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NEWSLETTER

FOSTER WARMTH

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FOSTER FUN & WARMTH THIS FALL

October brings crisp air, colorful leaves, and simple ways to foster warmth and make memories with the children in your home. Whether you're picking apples, choosing a pumpkin, exploring a corn maze, going trick-or-treating, or enjoying a local fall festival, these simple moments can help children feel connected, safe, and that they belong. Looking for a fall adventure? Check out Rhode Island's fall events and activities.





Resource families are invited to join us for this year's Trunk or Treat hosted by Devereux, Foster Care Connection RI, and Children's Wishes.

Come enjoy decorated trunks, treats, costumes, and a fun evening of community and connection. Bring the kids, bring your Halloween spirit, and come make some memories!

Wednesday, October 28
5:00–7:00 PM
2346 Post Rd., Warwick, RI
FREE & open to the public!

NEW! UPDATE

Foster Parent Monthly Transportation Reimbursement Forms can now be submitted via email to: DCYF.fostertravels@dcyf.ri.gov.
Forms can also still be mailed to the address on the form.
If you need assistance with transportation forms please email: dcyf.rds@dcyf.ri.gov

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FOSTER CARE RECRUITMENT

Please help us spread the word about the need for more resource families by sharing the upcoming information sessions.



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October Information Sessions

Saturday, October 10th 10:00-11:00AM
In-person at
Cranston Central Library
140 Sockanosset Cross Rd, Cranston
Register here

Thursday, October 15th 6:00-8:00PM
Adoption RI Virtual Foster Care Information Meeting
Email: aforte@adoptionri.org to register.

Thursday, October 29th 5:30-6:30PM
DCYF Virtual Foster Care Information Session.
Register here

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Questions? Email: dcyf.rds@dcyf.ri.gov

UPCOMING TRAININGS

FALL 2026 | October – December

Staying Anchored: Diving Deeper

Virtual monthly trainings for Rhode Island resource families, hosted by DCYF staff and Resource Family Peer Mentors. Each session explores key foster care topics through discussion and practical learning, while fostering connection and support. Training sessions use a variety of formats, including guest speakers, Foster Parent College highlights, and a mix of new and familiar foster care topics.



October 13 | Tuesday | 6:30–7:30
Permanency: What Resource Families Need to Know About Reunification, Adoption & Guardianship
Learn about the different paths to permanency and your role in supporting children and families through transitions.
👉 https://stayinganchoredmonthlydcyftraining.eventbrite.com

November 10 | Tuesday | 6:30–7:30
Foster Care & the Holidays
Strategies to help children cope with emotions and maintain a sense of belonging during the holiday season.
👉 https://stayinganchoredmonthlydcyftraining.eventbrite.com

December 3 | Thursday | 6:00–7:30
Nuts & Bolts of Foster Care
A refresher on foster care responsibilities, procedures, and practical tips to stay confident as a resource family.
👉 https://nutsnandbolts-Eng.eventbrite.com

Fall brings big emotions and important transitions.
These sessions help families understand permanency, prepare for the holidays, and stay grounded during a busy season.
All sessions count toward required foster care re-licensure training hours.

Questions? Email dcyf.rds@dcyf.ri.gov

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MORE TRAINING





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Yes, we are ready!!

Hello! This is the DCYF Placement Unit calling. We need a family for three siblings <u>tonight</u>, can you help?

<u>A Call to Our Licensed Families</u>

We are calling all licensed families!
We urgently need more families for siblings and single children who need a safe, stable place to call home.
Whether you're thinking about opening your home for the first time or wondering if it's time to welcome a child again, we're here to help. Learn more about the support available to you and how we can help you feel ready.
Ready to talk?
Reach out to us at: <u>dcyf.rds@dcyf.ri.gov</u>
Your home could be the safe place a child or sibling group needs right now!!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Click the image for some fun holiday craft ideas!



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The Heart Tree

Foster Forward

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