSION to the Corn Maze is \$5.00 PER PERSON, 2 and under are FREE!**
All proceeds benefit Camp LIGHT!

What is the HEART Gallery?

The **Heart Gallery** is a traveling photographic and audio exhibit created to find forever families for children in foster care. The Heart Gallery of America is a collaborative project over 80 Heart Galleries across the United States designed to increase the number of adoptive families for children needing homes in our community. One Church One Child of Virginia in Richmond, VA currently maintains the Virginia Heart Gallery; however, SVSS has created a smaller gallery of our local waiting youth that can be featured throughout our local community. If your church or organization would be interested in hosting the VOCOC Heart Gallery or the SVSS Heart Gallery, please email Lauren Wimer at lauren.wimer@dss.virginia.gov

Waiting Children

Information about Shenandoah Valley Social Services "Waiting Children" is always available at this link: <http://resourcefamily.org/fosteradoption/children>

The information is updated each month. Please review this information monthly if you are considering adoption.