

# The Family Connection

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**Special points of interest:**

- Please help us show our caregivers how much we appreciate them by participating in Paint the Town Blue May 2022
- Sticker Contest Winner: Congrats to Kylie G. 3rd Grade Gilmore Fine Arts
- Need help? Have a question? Call or email Jess: 262-638-6595/ [jessi-ca.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessi-ca.scheeler@racinecounty.com)

## Happy Foster Care Appreciation Month! Help us say Thank You and Paint the Town Blue!

Dear Community Partner and Supporter of Racine County Foster Care,

You are invited to help "Paint the town Blue," during the month of May.

My name is Jessica Scheeler and I'm Racine County's Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Trainer. I am reaching out to ask if you'd be interested in working in collaboration with Racine County Foster Care to help with our Paint the Town Blue project for May. May is Foster Care Appreciation month. The symbol associated with this is a blue ribbon. We are reaching out to all our community partners to ask if they would be willing to post a flier within their establishment and/or display a digital copy on a marquee/billboard and/or social media/website which will have this blue ribbon on it to symbolize Foster Care Appreciation month. Our hope is that through community participation we are able to Paint the Town Blue.

This will help spread the word about the need for more foster parents in Racine County as well as show our support and solidarity to our already licensed foster parents, while bringing recognition to our new Keep them Home campaign and our sticker contest winner!

Another way you can partner and work with us this upcoming month to show your support is by creating a short thank you video. We are looking for folks to give shout outs to our foster parents via a short video shout out so that we can post on our Facebook page. What we hope is that every day we are able to provide a shout out from the community showing our foster providers that they are appreciated for helping the children of Racine. Here is how you can participate:

- Record a video to post on our Facebook page. This could be done pre-recorded or live from your page. It could be your own personal page or your school, PTA, business, organization, art, music, church, etc page.
- Identify who you are:
- Hi, I'm (insert name and title) and May is foster parent appreciation month and I want to say thank you to

- the foster providers of Racine County
- Please keep your video under a minute long
- Have fun and be creative!

If you post on your profile please make sure to tag our page: @Racine County Foster Care. Please then message our page with the shared link of your video so we too can post and tag you as well!

The idea is community and unity!

Also, by connecting online, both of our pages help support each other. As COVID-19 has made life difficult for everyone in our community, coming together this way virtually, allows promotion and support of your business as well.

You can find our page on Facebook by clicking the link here: <https://www.facebook.com/racinecountyfostercare>

If you are unable to participate in the above, there are a variety of ways in which you can help us show appreciation toward our providers and work collaboratively to grow a stronger community. You can help in the following ways:

- Like our Facebook page and share the information with your networks Talking about foster care, helps foster care.
- Host a Foster Parent Night, offering specials to our foster providers.
- Allow Foster Care Staff to come speak about foster care to your staff.
- Invite Foster Care staff to participate in events to assist with recruitment efforts.
- If you are part of a group or organization, allow Foster Care staff to speak at a meeting or gathering.
- Get on our community email list and receive our monthly newsletter. You are allowed to have free ad space for your company and promote if you make the

newsletter available to your staff and/or patrons at your company.

- Have a staff fundraiser, make it fun and raise money to donate to Foster Care.
- Post Foster Care fliers and/or posters in your establishment or workspace showing you support us.
- Become a respite provider and offer breaks to our families.
- Become a foster parent.

We need kind-hearted and compassionate people like you to join us in showing Racine County foster parents that we care about them and are proud of the work they are doing. Studies have shown that people continue the work that they are doing if they feel appreciated. It takes a village to grow and care for our community, will you help us retain foster parents who are doing great work in our community with our kids?

If you have questions, comments, concerns or ponderings, or another way to partner, please contact me, Jessica Scheeler at 262-638-6595 or via email at [jessi-ca.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessi-ca.scheeler@racinecounty.com).



## Information Sessions 2022

Attend a session and earn a gift card!!!

Please be aware, due to ongoing COVID protocols, trainings can be moved to virtual when need be.

### Racine County Information Sessions 2022

Let's Talk about Foster Care:

Racine County is in need of those interested in becoming treatment foster parents! Racine's children need those who can step up to the plate and go the distance to help them and their families heal and grow!



**AN ACT OF LOVE**

**Become a Treatment Foster Care Parent**

*You may have the desire and the experience to foster a child with significant emotional, behavioral, or social issues or medical needs. Find out more about this important and rewarding experience that makes a real difference in the life of a child.*

*We offer 24/7 support for you and increased reimbursement for your dedication to making every child a success story.*

**It takes a caring adult to make this happen!**

Contact Racine County Foster Care  
262.638.6595 or [jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com)



Come, join our village and help Keep Them Home! Become a Racine County Foster Parent.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent and would like to attend an Information Session, please email Jessica Scheeler at [jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com) Info Sessions are held at 5:30PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please contact for location information.

#### 2022 Info Session Dates:

- |          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Jan 19   | July 20 |
| Feb 16   | Aug 17  |
| March 16 | Sept 21 |
| April 20 | Oct 19  |
| May 18   | Nov 16  |
| June 15  | Dec 21  |

### Foster Care Appreciation Month Official Proclamation

Join us in celebrating Foster Care Month! Thank you to all the foster care providers!

## OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

By the County Executive  
Of Racine County, Wisconsin

**Whereas:** The family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our County; and

WHEREAS, currently in Racine County there are 120 children and youth in foster care who are being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and

WHEREAS, Racine County has 70 foster families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need; and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, foster families play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, thereby launching children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, foster parents took on additional roles, such as becoming teachers as schools went virtual and daycares were closed, and they were a lifeline between children and parents at a time of stay-at-home orders and reduced social activities; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive of Racine County hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 as

### “FOSTER CARE MONTH”

in the County of Racine, and I urge all residents of this County to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and the child welfare professional staff in working with them during this month and throughout the year.



*Jonathan Delagrave*  
Jonathan Delagrave  
Racine County Executive

*Signed at the Courthouse  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2022  
at Racine, Wisconsin*

Come, join our village  
and help Keep Them  
Home! Become a Racine  
County Foster Parent.

## Training Opportunities: Strengthening Families



### Strengthening Families (5-17)

Join us for a **FREE** 11-week group to help parents improve their parenting skills in the areas of bonding, boundaries, & monitoring. The program is for parents and their children, ages 5-17, and will be conducted weekly via Zoom.

Parents and youth will have the opportunity to develop positive communication, family organization, family bonding, conflict solutions and pro-social skills.



To sign-up contact: Luci Arroyo at (262) 945-0291 Or

[larroyo@psgcip.com](mailto:larroyo@psgcip.com)

Or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4cafab2fa6f8c25-strengthening>

For more info or to register, contact Luci at 262-945-0291

## Training Opportunities: Triple P



### Virtual Triple P – May 2022

Triple P teaches families with children 0-12 years of age how to spend less time battling misbehavior and more time building close relationships. You'll develop positive parenting skills to manage stress and encourage healthy habits, and that can mean more good days for your family.

**Register:** Online at [www.childrenswi.org/triplep](http://www.childrenswi.org/triplep)



#### Raising Resilient Children

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-12:30 PM

#### Tantrums

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-1:30 PM

#### Self Esteem

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-12:30 PM

#### Managing Fighting and Aggression

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 PM

For more info:  
<https://childrenswi.org/medical-care/primary-care/triple-p>



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### Training Opportunities: Safe Families/Grace Church: Hope for the Journey

This May, Safe Families for Children Racine/Kenosha and Grace Church in Racine are partnering to host Show Hope's Hope for the Journey conference. This conference is designed to equip parents, caregivers, and volunteers who care for children impacted by difficult life circumstances by providing tools to support and encourage healing using the principles of Trust-Based Relational Interventions (TBRI) as developed by the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development. The conference provides practical methods for connecting with children that address physical and emotional needs to promote attachment. This training is perfect for anyone who interacts with individuals who have experienced trauma, loss, or difficult life circumstances. Documentation of training hours is available to those who need it. Please join us May 21st from 6-9 pm and May 22nd from 8:30 am-4:30 pm at Grace Church in Racine- 3626 Hwy 31. Sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/220954422419960>. Contact Amy Wolfe at [amywolfe@safefamilieswi.org](mailto:amywolfe@safefamilieswi.org) with any questions.

Did you know, you can take training offered by community partners and it will count for your ongoing training hours!

# Safe Families for Children and Grace Church present....

SHOW HOPE

# HOPE

*for the Journey*

CONFERENCE

*(Formerly the Empowered to Connect Conference)*



May 20th, 6-9 pm  
May 21st, 8:30-4:30  
Grace Church  
3626 Hwy 31  
Racine WI 53405

To register:



# Community Information:

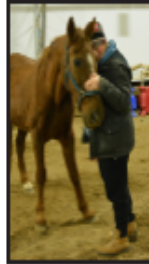


## Women Taking the Reins™ Registration 2022

Presented by Stepping Stone Farms School of Horsemanship  
1439 92nd Street, Franksville, Wisconsin

**Women Taking the Reins™** This unique program is for women to have their own experience learning about horses and themselves. You will learn lots of what you should know if you are thinking about getting your own horse, or are just ready to jump into the horse world. You will get the added experience of a session of Equine Experiential Learning! Whether you are new to horses, are returning after an absence, or just want to further your knowledge, Women Taking the Reins will have something for you! Visit: [www.womentakingthereins.com](http://www.womentakingthereins.com)

- Safety and basic horse care
- Proper way to approach a horse
- How to halter and lead a horse
- How to tack up
- Proper mount/dismount
- Ground work
- Basic riding skills (optional)
- Team building and cooperation
- The program is held rain or shine.



- Participants must sign a liability waiver the first day.
- Full payment is due at registration.  
*NOTE: If you cancel 7 or more days prior to start and if we can fill your spot, you'll receive a partial refund.*
- Long pants and hard sole boots or shoes are required.
- NO open toe shoes, tennis shoes or crocks allowed.
- Helmets are required and provided for your use.
- You may bring your own riding helmet. No bike helmets.
- Participants will receive a T-shirt.
- Water will be provided.

*Note: Participants must weigh under 200 pounds to ride.*

Mail this completed form with your full payment to:

Stepping Stone Farms  
1439 92nd Street  
Franksville, Wisconsin 53126  
Attn: Women Taking the Reins™  
Make checks payable to Stepping Stone Farms



Indicate which session(s) you will be attending:

Three-Evening (W/TH/F) Sessions: \$180 Time: 6 - 8:00 p.m.

- June 1, 2, and 3, 2022     Sept. 7, 8 and 9, 2022

Single-Day Sunday Session: \$195 Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Light lunch included)

- May 8, 2022     August 28, 2022     September 11, 2022     October 16, 2022

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: S    M    L    XL    XXL

Stepping Stone Farms contact information  
Phone: 414-379-2314  
Email: [lia@steppingstonefarms.org](mailto:lia@steppingstonefarms.org)  
website: [www.steppingstonefarms.org](http://www.steppingstonefarms.org)



Anything that you'd like us to know?  
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For more information  
contact Lia at 414-379  
-2314  
[lia@steppingstonefarms.org](mailto:lia@steppingstonefarms.org)

# Community Information:

## Clothing Resources

Clothing referrals, and other income based programs for Western Racine County areas are available from:

**Love Inc**  
480 S Pine St, Burlington  
262-763-6226



### Free Clothing - Racine Area:

**Hospitality Center**  
614 Main St 262-833-2886  
Thursdays 9:30 am to 11:30

**Thread by Thread**  
Bethania Lutheran Church  
4120 Wright Ave 262-632-7267  
1st and 3rd Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm

**Salvation Army**  
Contact Social Services Office  
262-632-3147 ext. 113

**Free Laundry:**  
Contact the Hospitality Center regarding this program that occurs monthly at:

**Velvet Touch Laundromat**  
2027 Lathrop Ave, Racine  
Call 262-853-2886 for info

**Showers:**  
**John Bryant Center**  
601 21st St 262-636-9235  
9 am to 2 pm

**Free Haircuts:**  
Call the Hospitality Center at 262-853-2886 for information.

## Hotlines and Helplines

Most hotlines are available 24/7, 365 days per year

**Community Resources** Call 211 Or 866-211-3380

**AIDS (National) Hotline** (also HIV and sexually transmitted diseases)  
800-342-AIDS (2437)

**Adult Protective Services**—Racine County 262-833-8777, 8 am to 4:30 pm after hours call Crisis Line below—

**Racine County Crisis Line**  
262-638-6741

**Domestic Violence** – National Hotline  
800-799-7233

**Sexual Assault Services**  
262-637-SAFE (7233)

**Women's Resource Center**  
262-633-3233 24-hr crisis

**Human Trafficking Hotline**  
888-373-7888

**Poison Control**  
800-222-1222

**Parent Hotline/Youth Crisis line**  
800-840-6537

**Suicide/ Crisis (National)**  
800-273-TALK (8255)

**Veterans Crisis Line**  
800-273-8255 Press #1  
Or text to 838255

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Sturtevant, WI 53177  
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## EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Homeless Shelters  
Food Resources  
Clothing  
Information



For more info:

<https://childrenswi.org/medical-care/primary-care/triple-p>

## Shelters



**HALO**  
Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (Men, Women and Children -24 hour intake)  
2000 DeKoven Ave, Unit 1  
Racine, WI 53403  
262-633-3235

**Transitional Living Center**  
(Adults or families up to 90 days)  
482 S Pine St  
Burlington, WI  
262-767-1478

**Women's Resource Center**  
(Emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence)  
P.O. Box 1764, Racine, WI  
262-633-3233

**Safe Haven**  
(Racine Youth Services – to Age 21)  
1030 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI 53403  
262-637-9273 or 1-800-924-5137

**Center for Veterans Issues Resource Center** (veterans)  
Call 262-633-5180

**Veterans Outreach of WI—Racine** (veterans)  
262-221-8350

**Hospitality Center @ St Luke's Episcopal Church**  
(day time drop in only)  
M - F 7:30 am to 1:00 pm  
614 Main St  
Racine, WI 53403  
262- 853-2886



## Racine Meal Sites

Free meals, no eligibility requirements, donations accepted

**All Nation Pentecostal**  
1502 W 6th St, Racine, WI 53404  
262-633-1946  
Breakfast: M-F 6-8 am when Racine Unified Schools are in session. Use side door.

**"Healthy Kids Dinner"**  
Weekdays at Salvation Army and several other Racine Locations.  
Call 262-632-3147 for details

**Hospitality Center**  
614 Main St, Racine WI 53403  
262-634-5529  
M - F 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast  
M - F 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch  
Monday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Love Inc**  
480 S Pine St, Burlington, WI 53105  
262-763-6226  
M & W 5:00 – 5:30 pm

## Free Meals continued:

**Sunday:** Living Faith Lutheran Church  
2915 W Wright Ave 4:30 – 5:30 p

**Monday:** St Luke's Episcopal Church –  
Hospitality Center 614 Main St 5:30 pm

**Tuesday:** St Vincent DePaul held at  
1032 Grand Ave 5:30 – 6:30 pm

**Wednesday:** Zoe Outreach Ministries  
2130 Racine St 4:30 – 5:30 pm

**Thursday:** St Patrick's 1100 Erie St  
5:30 – 6:15 pm

**Thursday:** All Nation Pentecostal  
1502 W 6th St 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Friday:** Food for the Soul,  
703 Washington Ave 6:00 pm

**Saturday:** (sack lunches) First United  
Methodist 745 Main St  
Noon – 12:30 pm

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## Food Pantry and Emergency Food Sign Up:

Call 211 (East of I-94)  
866-211-3380

Love Inc (West of I-94)  
262-763-6226



# Community Information:



For more information:  
[https://  
www.togetherwerise.org  
/family-fellowship/  
scholarship-application/](https://www.togetherwerise.org/family-fellowship/scholarship-application/)

Hello ,

The Family Fellowship Program is the largest scholarship available for current and former foster youth pursuing post-secondary education. Recipients of the Family Fellowship Scholarship receive up to **\$60,000 in financial assistance** for educational expenses for up to five years.

The **May 27th application deadline** is quickly approaching. We greatly appreciate your continued support in helping to spread the word about this amazing opportunity. For additional information, please visit our website (<https://www.togetherwerise.org/family-fellowship/>) or reach out to us directly.

**Thank you!**

## Community Information:

# SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR

**Tuesday May 3, 2022 4:30-6:30PM**

WATERFORD UNION HIGH SCHOOL,  
100 FIELD DRIVE, DOOR 19, WATERFORD, WI

**FREE HEARING SCREENINGS RAFFLE PRIZES PINA MEXICAN EATS FOOD TRUCK  
FREE TOTE W/WATER & SNACK (while supplies last) SWEET ABILITIES K9 UNIT  
POLICE/EMERGENCY VEHICLES FREE COMMUNITY RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Come learn about local disability services and connect with resources available to you and your family - financial resources, respite, recreational ideas, job training, education, living arrangements beyond the home, and more!



*Sponsored by the various School Districts of Racine County and ADRC*

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*For more information contact Lori Radtke (262) 763-0180 ext. 2224 [LRadtke@basd.k12.wi.us](mailto:LRadtke@basd.k12.wi.us)*

# FERIA DE RECURSO DE NECESIDADES ESPECIALES

**Martes 3 de Mayo, 2022 4:30-6:30PM**

WATERFORD UNION HIGH SCHOOL,  
100 FIELD DRIVE, DOOR 19, WATERFORD, WI

**EXÁMENES DE AUDICIÓN GRATUITOS K9 UNIT PREMIOS DE LA RIFA  
VENDEDORES DE COMIDA SWEET ABILITIES  
TOTE CON AGUA Y BOCADILLOS GRATUITO (HASTA AGOTAR EXISTENCIAS)  
VEHICULOS DE POLICIA/EMERGENCIA INFORMACIÓN DE RECURSOS COMUNITARIOS**

Venga a aprender sobre los servicios discapacidad y conectarse con recursos disponible para usted y su familia - familiares, respiro, ideas recreativas, capacitación/apoyo laboral, arreglos de vivienda más allá del hogar y mas

*Patrocinado por los diversas distritales escolares del condado de Racine y ADRC*

Un traductor que habla español también estará disponible en el evento

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# Community Information:

## Racine County Sheriff's Office 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Deputy Friendly Golf Outing

Hosted by Deputy Friendly Crystal Venegas

Friday, July 1st, 2022

Browns Lake Golf Course Burlington, WI.

Sign up deadline is Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### 9 Hole Course with cart

Scramble Format

Registration 12:30 pm

Shotgun start 1:30 pm

Dinner 4:00 pm

9 Hole Golf Package \$50

Includes Dinner



### 18 Hole Course with cart

Scramble Format

Registration 9:00 am

Shotgun start 10:00 am

Break for Lunch!

Shotgun start 1:30 pm

Dinner 4:00 pm

18 Hole Golf Package \$90

Includes Lunch & Dinner

*\*Silent auction \*Raffle baskets \*Door prizes \*50/50 raffle \*Flag events*

Please return lower portion with payment prior to outing

Make checks payable to: Deputy Friendly Fund

Mail to 717 Wisconsin Ave. Racine, WI. 53403

Questions? Please contact Deputy Crystal Venegas at [deputyfriendly@racinecounty.com](mailto:deputyfriendly@racinecounty.com)

Thank you for your support!

9 Hole Golf Package:	\$50	x	\$	_____
18 Hole Golf Package:	\$90	x	\$	_____
Dinner Only:	\$25	x	\$	_____
Hole Sponsorship:	\$100		\$	_____
Cannot attend but would like to donate:			\$	_____
	Total:		\$	_____

Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions,  
please email  
[deputyfriendly@racinecounty.com](mailto:deputyfriendly@racinecounty.com).

# Community Information:



## RACINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

717 Wisconsin Avenue, Racine, WI 53403-1237  
 (262) 886-2300 FAX (262) 637-5279  
 Waterford (262) 534-5166 Burlington (262) 763-9558

Sheriff Christopher Schmalig

Chief Deputy James P. Weidner

Dear Community Member,

My name is Crystal Venegas, and I am the Racine County Sheriff's Office Deputy Friendly. I am reaching out to you today to ask for your help and support of the Deputy Friendly Program. The Deputy Friendly Program is independently funded through generous donations from local businesses, the general public and fundraising events. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we, as law enforcement, build positive relationships with the youth in our communities and I feel that the Deputy Friendly Program is the best way to achieve these goals.

As Deputy Friendly, my efforts are primarily focused on connecting with the youth in our communities. In the last year, I have visited the students who attended Racine County schools and educated them on a variety of safety topics, including stranger awareness, bullying, cyber bullying, social media posting, drug resistance, 911, interacting with the police, and bicycle safety. I teach the safety rules relating to each topic using PowerPoint presentations, videos, handouts, and student participation. During the Racine County Fair and other events, I have given out over 250 bike helmets that were purchased with the proceeds from the previous golf outing. I have also visited the hospital, Women's Resource Center, and Halo, to hand out Easter Baskets to children.

My goal this year is to purchase children's bicycle helmets, coloring books, and other handout materials to give to children in our County. I am concentrating my efforts to raise money by hosting the 9th Annual Racine County Deputy Friendly Golf Outing on Friday, July 1, 2022 at Browns Lake Golf Course, in Burlington, WI. Please consider sponsoring a hole with a donation of \$100. Your support will be recognized with a sign bearing your company's name or logo posted at a hole and included in the pamphlet given to each participant. You may also contribute by donating an item for the silent auction and raffles or an item placed in the goody bags. There are typically 125-150 participants. Another way to support the Deputy Friendly Program is to join us for a great day of golf! Contributions can be made to: The Deputy Friendly Fund, Racine County Sheriff's Office, 717 Wisconsin Avenue Racine, WI 53403.

Our program is only as good as its contributors, and with your support, the Racine County Sheriff's Office Deputy Friendly Program will continue to be a success. If you are hosting a community event, I would be happy to attend and continue our outreach efforts.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Deputy C. Venegas #9475*

Deputy Crystal Venegas  
 Deputy Friendly, Racine County  
 deputyfriendly@racinecounty.com  
 cell: 262-676-8949

*"A Tradition Since 1836"*

Visit us at [www.RacineCounty.com](http://www.RacineCounty.com) or Facebook

If you have any questions,  
 please email  
[deputyfriendly@racinecounty.com](mailto:deputyfriendly@racinecounty.com).

# Community Information:

May Mental Health Awareness Month  
 Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week May 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Theme: "You Are Not Alone"

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week is May 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. During this time of year, attention is being paid to acceptance that children and youth are struggling with mental health challenges. Acceptance moves us to make a personal connection and take steps to learn more. Acceptance means you work to understand, offer compassion and sensitivity to others. Acceptance also means you offer help and support without judgement. Below are some ways to take action during Mental Health Awareness Month and Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week. Please join in on the fun!

## **Community-Wide Month-Long Events:**

Community-Wide Yard Sign Scavenger Hunt. A sign will be placed at each RUSD School and other community sites. Community members will be encouraged to take a photo and #YouAreNotAlone themselves with the sign during the month of May.

Racine Public Library will have a display with books to read during May on the topic of Mental Health

May calendar of daily activities for families that support family dinner conversation starters and positive mental health activities.

[https://www.ffcmh.org/files/ugd/49bf42\\_ef1f835ecb994810bb0f3dd45be1e25e.pdf?index=true](https://www.ffcmh.org/files/ugd/49bf42_ef1f835ecb994810bb0f3dd45be1e25e.pdf?index=true)

During the Month of May, each Community School will be hosting a topic on mental health for their school families.

## **Events for Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week:**

### **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Wear Green to support Children's Mental Health Acceptance! Take photos and share on your social media!

### **Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

1000 am: The Racine Public Library will be hosting a Storytime for our littlest readers on the topic of mental health.

700 pm: Mayor Mason will proclaim May 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week At the City of Racine Common Council Meeting

### **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:**

Moment of Silence: Take a moment of silence to recognize those children and youth in our community working towards recovery of their mental health challenges.

600 PM: The Main Project and Café located at 1014 State Street will be hosting a Family Movie Night. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and join us for the film viewing of "Inside Out" from 600 PM to 730 PM in honor of Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week.

For more info:

<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>

# Community Information:



May is  
National Mental Health Awareness Month



*Here is a list of NAMI Racine County events you can participate in during the month of May. There is No Cost, however, Registration is required for all events; details are listed below each event.*



**Title:** Virtual Ending the Silence (ETS) Training  
**Date:** May 10th **Time:** 12 noon  
 Join us, and United Way of Racine County to help you learn more about destigmatizing mental illness and finding resources and support. Together, we can help end the stigma.  
**Register at:** <https://untwdy.org/38A5MVY>



**Title:** Narcan Training  
**Date:** May 11<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 6pm  
**Location:** NAMI Racine County Office, 2300 DeKoven Ave.  
**Presenter:** Jamie Frost, NP Ascension All Saints  
**Description:** Training on the use of Narcan. This training is available to those in jeopardy of overdose, family members, friends, or anyone wanting to prevent opioid overdose.  
**Contact Sheri at 262-637-6200 or [shess@namiracine.org](mailto:shess@namiracine.org) to register now!**



**Title:** Essential Oils For Stress Management and Overall Health  
**Date:** May 12<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 7-8pm  
**Location:** NAMI Racine County Office, 2300 DeKoven Ave.  
**Presenter:** Corrine Baer, Wellness Advocate at doTERRA  
**Description:** Join us for an educational hour while Corrine Baer presents ways to use essential oils in our daily lives. There is No Cost for the special NAMI Racine County Mental Health Awareness Month event; however, space is limited so you must reserve a spot.  
**Contact Sheri at 262-637-6200 or [shess@namiracine.org](mailto:shess@namiracine.org) to register now!**



**Title:** Mindfulness, Meditation & Guided Relaxation  
**Date:** May 19<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 6 pm  
**Location:** NAMI Racine County Office, 2300 DeKoven Ave.  
**Description:** Join us as Grace Marie Redwood guides us through an hour of techniques to help you unwind and relax. There is No Cost for the special NAMI Racine County Mental Health Awareness Month event; however, space is limited so you must reserve a spot.  
**Contact Sheri at 262-637-6200 or [shess@namiracine.org](mailto:shess@namiracine.org) to register now!**



**Title:** Paint 'n Sip  
**Date:** May 26<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 6pm  
**Location:** NAMI Racine County Office, 2300 DeKoven Ave.  
**Description:** Join us for a Paint 'n Sip Social. We'll provide all the painting supplies and beverages (wine, water, soda) while our hosts, Sheri and Jamie, give you step-by-step instructions for your masterpiece. It's a casual evening of fun and socializing with others in the class. Space is limited so you must reserve a spot.  
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## Community Information:

**ATTENTION! 7-11 YEAR  
OLDS**



## ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

### Is happening just for you!

### June 20 to June 24, 2022

This is a residential camp especially designed for children in foster care, kinship care or other out of home placement.

There is no charge to the family.

The children enjoy many activities in a safe environment with 1 counselor per 2 camper ratio.

Applications can be found at [racine-rfk.org](http://racine-rfk.org) at the bottom of the first page.

For more information contact

Chris Oertel, 262-930-3416


Jill Kamm—262-498-1013

Or your case manager

Deadline for applications is May 11, 2022

*For more information  
contact Chris Oertel:  
262-930-3416*

# Community Information:

In partnership with 

## EATING SMART BEING ACTIVE

**JOIN US!  
TOGETHER WE WILL:**



### GET FREE RECIPES!

Learn how to prepare easy, low-cost, healthy recipes that kids love!



### SAVE TIME & MONEY!

Learn how to plan meals, shop smart and save time and money!



### CELEBRATE HEALTHY HABITS

Discover fun ways to be active with our kids, learn food safety, and model positive mealtime behaviors



### RECEIVE COOKING TOOLS & A COOKBOOK!

Upon completion of the series, you are sent items to use in your kitchen that reinforce what we learned during our time together.



**LIVE ONLINE VIA ZOOM!  
9 THURSDAY NIGHTS  
STARTS JANUARY 20TH  
7:00-8:00 P.M.**

Series Dates: Jan. 20, 27  
Feb. 3, 7, 17, 24  
Mar. 3, 10 & 17

## REGISTER ONLINE:



[https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bLORPKP885LnDaj](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bLORPKP885LnDaj)

Questions? Call Nicole at 262.635.5393 or E-mail: [nicole.leipskie@wisc.edu](mailto:nicole.leipskie@wisc.edu)

- All participants must be parents, guardians, and/or care for children ages 0-18 within their household.
- \*\*Childcare workers who complete the series receive 9 free hours with The Registry. \*\*(must also be parents/guardians of children 0-18)

For more info:  
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**FOOD WISE**  
Healthy choices, healthy lives.

UW-MADISON EXTENSION



# Community Information:



## What We Do

Our mission is to host vulnerable children and support families in crisis with extended family-like support. SFFC is motivated by faith to keep children safe and families intact by providing a network of support while parents get back on their feet.

Stabilize families and keep them intact

Prevent child abuse and neglect

Create social connections between families

## Core Values

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

INTENTIONAL COMPASSION

DISRUPTIVE GENEROSITY

## Who We Serve

We build social support systems around families experiencing:


- Medical Emergencies
- Unemployment
- Domestic violence
- Housing Crisis
- Alcohol/drug rehabilitation
- Many other concerns



For more info contact Amy at 262-757-3365 or [amywolfe@safefamilieswi.org](mailto:amywolfe@safefamilieswi.org)

**Safe Families for Children provides a secure circle of support for parents and their children who are in difficult situations.**

- We build layers of community-based connections and multiple levels of support for families in need
- We provide secure, temporary homes for children (parents maintain full custody) while parents get back on their feet
- We keep families intact by offering friends to support them
- All host families and volunteers are fully vetted

 (262) 725-5199 ext. 1

 [www.safefamilieswi.org](http://www.safefamilieswi.org)

# Community Information:

## How It Works

Safe Families for Children (SFFC) utilizes a compassionate community of vetted volunteers in Circles of Support (COS) to support families in crisis. Each role assists in the stabilization of the family unit.

### HOST FAMILY

Screened and approved by SFFC to host children in their home for short periods of time.



Family Friend

### FAMILY FRIEND

Provide support to families in crisis (e.g. mentoring, driving) and to Host Families (e.g. babysitting, driving, and providing meals).

### FAMILY COACH

Provide resources and casework-like services to parents in care. They also ensure that kids are safe in host family homes.

### RESOURCE FRIEND

Donate goods and provide services as wraparound support for their team.



Family Coach



Host Family



SF Church



Resource Friend

### Did you Know?

- SFFC was founded in Chicago in 2003
- Currently serving in 70 cities in the US, United Kingdom, Canada, and beyond
- There are 6 chapters in the state of Wisconsin
- Average length of hosting is 6 weeks
- After beginning with the Southern Chapter, the Racine and Kenosha chapter launched in 2021


### To Learn More

For more information on how you or your church can get involved, go to [www.safe-families.org/involvement/request-more-info](http://www.safe-families.org/involvement/request-more-info)

If you need help or to refer a family, go to [www.safe-families.org/request/](http://www.safe-families.org/request/) or call 262-725-5199 ext. 1

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# Community Information:

## FREE Early Head Start and Head Start!

Programs for Children  
6 Weeks-5 Years Are Enrolling Now!

- K4 Available (must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible and registered with RUSD or Burlington School District)
- Full Day & Extended Day (CCA required)
- Year- Round Programs
- Our Trained Staff Will Help Get Your Child Ready for Kindergarten

**NOW HIRING! Go to [www.accelero.net/careers](http://www.accelero.net/careers)**

Grand Avenue  
**3 Years Old to 5 Years Old**  
1032 Grand Avenue, Racine WI 53403  
(262) 456-2054

Burlington-Waller Elementary  
**3 Years Old to 5 Years Old**  
195 Gardner Avenue, Burlington WI 53105  
(262) 289-0940

Green Street  
**6 Weeks Old to 5 Years Old**  
1923 Green Street, Racine WI 53402  
(262) 456-0014

Next Generation Now  
**6 Weeks Old to 5 Years Old**  
1220 Mound Avenue, Racine WI 53404  
(262) 635-1920

**Some Documents are Required:**

1. Immunization Record
2. Medical Card
3. One of the following:  
W-2 Statement-OR-SSI/SSA Award Letter-OR- most recent tax return-OR-paystubs showing year-to-date totals
4. Most recent physical, dental and lead exam reports
5. Proof of Child Care Authorization (if applicable)



Use this QR code to enroll

Or use this link to enroll:  
<https://familyapplication.shineinsight.com/accelero>



*Head Start for the Best Start*

*For more information about Acelero Learning Head Start Programs, visit [www.accelero.net](http://www.accelero.net)*

For more info check out:  
<https://alwi.accelero.net/>

# Community Information:

**BOTVIN LIFESKILLS TRAINING – HIGH SCHOOL  
9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**FREE 10-WEEK  
LIFE SKILLS GROUP**

## Topics Covered:

- **Managing Stress, Anger & Other Emotions**
- **Healthy Relationships**
- **Risk-Taking & Substance Abuse**
- **Decision-Making For Health**
- **The Media & Health**

## FOOD & PRIZES

**Mondays  
3:30 – 4:30pm at the  
Anthony Lane Cop  
House**

Or

**Tuesdays  
3:30 – 4:30pm at the  
16<sup>th</sup> Street Cop House**

Contact Katie Meader for more info! 262-945-8205

## JOIN US! SIGN UP

Contact Katie Meader for more information!  
(262) 945-8205  
[kmeader@psgcip.com](mailto:kmeader@psgcip.com)



# Community Information:

**BOTVIN LIFESKILLS TRAINING – MIDDLE SCHOOL  
6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**FREE 14-WEEK  
LIFE SKILLS GROUP**

## Topics Covered:

- Decision Making
- Resolving Conflicts
- Assertiveness
- Myths & Realities of Alcohol/Substance Abuse
- Communication Skills
- Coping with Anger & Anxiety
- Advertising & Violence in the Media

## FOOD & PRIZES

### Wednesdays

4:30 – 5:30pm at the Anthony Lane Cop House

Or

### Thursdays

4:30 – 5:30pm at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Cop House

Contact Katie Meader for more info! 262-945-8205

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# Community Information:

## **BOTVIN LIFESKILLS TRAINING – PARENTING CLASS**

**FREE 7-WEEK  
LIFE SKILLS GROUP**

### **Topics Covered:**

- Family Communication
- Parental Monitoring
- Appropriate & Consent Discipline
- Clear Stand on Drugs
- Helping Your Child Build Life Skills and Self-Management Skills

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# Community Information:

## "My Life My Choice" Prevention Group

### What Is My Life My Choice?

"My Life My Choice" is an exploitation prevention group which helps equip vulnerable female identifying youth ages 12-18 with the tools needed to protect themselves from exploiters. The curriculum looks at the participants' vulnerabilities and hopes to help the participants shift if they are already on a path towards exploitation and prevent others from ever getting on that path. The group is 10 sessions with each session being 75 minutes.

### When will the group take place?

The group will start in February and meet on Tuesdays at Mitchell School from 4-5:15PM for 10 weeks.

### Who should attend?

Any female identifying youth ages 12 and up can benefit from participation in the My Life My Choice prevention group.

### Some children and teens are more vulnerable to being trafficked than others. This includes:

- Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
- LGBTQ+ youth
- Children in the child welfare system
- Children who are or have been in the juvenile justice system
- Children with low self-esteem and minimal social support
- Youth with a history of abuse

### What signs should I look for in my child?

- Running away from home
- Late for curfew or absent from school
- Has new items (jewelry, clothes etc.) you don't know where they came from
- Has a tattoo they won't explain
- Has a cell phone that you didn't purchase
- Is involved with an older male or friends
- Multiple sexually transmitted infections or pregnancies
- Secretive about what they are doing online.



**For more information or to register your child contact Kari Wilder at (262)619-1634 ext 117 or [kwilder@beleafsurvivors.org](mailto:kwilder@beleafsurvivors.org)**

For more information on the My Life My Choice program visit [mylifemychoice.org](http://mylifemychoice.org)

**MY LIFE MY CHOICE**  
EMPOWERING YOUTH. ENDING EXPLOITATION.

For more info:  
Contact: Karl at 262-  
619-1634 Ext 117

# Community Information:

## Grupo de Prevención "Mi Vida Mi Elección"

### ¿Qué es "Mi Vida Mi Elección"?

"Mi Vida Mi Elección" es un grupo de prevención de explotación designado para niñas de 12 a 18 años. El grupo les provee herramientas para protegerse de explotadores. El currículo mira hacia la vulnerabilidad de las participantes y las ayuda a darle un giro a sus vidas, si es que están siendo explotadas y evitar que otras sigan por ese sendero. El grupo consta de 10 sesiones que duran 75 minutos.

### ¿Cuándo se reunirá el grupo?

El grupo comenzará en febrero y se reunirá los martes en Mitchell School desde 4PM a 5:15PM. El grupo durará 10 semanas.

### ¿Quién debe asistir al grupo?

Cualquier niña de 12 años o más puede beneficiar de participar en el grupo de prevención "Mi Vida Mi Elección". Los participantes deben hablar inglés.

### Algunos niños y adolescentes son más vulnerables a la trata de personas que otros. Esto incluye:

- Afroamericanos, indígenas y personas de color
- Jóvenes LGBT
- Niños en el sistema de bienestar infantil
- Niños que están o han estado en el sistema de justicia de menores
- Niños con baja autoestima y mínimo apoyo social
- Niños con antecedentes de abuso

### ¿Qué signos debo buscar en mi hijo?

- Huye de casa
- Llega tarde al toque de queda o están ausentes de la escuela
- Tiene artículos nuevos (joyas, ropa, etc.) que no sabes de dónde vienen
- Tiene un tatuaje que no explicarán
- Tiene un teléfono celular que usted no compró
- Está involucrado con un hombre mayor o amigos mayores
- Múltiples infecciones de transmisión sexual o múltiples embarazos
- Son reservados sobre lo que están haciendo en línea



Para obtener más información o para registrar a su hija, comuníquese con Karl Wilder en (262)619-1634 ext 117 o [kwilder@beleafsurvivors.org](mailto:kwilder@beleafsurvivors.org)

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## Foster Care Hero May 2022: Thank you Providers and Congrats to Kylie G.

### Foster Parent Hero of the Month May 2022: Thank you Providers and Congrats to Kylie G.



This month we say a big thank you to all our providers as May is Foster Care Appreciation Month! You providers are an alpha-bet's worth of good. You are amazing, beneficial, caring, dynamic, essential, friendly, genuine, hard-working, impressive, jovial, knowledgeable, loving, meaningful, necessary, open-minded, patient, quintessential, resilient, supportive, transformative, understanding, valiant,

wonderful, xenial, year-long, and zealous. Thank you for all you do to support children and families when they need you most.

As well as recognizing our providers, we tip our hats in honor of and congratulate Kylie G, 3rd Grade, Gilmore Fine Arts who is the

winner of this year's sticker contest! At the start of the year we launched a new campaign, Keep Them Home, for which we hosted a sticker contest. Kylie, as well as several other's participated and we asked you, the community to vote! When asked why she participated, Kylie states, "I love all kinds of art and when my mom told me about the Racine County Foster Care sticker contest, I quickly started my drawing! I drew this picture because all kids need to be loved and have a safe place to stay." Her mom, Melissa, states, "As educators, Andy and I recognize the importance of the Racine County Foster Care program and encouraged Kylie to participate in the contest. When a child can't be with their own families, it's important they know what a loving home feels like. We thank those who voted in the contest and we hope that when you see Kylie's artwork throughout the year, it puts a smile on your face, the same way it does for the children who are impacted by Racine County Foster Care." Thank you to all who participated and again, a huge thank you and congrats to Kylie. Kylie's design will not only be a sticker, but will be featured on our other merchandise items!

If interested in learning what more you can do to either support foster care and/or become a foster parent?

Contact Jessica Scheeler:  
jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com  
or 262-638-6595 for more information.  
Or join an upcoming info session on May 18th at 5:30pm at 1717 Taylor Ave. Classroom D. Contact Jessica to register!



Kylie G. 3rd Grade - Gilmore Fine Arts - Keep Them Home sticker contest  
05/13/22 10:05 - RacineCounty.com/keepthemhome

"We don't meet people by accident. They are meant to cross our path for a reason."  
- Unknown

### Yum Yum for Your Tum Tum: Baked Salmon with Rhubarb

#### Ingredients:

2 shallots ( or sub ½ a red onion)  
2 x 12 inch stalks rhubarb  
2 tablespoons [olive oil](#)  
2 salmon filets ( 4-6 ounces each) skinless, thicker cuts are best here  
2 tablespoons [maple syrup](#)  
2 tablespoons [sherry cooking wine](#) ( or sub 1 tablespoon [balsamic vinegar](#))  
[salt](#) and pepper to taste  
8 sprigs thyme

#### Wilted Chard

1 bunch chard- leaves chopped, stems chopped thinly and separated  
1 tablespoon [olive oil](#)  
4 fat garlic cloves- rough chopped  
[salt](#) and pepper to taste  
1 teaspoon lemon zest  
squeeze lemon

#### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 325F

Slice shallots into thin wedges, long ways. Cut rhubarb in half lengthwise and cut into 4 inch pieces.

In a large ovenproof skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Sauté shallot for 3-4 minutes, until just tender and fragrant. Add rhubarb, sautéing for one minute.

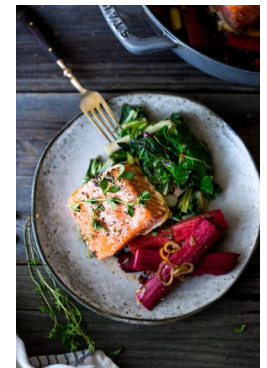
Push shallots and rhubarb to the outer edges of the pan and place salmon in the center.

Season salmon and rhubarb with a little [salt](#) and pepper. Drizzle [maple syrup](#) just over rhubarb ( do not skimp here). Drizzle [sherry wine](#) ( or balsamic) over the rhubarb Sprinkle with ½ of the thyme leaves ( saving ½ for garnish at the end). Place in the oven and roast for 15 minutes. Check salmon after 10- and pull if necessary, continue cooking rhubarb for full 15 mins or when it is fork tender.

In another skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté until golden about 2 minutes. Add chard stems, sauté for 1-2 two minutes then add remaining chard and season with [salt](#), pepper, lemon zest and a little squeeze of lemon. Set aside.

Plate the salmon and divide rhubarb shallot mixture among the two plates. Add the wilted chard.

*Spoon the flavorful liquid from the salmon pan over the salmon itself.* Garnish with remaining sprigs of thyme. Enjoy!



**RACINE COUNTY  
FOSTER CARE**

1717 Taylor Ave Racine,  
WI 53403

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<https://racinecounty.com/residents/bring-them-home-3113>

<https://www.facebook.com/racinecountyfostercare/>

Racine County Foster Care Unit is a team comprised of dedicated staff ensuring the safety and stability of children placed in out of home care. As well as, educating the community on the need for foster providers and what the foster care program is, our staff is also responsible for screening, interviewing and licensing all our prospective foster home. Additionally, the Racine County Foster Care unit is responsible for maintaining exceptional customer service with our families, to ensure all needs are being met, by providing support to our homes to ensure they succeed. The Unit is also responsible for placement of all children who enter out of home care. We are the family connection.

<https://racinecounty.com/government/human-services/youth-and-family/foster-care>

**We Need You!! Become a Racine County Foster Parent !**

Thankful to have had April showers grow our gardens, you too can help families blossom and grow, become a Racine County Foster Parent.

Contact Jessica Scheeler at 262-638-6595 or [jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com](mailto:jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com) to learn more about how you can become a foster parent and Keep Them Home!



**Keep them Home**  
Racine County  
Fostering Our Community • Fostering Our Kids

**ABOUT**

The Department of Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) is responsible for the safety and well-being of children and youth in Racine County. CYFS works to ensure that children and youth are safe, healthy, and thriving. CYFS also provides support and services to families and the community.

**CONTACT**

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