DCYF

SUPPORTING OUR ANCHORS

NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

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2026

NOVEMBER 2026

A HOME FOR EVERY CHILD

This year's National Adoption Month theme, "A Home for Every Child," reminds us that every child deserves a safe, loving, permanent family and a place to belong. It highlights the need to help children spend less time in foster care, keep important relationships and sibling connections strong, and listen to young people about the people who matter most to them.

Here's our challenge to everyone reading this newsletter: Talk to just ONE person this month about the need for more resource families! Share why it matters, encourage someone to learn more, or tell them how a resource family can make a difference in a child's life. One conversation could inspire someone to become an anchor for a child.

To all foster, adoptive, kinship, and guardianship families, thank you for opening your hearts and homes, providing love and stability, and making a difference in the lives of children and youth every day. Your commitment means so much!

A Home For Every Child

A home for every child starts with us. Children in foster care need families now. As a licensed resource family, you can help make a difference. Your willingness to welcome a child or sibling group could help meet a very real need. Maybe now is a good time to open your home again or consider a placement you haven't thought about before.

You don't have to figure it out alone. DCYF's RDS team is here to answer your questions, talk about your options, and help you learn about support available to you.

Every child deserves a family. Could your family be the one a child is waiting for?

Reach out to us at dcyf.rds@dcyf.ri.gov.



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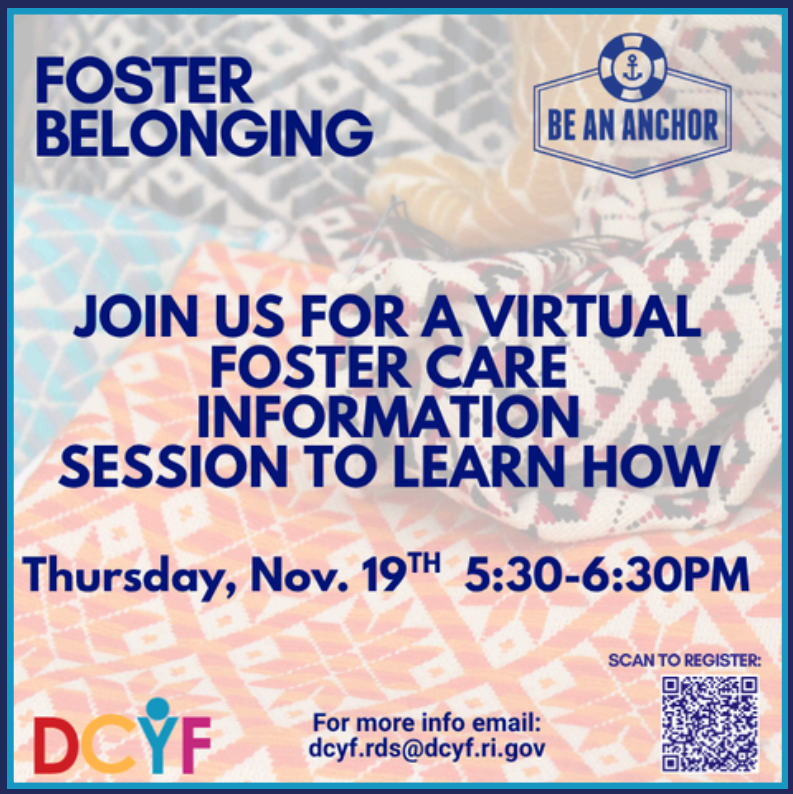
FOSTER CARE RECRUITMENT NOVEMBER INFORMATION SESSIONS

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

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UPCOMING TRAININGS

November & December 2026

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.



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.
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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.

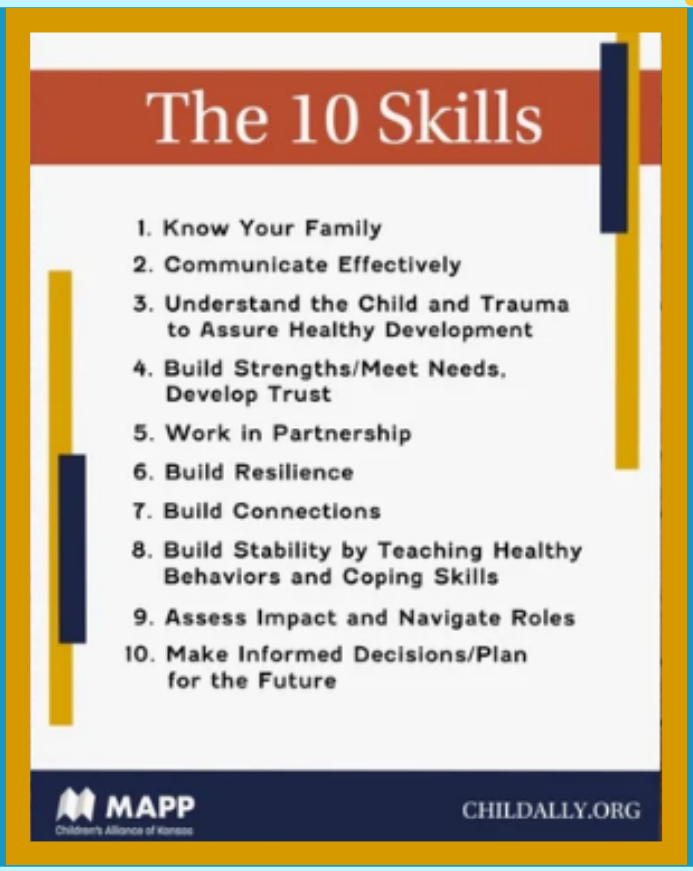
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NEWS AND UPDATES

MAPP Foundations: Updated Pre-Service Training

This fall, we began using MAPP Foundations (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting), the updated TIPS-MAPP curriculum for prospective resource families!

The new training offers a family-friendly introduction to foster care, trauma, and brain development. It also focuses on the Ten Skills for Resource Parenting, helping families build the knowledge and skills they need to care for children and youth in foster care.



RI RESOURCE FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

...we are **"Stronger Together"**

What is a resource family?

Are you a foster, adoptive, guardianship or kinship family?

YOU are a resource family!

Your Voice Matters!!

The Leadership Team wants to hear from you! Email us your topic ideas.

strongertogetherRI@gmail.com

Our upcoming meeting is on

Monday, November 9, 2026

7:00 to 8:30 pm via Zoom

In this meeting, we will...

*learn about the Office of the Child Advocate's (OCA) role in advocating for children's safety, well-being, and rights

*gain insight into current priorities and concerns affecting children and families involved in the child welfare system

*identify opportunities for shared advocacy, improved communication, and meaningful family engagement throughout RI

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Upcoming RI Resource Family Advisory Council Meeting November 9th at 7:00PM

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...somos **"Más fuertes juntos"**

¿Qué es una familia de recursos?

¿Es usted una familia de acogida, adoptiva, tutora o de parentesco?

¡Usted es una familia de apoyo!

¡Tu voz importa!

¡El equipo de liderazgo quiere saber de usted! Envíenos sus ideas de temas por correo electrónico.

strongertogetherRI@gmail.com

Nuestra próxima reunión es el

Miércoles, 9 de septiembre de 2026

de 7:00 a 8:30 pm por Zoom

En esta reunión, nosotras ...

*Comparta estrategias para defender con confianza y eficacia las necesidades y el bienestar de los niños a su cargo.

*Ofrezca una visión general de las Pautas de Crianza Prudente como base para futuras deliberaciones.

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EVENTS



Families had a great time at the Trunk otr Treat on October 28th! Big thanks to Devereux, Foster Care Connection RI & Children's Wishes!



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