

**Blount County Foster Parent Association
In Partnership With
Historic Blount County Children's Home
901 McCammon Ave
Maryville, TN 37801**

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For phone in calendar Dates: <http://www.tn.gov/youth/fostercare/fpcalendars.htm>

There are 2 churches in Maryville that serve dinner to the community for free or a donation, your choice. Dinner is served at the Welcome Table from 5-6 PM.

New Providence Presbyterian Church (Tuesday)

703 West Broadway

First United Methodist Church (Thursday)

804 Montvale Station Rd

If you can use help with diapers, please go to this website and sign up. You will receive one case every 3 months.

www.diaperlove.org

If you need special formula that WIC does not cover, TennCare will pay for it.

If you have an infant that needs more formula than WIC provides, TennCare will pay for it.

If you have a child **over the age of 3** that is not potty trained due to being medically delayed, has physical issues, medical issues or other valid reasons, TennCare will pay for your diapers.

Contact: Edgepark Medical at: 1-888-394-5375 or view them online at: www.edgepark.com

When you receive a child, please make sure that you ask for a “Love Bag.” These are homemade bags that are made by local churches and businesses and contain a homemade blanket, age appropriate toy and personal items like toothbrush and toothpaste, brush and comb. These are the child’s forever bag and it gives them something immediately that they can say is theirs. If the worker is not aware of these bags, refer them to Jill in the reception area at our DCS office.

When you receive a child in your home and you find that you have questions about possible sexual abuse or physical abuse that was never reported or any type of allegation that happens in your home, you need to contact the child’s FSW and then contact the Child Abuse Hotline:

1-877-237-0004 or 1-877-54ABUSE (1-877-542-2873) for the following situations:

- the situation you are reporting is an abuse/neglect/child fatality emergency;
- you prefer to remain anonymous;
- you have insufficient data to complete the required information on the report;
- the suspected abuse/neglect you are reporting occurred outside the state of Tennessee and you do not know how to contact the state where it occurred.
- you are unsure if the report is imminent risk of harm
- you do not want e-mail confirmation of your report

When you receive a placement of a **school-age child**, please ask the child's caseworker for an **Educational Passport** to get your child enrolled in school. **Each school age foster child is to have one of these passports per Policy 21.19.** Any questions that you have can be directed to Steve Dugger at 423-318-6026.

If you have a child that you think needs **braces**, but gets denied by TennCare, don't give up. A child's mouth is constantly changing and you can go back every year to get another opinion. **Dr. Eberting at: 983-3570.**

Blount County Health Department 983-4582

1. EPSD&T (Physical)
2. WIC
3. Dental 983-4582 ext 168 (Accepts ages 1 to 18)

Besides the Health Department, the following dentists accept children on TennCare Select for the following ages:

William Harris (ages 1-16)
108 Tulsa Rd
Oak Ridge 865-482-7396

Dr. Pillion (ages 6 and under)
2931 Esrey Rd
Knoxville 687-4450

Knoxville Pediatric (ages 7 & up)
705 Gate Ln
Knoxville 522-5437

Hulse Mobile (at the schools)

Western Heights Dental 801 W Oldham Ave, Knoxville (865) 522-1244

Blount Eye Center – Dr. Tantum 982-6761

Please sign your child up for **Imagination Library**. Children 0-5 years old are eligible to receive a monthly book.
<http://www.imaginationlibrary.com/>

Children in foster care are eligible to go to **Dollywood and Dollywood Splash Country once a year for free.** Simply contact your RPS, tell them the exact date that you will be going and the tickets will be waiting for you there. Your RPS will need a 14 days in advance notice. You can also turn these tickets in and receive credit toward the purchase of an annual pass.

Many times parents need furniture, toys, formula and specific clothing. On the other side, many parents have these things and want to get rid of them. If you do have a have/need and want to post it immediately, please email Susan at fosterfamiliesofbc@hotmail.com and she will send it out immediately

Your local **Blount County Fire Department** station will come and check your smoke detectors, replace or add, and change batteries for free.

Free coats can be gotten at any time from Fire Department #7 on Sevier Rd. in Seymour. You will receive a light weight and a heavy coat per PERSON. This is not limited to children.

Our Goal this year is to get local churches and businesses involved with our Association. We are hoping to make the community more aware of the tremendous need for foster homes and the help our families need in getting started, not to mention the help we need in getting children clothes, shoes and school needs.

Training Requirements for Traditional and Kinship Resource Parents

DCS Policy requires resource parents to attend continuing education training. There are specific classes that first year and second year resource parents must take. You can find these training classes on the web at: www.tn.gov/ Type **Foster Care** in search and go to **Resource Parent Training**.

Medication and CPR & First Aid are required every two years for everyone.

Traditional Resource Parents must complete the following classes after approval:

First Year – total of 14 hours

Working with the Education System – 2 hours

Helping Children Make Transitions – 3 hours

Fostering Positive Behavior for Resource Parents – 3 hours

Child Development – 2 hours

Cultural Awareness – 1 hour

Working with Birth Parents – 3 hours

Second Year – total of 14 hours

Working with the Education System – 2 hours

CPR/First Aid – 4 hours

Medication Administration – 4 hours

Parenting the Sexually Abused Child – 3 hours

Cultural Awareness – 1 hour

Kinship Resource Parents must complete the following classes after approval:

First Year – total of 17 hours

Working with the Education System – 2 hours

Helping Children Make Transitions – 3 hours

Fostering Positive Behavior for Resource Parents – 3 hours

Child Development – 2 hours

Cultural Awareness – 1 hour

Family Role Conflict – 3 hours

Family Dynamics – 3 hours

Second Year – total of 14 hours

Working with the Education System – 2 hours

CPR/First Aid – 4 hours

Medication Administration – 4 hours

Parenting the Sexually Abused Child – 3 hours

Cultural Awareness – 1 hour

Once you have completed your first 2 years of CORE training, you are able to take 7 hours of on-line training each year. Simply go to the website below, choose your class and complete the test. You will be able to send your caseworker a certificate and get one for yourself. And it is FREE

http://www.fosterclub.com/_booster/article/foster-parent-online-training

HAVE AN AFTER HOURS or WEEKEND EMERGENCY? CALL 865-228-9621

Child Abuse Hotline..... 24 Hours a Day 877-237-0004
Mobile Crisis..... 24 Hours a Day 866-791-9224

Foster Parent AdvocateClarissa Billingsley.....865.804.0409
Regional Foster Parent Advocate.....Kristi Dodson.....865-850-2964

All Families Matter Hotline 866-327-9101

BLOUNT COUNTY RESOURCE PARENT SUPPORT NUMBERS (RPS)

Linda Reynoldslinda.reynolds@tn.gov.....981-7304
Ron Moser.....ronald.moser@tn.gov.....981-7313
Emily Harris.....emily.l.harris@tn.gov.....981-7302
Marion Tant-rieger.....marion.tant-rieger@tn.gov.....981-7309

KINSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

Becky Garrison.....rebecca.garrison@tn.gov.....865 206-7835

Once you have adopted a child, you are on your own, right? Wrong. You can still receive support and counseling through **Harmony Adoptions ASAP program**. They provide in-home counseling and help to the parents, child(ren) and any other children in the home to help families adjust to new problems. You can reach Harmony Adoptions at: (865) 982-5225