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Second Annual Statewide

Foster Care Review Board Meeting

Please make plans to join fellow FCRB staff from across the state, meet DCS Commissioner Jim Henry and DCS regional and central office staff at the upcoming annual meeting. At this point I was informed that only Chairs are invited from our County however there may be some room for a couple more so if you are REALLY interested let me (Janet) know as I am to give Ty Copeland a headcount by April 27th.

Details:

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Where:

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee
331 Great Circle Road, Nashville, TN

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FCRB #14 YDC (Youth Development Center) Board

The new FCRB #14 will have its first meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 @ 8:30 am. @ Woodland Hills YDC. There is a training session scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2015 in the FCRB room at the Court to prepare these specialized FCRB members for their new roles. The composition of this new board is as follows: Brad Edwards—Court Liaison

Lyn McRainey—Chair

Gwendolyn (Gwen) Harris

Felicity Peck

Edward (Ed) Kindall

Isiah (Ike) Davis

Loretta Bradford

Michael (Mike) Wiley

Helen Hughes

Bobby Smotherman—DCS Liaison

Member Corner



The FCRB Program welcomes the following new members since December of 2014:

Lynn Ewing—#8

Sunny Farrell—#7

Kate Stone—#1

Jenny Villalobos—#4

Ellen Margulies—#13

Loretta Bradford—#14

Edward Kindall—#14

Gwendolyn Harris—#14

Isiah Davis—#14

Michael Wiley—#14

Foster Williams—#13

Helen Hughes—#14

Members Resigning since December 2014: We wish you all the best!

Brenda Redmond—#13

Ila McDermott—#12

Jennifer Martin—#1

Tricia Reynolds—#9

David Clay—#8

Jane Andrews—#7

Joanna Wooten—#2

Latausha Stevenson -#2

Dan Crowe- #1

Festus Imasuen—#1

Nancy Denning-Martin—#1

We welcome a new FCRB Program Staff Member:



Denise Rankhorn

Denise grew up in Hendersonville Tennessee. She earned a basketball scholarship to Austin Peay State University where she received a BS and Masters in Public Health Administration. She joined the Juvenile Court family in 1995 when she was hired along with 25 other Probation Officers to start the "Community Based Probation" program. After working in the community for 10 years she transferred to Central Intake where she worked with first offenders and unruly clients. After working with children and families for 21 years she contributes her longevity with the Court to believing that everyone deserves a chance and that every child has something special to give this world. Denise is a breast cancer survivor and has been cancer FREE for 4 years!

Favorite quote: Fear can keep us up all night long, but faith makes one fine pillow. Philip Gulley

New Law's Provision Promotes Well-Being for Youth in Care

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Research has shown that engaging in extracurricular, social, and cultural activities helps promote a sense of normalcy among youth in foster care. While these activities have been shown to support their social, cognitive, and emotional development, youth in care often face legal barriers to participating in certain activities in the same ways their classmates and other peers do. Among the provisions of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (P.L. 113-183), signed into law September 29, 2014, is a requirement for States to implement a "reasonable and prudent parent standard" that will empower foster parents or other designated decision-makers to make decisions to allow youth in foster care to participate in healthy and developmentally appropriate activities such as field trips, sleepovers, and other extracurricular activities. This standard is intended to expand opportunities for youth in care to engage in activities that will promote their well-being.

Promoting Well-Being Through the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard: A Guide for States Implementing the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (H.R. 4980) is available at <http://www.cssp.org/policy/2014/A-GUIDE-FOR-STATES-IMPLEMENTING-THE-PREVENTING-SEX-TRAFFICKING-AND-STRENGTHENING-FAMILIES-ACT-HR-4980.pdf>

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

Thanks!

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