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FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD

Extension of Foster Care Review Board Training

Friday, May 19, 2017

The EFC FCRB Training session was held in Gallatin on May 19th. Davidson County was represented by 12 FCRB members and 5 Court Facilitators. We learned current data regarding the EFC population and their outcomes; Child Development between the ages of 14-21 (& how important “scaffolding” is) and Motivational Interviewing techniques. At the conclusion we learned about applying procedural and interactional justice.

Please keep in mind that the material discussed is NOT just about EFC youth but all adolescents who may accept or not accept EFC in the future. Therefore it is relevant for any FCRB member from any adolescent board.

For those of you who wanted to attend but could not there may be a future date where we will view the partial videotape of the May 19th session and have Nyasha Justice, from the CIP, present some of the material in person. We will be sending out an email with the registration form for this training soon. Be on the lookout!

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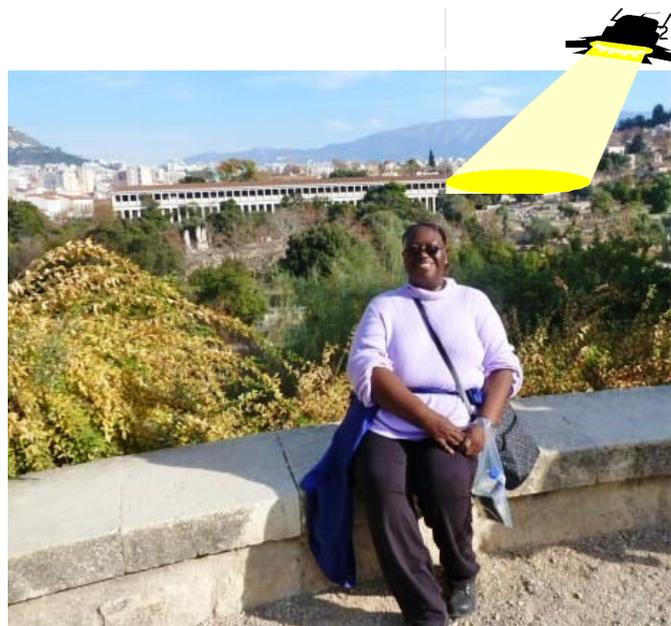
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New Leader

Our FCRB Member spotlight this quarter is :

Jesilee Northington

Jesilee has been a member of FCRB #4 since 2005. On March 15, 2017 we were desperately looking for substitute FCRB members as our board had to be moved to the Youth Opportunity Center due to President Trump being in town. Jesilee not only volunteered to sub but handled the Independent Living and Transitional Living forms masterfully! Thanks for stepping up Jesilee!!!



Member Corner

The FCRB Program welcomes the following new members since April of 2017:

Katura Fennell—#11

Charity Vinson—#5

Christopher Allen—#10

Kate Bradley—#5

Kayla Morrow—#11

Kadia Edwards—#16

Kristin Kenney—#9

Mwafaq Atjabbary—#10

Sonya Bellafant—#16

Beth Hellmann—#9

Charity Allen—#14

Wayne Simpson—#7



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

We will miss you!

Foster Williams—#9

Mary Walker—#15

Susie Martin—#2

Loretta Bradford—#14

Carolyn Wells—#10

Sheldon Walker—#10

Zina Yzquierdo—#14

Cathy Hodge—#16

LaQunita Broyles—#4 & #11

Jane Fleishman—#15



Boone, the therapy dog, is a special new addition to Juvenile court. He comes to court to be with children and teenagers and provide comfort and love. He helps take their minds off the reason they are here and the traumatic situations they have experienced. He provides laughter and smiles to them and to the workers that are also here with the children and teens. If you catch him on a good day, he may also share a big Boone kiss with you.

It appears that Boone is also good for Foster Care Review Board members such as Karen Margulies (#9) in this picture!

Child/youth presence at FCRBs

January 2016 = 82%	October 2016 = 87%
February 2016 = 77%	November 2016 = 88%
March 2016 = 74%	December 2016 = 82%
April 2016 = 86%	January 2017 = 82%
May 2016 = 76%	February 2017 = 79%
June 2016 = 86%	March 2017 = 77%
July 2016 = 85%	April 2017 = 67%
August 2016 = 78%	May 2017 = 82%
September 2016 = 88%	June 2017 = * 84%

***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.**

Retirement

I am pleased to announce my retirement from the Juvenile Court of Nashville Davidson County effective July 21, 2017. I have decided to leave the workforce and enjoy watching my grandchildren grow up (like weeds) in rural Kentucky. I wish to say Thank—you for the numerous opportunities for professional and personal development that the Court has provided me over the past 20 some odd years.

I hope that you board members will continue providing your invaluable time to the Foster Care Review Board process. The time and effort you give each month cannot be counted in monetary units or segments of time. It is obvious that each of you care deeply about the children in your community! Keep up the good fight and I'll "see you around!"

Janet



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Juvenile Court
NOW RETIRED!

Dear FCRB Volunteers,

Many of you already know me as I have been a court facilitator with most every board at some point or another, but I would like to introduce myself. My email, and most of the things here at court say Robert Edwards, but I go by Brad. I am saddened by Janet leaving us not only because of the wealth of knowledge she has but also for the loss of that professional and personal relationship I have built with her of the past few years. Many of you have known her longer than I have and know all the hard work she has done to bring FCRB to where it is today. I am also excited about the future. With that being said, I have no intention of reinventing the wheel going forward. Nor do I want to dismiss the hard work everyone puts in on a monthly basis to the task at hand. I do have some things that I would like to see us do going forward and that means emails, videos, some trainings (we will attempt to keep these as brief as possible), and some appreciations for everyone. I look forward to continuing the work with you all and the rest of the team here at Juvenile Court. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please don't hesitate to contact me.

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