



July 2010

Child Care & Family Resources Monthly Newsletter

Greetings...

Welcome to the FRC monthly newsletter. All of us here at the Family Resource Center hope to provide up-to-date information on program changes, trainings and updates.

Allow Us to Introduce Two New Clinicians

Beth Johnson, MA

Beth was born and raised in the Midwest. She earned a BA in psychology and Spanish from Creighton University in 2003 and a MA in clinical psychology from the University of Colorado-Denver in 2005. While in Denver, she spent almost 4 years working at a residential treatment center with children and adolescents. She moved to Juneau in June of 2010 with her husband and two small children.

Angela Schumacher, MSW

Angela has a Master of Social Work degree from Michigan State University and has worked with children, adolescents, young adults and families for ten years in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Rural Human Services from Finlandia University in 2001, and relocated to Juneau Alaska in May of 2010 with her spouse and two of her six children. She has worked in the Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Headstart, the Good Will Farm juvenile delinquency therapeutic residential program, and Michigan Technological University's Counseling & Wellness Services center offering a variety of clinically-based services.



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Angela Schumacher, Con't.

Angela's skills and professional experiences cover a broad range of therapeutic services including evaluation, treatment plan development, crisis intervention, direct service provision, program development, and utilization of evidenced-based treatment modalities. Angela is an instructor for the American Red Cross's First Aid and CPR courses, and has received mediation and forensic interviewing training and experience.

Changes in ISA Requests & Reimbursements

There have been some changes over the past few months that affect the way in which we can do requests for and reimbursements with ISA funds. When treatment team members identify specific items or services for a child of therapeutic necessity and merit for which Medicaid or private insurance will not pay, ISA continues to be a potential funding source. In order to request ISA funding, the team must agree to include identified items or services in the treatment plan contingent on funding, at the initial treatment plan or a quarterly treatment plan review. The signed plan is then submitted to the ISA office for approval or denial. **CCS can only purchase or reimburse for items or services specifically prescribed in a signed treatment plan, purchased within the treatment plan period, and pre-authorized by the ISA office with ISA funds.** CCS will not provide reimbursement for items or services not **specifically** prescribed in the child's treatment plan, purchased prior to authorization from the ISA office or purchased outside of the authorized plan dates. If the treatment team decides on requesting ISA funds for a guitar, and are pre-approved, only a guitar may be purchased. Identified items or services cannot and will not be changed during that plan period. We can no longer do back-dated request for reimbursement for any reason. Treatment team members are encouraged to make suggestions to the child's case manager for items or services to be considered in subsequent treatment plan meetings at any time. If you make a purchase approved for ISA funding, please submit your receipts for that purchase to the child's case manager or Marissa Micheli within 10 days of the purchase and we will have a check to you in 3 to 10 days.

Some Words from the Program Manager

It has been an exciting summer for the Family Resource Center. Summer programming has included Parenting Classes, Anger Management Classes, the Our Time support groups, family nights, training opportunities and in June a Foster Parent dinner.

Our Family Resource Specialists remain busy working with families in the community, helping with parenting skills, needs for the household, financial management and help getting employment skills.

As many may know, we are a Child Placement Agency through Office of Children's Services with the State of Alaska. Up till this summer, Child Placement Agencies in Southeast Alaska have been managed differently than those in the rest of the state. In late June, Helen Kalk and Bunti Reed began initial conversations with regional and state licensing supervisors to begin the process of standardizing our procedures, policies and protocols to come in line with the rest of the state. August 2010 will bring us multiple meetings with state experts to coordinate this process, and we will continue to update our progress through this newsletter.

Accreditation Moments: CCS is currently in the process of Accreditation efforts through the Council on Accreditation. This process examines all facets of an organization. What does this mean to us all? This is an exciting opportunity to give pertinent and critical information to make our programs the best they can be, and come into measurable provision of services which are best practice.

Watch for surveys, data reports and other signs that the accreditation process is underway.



Communication with the Family Resource Center

There are many changes in our lives as well as the lives of the children we serve. The FRC wishes to remind everyone how to get in touch with us to communicate changes. The Case Manager should be contacted with any changes in regard to Treatment Plans, long-term scheduling changes, as well as other services being provided. Please contact Jenny's desk, 463-6130, with daily schedule changes, emergencies, changes in drop off or pick-up locations, and other issues pertaining to daily programming. For example, if your child is sick and will not be attending programming that day, contact Jenny. If you have a question about scheduling your child for the summer, contact your Case Manager. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We are hoping to manage our time in the most effective way possible.



Calendar of Events

Wednesday, July 21, 2010 Family Night at Sandy Beach

Join us at Sandy Beach for food, fun and games. The fun starts at 4:30pm in the Log Cabin Shelter by the volley ball court. Dinner and games will be provided for the entire family. For more information, please contact Jan at 463-6131.

Support Groups, Trainings and Classes:

Single Dads Support Group – Meets every 2 weeks, the next meeting is July 26. This group is for single dads and covers topics such as single parenting, developing positive supports, and parent education. Contact Ben Cordero at 463-6132 for more information.

Our Time – This group is for any and all parents of high/special needs children. Childcare and a light meal are provided. Our Time meets every week on Thursday nights. Contact Bunti or Lori at 463-6132 for more information.

Parenting Classes – Series begins September 7. Contact Bunti Reed for more information, 463-6180.

Managing Aggressive Behavior Training (MAB) – August 14-27th. Contact Bunti Reed for sign up information, 463-6180.

Social Emotional Teaching Strategies – Wednesday, August 18 from 6-7:30. This will count as 1.5 hours towards foster parent or employee training hours.



Please take a few moments and fill out the “Emergency Contact” form attached to this newsletter. **One form per child.** Please fill out this form even if your kids may already have one on file. These may be faxed or dropped off to Marissa Micheli, Jenny Goodnough, Bunti Reed or the child’s case manager.

Fax: 523-6205

Please call Marissa Micheli at 463-6133 for more information.

Child's **LAST, FIRST** Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Grade in fall: _____ School currently attending: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian 1: _____ **Phone home:** _____ **Work/cell:** _____

Relationship to child: _____ Custodial Y N If not, who has custody?

Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Physical Address: _____ Employer: _____

Parent/Guardian 2: _____ **Phone home:** _____ **Work/cell:** _____

Relationship to child: _____ Custodial Y N

Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Physical Address: _____ Employer: _____

Child's Doctor: _____ Doctor Phone _____ er# _____

Emergency Contacts and those authorized to pick up your child if you cannot be reached: 2 contacts please

Contact 1: _____ Home phone: _____ Work/cell: _____

Contact 2: _____ Home phone: _____ Work/cell: _____

CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT

This authorizes **Catholic Community Service staff to transport and** to give permission to appropriate medical or hospital personnel to provide emergency medical care for :

in the event that I cannot be contacted immediately. It is understood that every effort will be made to locate me or my child's other parent or guardian before any action will be taken. I understand my obligation to keep program staff informed of my whereabouts. I will assume the cost of necessary medical or surgical care.

I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND EXECUTE IT VOLUNTARILY AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Allergies to food, animals, and medications: Also special diet needs : _____

Does your child take daily medications? Yes No

Type: _____ Physician: _____ Phone#: _____

Alaska Regulations prohibit childrens providers from dispensing medicine (Including aspirin, Tylenol and vitamins) without written permission and instructions. I authorize the following OTC medications to be given to my child _____

I, _____ give permission for my child, _____ to participate in the following activities .

Short walking field trips Transport in CCS Van Gymnasium fieldtrips Other _____

Swimming Public Library Juneau Parks Other _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____