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Changes to the Adolescent FCRBs

At the request of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Court Improvement Program (CIP), we are re-vamping the adolescent boards as follows:

FCRB #1— ages 16-17

FCRB #4 —ages 6-17

FCRB #5 — ages 16-17

FCRB #7—ages 14-15

FCRB #11 —ages 16-17

New FCRB #16—ages 14-15

By dividing the ages this way the AOC's CIP, who provides and pays the peer advocates, can assign a peer advocate to those boards who hear only youth aged 16-17 so the focus can be on the transitional living plans of those youth. This will not be done in one fell swoop, it will take a few months to re-arrange cases and assign them appropriately so bear with us during this transition. And if you want to switch boards due the age changes just let us know and we will work with you on this.

New FCRB #16

Adolescent Board (ages 14-15)

We are adding another FCRB in order to relieve the adolescent boards which are overloaded with cases. This new FCRB #16 will meet on the third Monday of each month at 12:00 noon beginning in the fall. If you are interested in joining this new board please let me know! Thanks,

Janet Nielsen

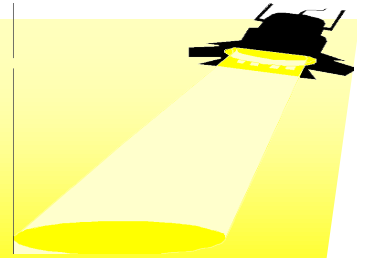
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Gerald Davis



Gerald is a member of FCRB #1 and #7 (both Adolescent Boards) and is our Independent Living Specialist for both of those boards. During the last few months Gerald has not only volunteered to sub on boards that were short members but had also offered his services to "review DCS packets" for our staff. We haven't taken him up on that yet but it was nice for a member to "think outside the box" as a volunteer!! Thank-you Gerald for all that you do for us!!! *Janet*

Member Corner



The FCRB Program welcomes the following new members since April of 2016:

Sheldon Walker—#7
 Carolyn Orr—#6
 Leah Hodgkiss—#10
 Brenda Redmond—#1
 Julieanna Huddle—#14
 Carol Schlafy—#6
 Lorraina Scholten—# 6
 Wanda Scott—#13 & #15

We would like to thank the following members for their service to the FCRB Program:

We will miss you!
 Carolyn Loudenslayer—#6
 Michelle Payton—#6
 Larry Post— sub
 Isiah Davis—#14
 Rahwa Mehari—#11
 Suzanna Reese-Wilson—#10
 Misty Leitsch—#2 (will remain on as a sub)
 Ketra Bentley—#2
 Bea Ramsey—#3

Technology Integration



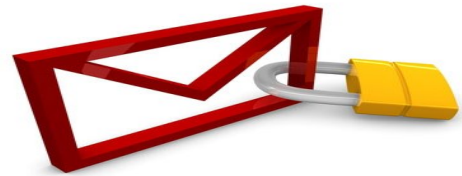
If you are interested in accessing Wi-Fi here at the Court during your FCRB meetings we now have that capability. Next time you are at a FCRB please ask your Court Facilitator to give you the form titled "Use of Metro Public Wireless". After completing the form return it to the Court Facilitator and we will send it to Metro's IT department for processing. Please make sure your e-mail address on the form is VERY legible as they will contact you via your e-mail address to give you the password that is necessary to access the Wi-Fi. Let us know if you have any questions.



Beginning with the August boards we will be sending all of the packets on your cases through an encrypted email process in order to protect the confidentiality of the material. You must register one time for this service and thereafter remember your password you chose to open all future received documents from us. If you missed the classes we offered to assist you with this process and need assistance contact:

Brad Edwards @ 615-862-7141 or e-mail him @ robertedwards@jis.nashville.org to arrange an appointment.

Encrypted E-Mail



Child/youth presence at FCRBs: (began tracking in August 2015)

January 2016 = 82%

February 2016 = 77%

March 2016 = 74%

April 2016 = 86%

May 2016 = 76%

June 2016 = 86%

* Please note that the majority of the youth who do not attend is due to factors beyond DCS's control such as being on runaway, in detention, can't miss school or special events, illness, etc.....



When talking with children at FCRB meetings:

9 Things to Remember

1. LISTEN

to the child's language.

Try to make your language fit his or hers.

2. KEEP IN MIND

that experience shapes language use and understanding. That means that each child is unique.

3. REMEMBER

that language is acquired gradually, and in uneven steps.

4. BE ALERT

to the fact that young children both use and interpret language very literally.

5. DON'T TAKE FOR GRANTED

that you know what the child means, or that the child knows what you mean.

6. SPEAK CLEARLY; SLOW DOWN

Children need more time to process than adults do; your way of speaking may be unfamiliar.

7. SILENCE IS OKAY.

Wait quietly after you've asked a question. Try 10 seconds. You may get information you would have missed.

8. AFTER A QUESTION, ASK YOURSELF:

"Is this a response I'm hearing, or an answer?"

9. IN GENERAL,

keep whatever you ask or say,

SHORT AND SIMPLE.

Chairperson & Scribe Training Session

Friday, September 16, 2016

10:00 am—1:00 pm

This session is for current Chairpersons & Scribes and those board members who are interested in becoming a Chairperson or a scribe. We are continually working on improving the way the reviews are held and hence all need to attend! ! The meeting is in the FCRB room & we will provide lunch!

An e-mail asking you to RSVP will be sent in July.

ANNUAL TRAINING

(For New Members appointed since October 2015) will be on:

Friday, October 7, 2016

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

In the FCRB room
lunch will be provided

Registration forms will be sent out by e-mail in
August: be on the lookout!

Reminder: Anyone who wishes to include an article or picture for our newsletter please feel free — just contact me.

Thanks!

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