



Clark County Department of Family Services

Communications Workgroup

Minutes for March 19, 2015

Present

Anne-Marie Abruscato, Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services
Julie Dahlen, DFS/Foster Parent
Dr. Deepa Hasija, Healthy Minds
Jennifer Erbes, Olive Crest
Brenda Herbstman, DFS
Kevin MacDonald, DFS
Denise Parker, DFS
Shannon Rooney, DFS

Agenda

Caregiver Courier April issue review
Caregiver Courier May, June, July content
QPI workgroup meeting reminder email schedule
Internal audience communications
Other

Meeting Minutes

Caregiver Courier April issue review

- Denise suggested adding two articles from the National Foster Parent Association newsletter
 - Foster parent taxes
 - Everyone can be a hero (national conference)
 - Spring Celebration
- Passport to Partnership
 - After discussion, changes were made to article to indicate it is open only to licensed DFS caregivers

***QPI Communications Workgroup Meeting Minutes, continued
Thursday, March 19, 2015***

Caregiver Courier May, June, July content

- **May**
 - Theme: Foster Care Month
 - Children’s museum, Children’s Day event
 - Spotlight: Foster Parent (BH)
 - Community Events
 - Child Welfare League of America : All the faces of foster care—Intro
 - Summer activities (DP, BH, JE)
 - Movies in the park
 - Dollar movies Tuesdays
 - Rec centers
 - Hotels (Free pools for locals)
 - Libraries
 - Camps (scholarships)
 - Mental Health: Mother’s Day challenges/sensitivities (A.A.)
 - Egg Hunt photos (kjm)
 - Family article (Paula or JE’s family)
 - “Submit your entries from the kids point of view, what is it like to go on vacation?” (PUT IN APRIL) – BH
 - Rec Centers separate article for two month
- **June**
 - FAMILY Reunification Month
 - Article about reunified family
 - Anne-Marie’s article
 - YMCA Foster parent scholarships (part of May issue)
 - Fourth of July fireworks

QPI Workgroup Meeting Reminder Email Schedule

- MacDonald to review mailing lists and make necessary revisions
- Workgroup meeting reminders will now go only to the respective workgroup list and DFS Managers list (no CAC or QPI list)

Internal Audience Communications

- Discussed methods of DFS employee communication
 - Email
 - DFSNet
- Review options with upper management for their feedback

Next Meeting

9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015
DFS Central Storey Room
121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.