

## Kids Crossing Wants You...

To Go Back to School in 2011!

Sign up now for "Beyond Consequences" with Trainer, David Atencio

The Mission of Beyond Consequences training is to provide every child the opportunity to be parented out of love, ending the myth that a child can only respond and bond to a parent through fear-based parenting.



Where: Kids Crossing Aurora Office  
14901 E. Hampden Ave.  
Suite 205  
Aurora, CO 80014

When: Mondays in January for 10 weeks, beginning on Monday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Please try to attend all of the classes for the most benefit! *Note, there will NOT be sessions the nights of January 17 and Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> due to Holidays.*

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Why: To earn 2 training credits a night & to learn more about working with children with difficult behaviors.

Cost: FREE to Kids Crossing Foster & Group Home Parents/Staff

\*Unfortunately, daycare cannot be provided\*



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1440 E. Fountain Blvd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80910  
Phone: 719-632-4569  
Fax: 719-632-6573

Denver 303-861-8915  
Pueblo 719-545-3882





## Denver Foster Parents Monthly Support Group Meetings

**DATE & TIME:**

- First Wednesday of Every Month.
- Next Meeting: WED • NOV. 3rd • 10:00 to 11:30 AM

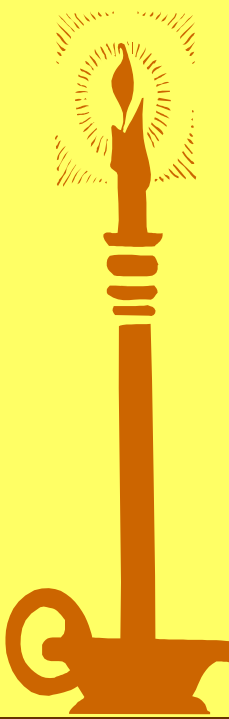
**RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:** Contact Amy at 303-861-8915 or [aharder@kidscrossing.com](mailto:aharder@kidscrossing.com).

**CHILD CARE:** Child care will be available — please also let Amy know if you will need child care.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Snacks and beverages will be provided

**TRAINING CREDIT:** 1.5 hours.

**TOPIC:** To Be Announced.



## KC FOSTER FAMILIES CHRISTMAS PARTIES:

Pueblo —  
Friday • Dec. 10th.  
Praise Assembly of God.  
Welcome 5:30 • Dinner 6:00  
RSVP by 12/2. Call 545-3882.

Colo. Springs —  
Monday • Dec. 13th.  
Sunnyside Christian Church.  
5:30 to 7:30 • Dinner 6 to 7:00  
RSVP by 12/9. Contact Home Supervisor.

Denver —  
To Be Announced.

# YOUTH FORUM 2010

Attention: This will be a System Change Discussion for Foster Parents and Youth in Care (ages 14-24).  
Have Your Voices Heard!  
Chat & Snack with Professional Adults.  
Youth & Adults Collaborating — Make a Difference!  
When: November 1st (Monday)  
Time: 6:00 — 8:00 pm  
Where: 105 N. Spruce St., Colo. Springs  
RSVP: 444-5211  
Hosted by the El Paso County Youth Advisory Board

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, ETC.



## Colo. Springs

### ♥ OPEN HOUSE • 1 HOUR

The next open house is scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 5:30 to 6:30pm at 1440 E. Fountain Blvd., Colo. Springs. The Open House is for introducing Kids Crossing to potential foster parents and anyone else interested in knowing more about KC and foster care. It's also a great way for veteran foster parents to get an update on changes. **PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT FOSTERING.** RSVP to Melissa Parkowski at 667-7044 or mparkowski@kidscrossing.com.

### ♥ CORE TRAINING • 12 HOURS

- Kids Crossing, Colo. Springs.
- Next training: Wed. Nov. 3rd, 6-10pm, and Sat. Nov. 6th, 9am to 5pm. (There will be a break for lunch on Sat.)
- A commitment to attending both days is required.
- RSVP to Jackie at 667-7050 or send an email to jporter@kidscrossing.com.

### ♥ CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING:

- Kids Crossing, Colo. Springs.
- Mon. Nov. 15
- First Aid - 5:30 to 7:30pm.
- CPR - 7:30 to 9:30pm
- RSVP to Kathleen at 667-7062 or send an email to kmueller@kidscrossing.com.

### ADOPTION TRAINING THROUGH EL PASO COUNTY DHS:

Adoption training classes through El Paso County consists of three classes. Each class is scheduled for a Tuesday/Thursday (2 hours each) session. You must attend both Tuesday and Thursday to receive credit for the class. Families should start with the first class and proceed through all 12 hours. The building is locked between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. and it is difficult to get someone's attention to get in the building after that time, so please be on time. Please use the north door (side door facing Denny's) and knock for admittance into the building. The trainings will be held at El Paso County Department of Human Services, 105 N. Spruce, Colorado Springs, in the Community Conference Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Classes will be held from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. All the adoption classes are required for new adoptive families receiving an adoption subsidy from El Paso County. Others may attend as well. Each class will be 4 credit hours, for a total of 12 hours. Sorry, but no child care is available and the Department will not reimburse for child care costs. The schedule for the remainder of 2010 is as follows:

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Get Ready - Preparing for Your Adopted Child  
December 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>: Get Set - Parenting Traumatized Children  
December 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: Go - Life After Adoption

Please call Melanie Lawson at 719-444-5974 or e-mail her at MelanieLawson@elpasoco.com to reserve your spot.

## FREE All-Day Training! RSVP deadline extended to 10/30/10



*Save the Date  
November 6, 2010*

You are cordially invited to  
An Educational Symposium  
**Achieving High Success  
In School**

Presented by  
**The Family Attachment Center**  
(719) 632-3204

### Topics included:

- The Five Points of Success
- Disengage From Power Struggles
- Build A Team For The Child Amongst Teacher, Parent, Professional, and Child
- Understanding Attachment as the Foundation for Success In School

The Penrose House  
Donated by the El Pomar Foundation  
1661 Mesa Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
November 6, 2010 9am-4 pm  
FREE with RSVP By October 10th  
Lunch is on your own

## Pueblo

### ♥ LOVE & LOGIC TRAINING:

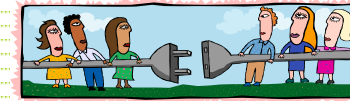
Catholic Charities • 429 West 10th St. Suite 102  
Phone: 544-4233 ext 120 or 112  
Fee: \$25 a person or \$30.00 a couple.

### ♥ ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY & EDUCATION:

924 Indiana Ave.  
Call 564-9039 to register. Fee: \$5.  
Classes meet at 6:00 pm.

- Nov. 2: Anxiety in Children
- Nov. 9: Coping when a Serious Illness is in the Family
- Nov. 16: Grief and Loss
- Nov. 30: Loving Your Pre-Teens and Teens into good Behavior
- Dec. 7: Writing a personal mission statement for the New Year
- Dec. 14: Understand Self-Harm Behavior

## Colo. Springs Foster Parent Support Groups



### \*\*\* FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP \*\*\*

#### DATES & TIMES:

- THU • NOV. 11 • HOLIDAY (NO MEETING)
- WED • NOV. 17 • 6:00 - 7:30 PM

TOPIC: Former foster parent and adoptive dad, Joe Rodriguez would like to meet with teen boys, ages 12-18, in order to acquaint them with the Colorado Springs Order of DeMolay, and he will also provide a pizza party for the boys at the same time. Mr. Rodriguez feels that some teen boys in foster care could benefit from the Order of DeMolay, because it is a strong mentoring program. Young men, who currently are part of the DeMolay group, will also be there to share their experiences with those in attendance. This will be an opportunity for foster parents to also learn about the Order of DeMolay. **We really need RSVP's, so that Mr. Rodriguez has the numbers for ordering pizza for the boys.**

RSVP if you plan to attend: Call Melissa at 667-7044 or send an email to mparkowski@kidscrossing.com.

CHILD CARE: Please call in an RSVP for child care, or we won't be able to provide it. Contact Melissa (see above.)

REFRESHMENTS: Please bring a snack to share; Kids Crossing will provide beverages.

TRAINING CREDIT: 1.5 hours.

### \*\*\* MENTORING SUPPORT GROUP \*\*\*

This group is for foster parents, who have been licensed at least 3 years and are interested in mentoring new foster parents.

- Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Thursday.
- Next meeting is Nov. 4 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Kids Crossing in Colo. Springs.
- **Please RSVP prior to meeting day for child care, or we will not be able to provide it.** Contact Melissa 667-7044 or mparkowski@kidscrossing.com.
- KC will provide refreshments, please bring a snack to share.

### ★ WELCOME ABOARD!!!

- ♥ Valerie & Dejuan and Laticia in Denver.
- ♥ Jennifer & Paul and Jenny & Jeffrey in Colo. Springs.
- ♥ Deanna & Rodney in Pueblo.

★ **CONGRATULATIONS!!!** Our best wishes go out to Landee & John on the adoption of their son.

★ **KUDOS!** Foster mom, Joan, is taking C.N.A. training and will graduate by 11/1/10.

★ **Going the EXTRA Mile!** Foster mother, Jackie, is truly dedicated to a youth in her home. A TDM was held recently due to behavior issues in the foster home. The team looked at higher levels of care, but Jackie was willing to work with family preservation in her home to keep this youth in foster care.

★ **Special Thanks!** Foster parents, Pat & Jack, continue to work hard with the children in their home.

★ **Off to a GREAT Start!** Foster parents Edie & Chris, are caring for the younger sister of a child they've already adopted. They have maintained a positive relationship with the children's mother, allowing family connections to continue.

★ **SUPER Team Effort!** Foster mother, Marge, has been working on transitioning a 9-year-old girl, Angela to her home toward the goal of adoption. Angela has been visiting the home every other week to become accustomed to the home. During those weeks, Marge drives Angela to her school in another district in order to minimize the transitions she has to deal with.

★ **THANK YOU!** Foster parents, Linda & Ted, originally provided a foster home for an 18-month-old girl. However, when her younger brother was born, the foster parents stepped up to provide a home for him also, so the siblings could be together.

★ **Going ABOVE & BEYOND!** Foster parents, Tina & Craig, are maintaining contact with a child, who was in foster care in their home previously. He was moved to a therapeutic foster home due to his extreme needs, but the Tina & Craig want to continue to maintain a connection for him.

★ **WAY TO GO!** Foster parents, Rudy & Jamie, will be licensed as adult host home providers in order to continue to care for the child, who has been in their foster home since 1990.

★ **SUPER effort!** Foster mother, Alice, is providing a happy and structured home for six youth!

★ **MAKING a DIFFERENCE!** Foster parents, Lisa & Randy, have committed to adopting a 2-year-old who has been in their home for the past 14 months. He has a number of special needs: requires G-tube feeding, is on oxygen 24 hours per day, has vision problems and will never be able to care for himself on his own.

★ **WAY TO GO!** Foster parents, Margaret & Ron, have been caring for two preschool siblings, and they are really on the ball, setting up services, transporting to visits, and being a support for the bio family. The boys are doing very well in the home.

**"Keep doing what you do so well!"**