



Director's Chair

So much has happened in the last few months. We made it through the holidays, Christmas vacation, spring break and a move . . . successfully! Now we are off and running . . . planning for the upcoming audits (to be held in the next 90 days), our annual picnic (to be held the first part of August) and summer vacation (which will happen whether we are ready or not)!!! Where does the time go??? With all the changes, your support has been appreciated, immensely. I want to again thank you all for your support and tolerance during the move. It went . . . smoothly, for the most part, and only seemed to cause a pinch of confusion. Overall, we LOVE our new digs. ☺

It is with great sadness that we said to goodbye to our office manager and teammate, Christina, as she has begun a new chapter in her life

(moving to another state to pursue a job opportunity and for personal growth). She will be missed by all!

Many of you have already met Tammy, our newest addition to the family. She has joined us in an agency liaison role. She will be the point of contact for agency files/licensure supports and assistance as well as some case management duties. It is a match made in heaven! She is a wonderful person, with a big heart, who is drawn to helping children and families as the rest of us pride ourselves in doing. Come give her a hard time . . . I mean . . . come by and meet her, if you have not already!

I have noticed over the past few months there has been a decrease in participation with the support groups. I am curious if this is due to

the day, time, topics covered, or a mixture of all of the above. If you would, please take a few minutes to email me (kncsst@hotmail.com), with some feedback as to how we can make this more fruitful for you. Our goal is to offer a combination of support and training that you find helpful and enjoyable. Ideas and feedback is always welcome!

In closing I again want to say how thankful I am to each and every one of you. You make my job easy and enjoyable. You truly are *the exception!*

*Shawntel Tucker, M.S. L.P.C.
Executive Director*



Storage Needs

As of right now the storage room is open for boys and girl sizes 12 months-size 8. Please call Tammy if you have any questions.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the storage and donating!

Volunteers are always needed to help straighten storage Room! Call Tammy!!

FUNDS!!!



COPARC can provide up to \$500 per child adopted through child welfare for qualifying needs!



Qualifying needs could include:

- ♥ Special Needs Therapies
 - ♥ Evaluations
- ♥ Various Camps
 - ♥ Respite Care
- ♥ Equine Therapy
 - ♥ Orthodontics
- ♥ Parent Trainings
 - ♥ Education & Tutoring



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Free Stuff

Shops At Briargate

*Pictures on the Promenade - free outdoor movie series. Thursday nights
June 30-August 4. Sponsorship and promotion opportunities available.*

Call 719-265-6264

Venue	Free Days	Eligibility
Denver Museum of Nature and Science 2001 Colorado Blvd. Denver, CO (303) 322-7009 www.dmns.org	January 9 January 31 February 14 February 27 April 17 August 22 August 28 September 18 September 26 October 31 November 13 December 5	Free Days are for Colorado residents only. A fee still applies to IMAX films, and Planetarium shows.
Denver Botanic Gardens 1005 York St. Denver, CO (720) 865-3500 www.botanicgardens.org	January 17 February 21 March 20 April 22 July 19 August 29 September 26 October 10	Open to Anyone
Denver Zoo 2300 Steele Street Denver, CO (303) 376-4800 www.denverzoo.org/	January 8 January 24 February 6 February 19 October 12 October 20 November 6 November 12	Colorado Residents
Denver Art Museum 100 West 14th Ave. Parkway Denver, CO (720) 865-5000 www.denverartmuseum.org	January 1 February 5 March 5 April 2 April 24 May 7 June 4 July 2 August 6 September 3 September 10 October 1 November 5 December 3	Colorado Residents

Support Group Dates

April 28, 2011 9a-11a

May 27, 2011 9a-11a

June 28, 2011 9a-11a

July 28, 2011 9a-11a

Your Attendance is very important and helps you stay in compliance with state and agency annual training requirements and hours. Please Come!!!!

If you have any specific training topics that you would like to see covered, please contact

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Subject: Info on the Adoption Tax Credit from Voice for Adoption

Adoption Tax Credit Update: It has been brought to our attention by families who have filed for the Federal Adoption Tax Credit that they are receiving letters from the IRS requesting additional documentation of qualified adoption expenses.

Unfortunately, the current IRS documentation notice says that everyone has to provide documentation of expenses. Families who adopt a U.S. child with special needs do not have to document expenses (in law since 2003). The North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) have staff who are working closely with the IRS to correct this error. They are recommending that you send a letter with your documentation explaining that expenses are not required for special needs adoption and that you have included documentation of the adoption and the child's special needs (the adoption decree and adoption assistance agreement). If you get another request for expenses, get the name and ID of the employee. NACAC is devoting special time and attention to this issue. Please contact NACAC at

taxcredit@nacac.org to report any unusual problems you are having or if you need help with a specific issue. Additionally, there are still families, caseworkers and tax preparers who do not know about the federal Adoption Tax Credit (ATC). Help us get the word out, download & distribute VFA's "Did You Know?" post-card at: http://voice-for-adoption.org/sites/default/files/VFA_AdoptionTaxCredit_postcard_2010.pdf

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Mission Statement

To provide the best quality care, education, and programs for children and families and to serve the community in which we live and work!

About Us

Kids' Resource Network was founded in 1985, moving into El Paso County area in 1992. In 2001 Kids' Resource Network broke into two separate offices making Kids' Resource Network of Colorado Springs its own Child Placement Agency. Since the beginning it has been our goal to grow gradually and to focus on a solid and stable program. Our outstanding resources are proof of that. Kids' Resource Network of Colorado Springs is the exception! We work with many diverse children and families, who all have different and special needs. We work with children from ages 0-18 and sometimes help young adults up to the age of 21 should there be special circumstances. KRNCS works to reunify children in a safe and stable family environment. Should a child be unable to return to their biological family, KRNCS helps to locate and finalize a permanent placement. In addition to Foster/Adoptive success, we also have a list of services that we provide such as CPR and First Aid and Family-to-Family involvement where a staff sits on various committees to ensure our full participation and voice in the community.

Monthly Spotlight...Meet the Johnson Family

Kwajalein and Kenny are fairly new foster parents with Kids Resource Network, but have quickly become such a great asset to our team. They have previous adoption experience and have displayed an amazing ability work with professionals to best meet the needs of the children in their home. They provide a loving, yet structured home and are committed to the best interest of children. Kwajalein is currently a homemaker, however she has professional experience in the human services field and is working to finish up her mastersq degree. Kenny is in the U.S. Army and is preparing to deploy to Afghanistan. We wish him the best of luck and a quick and safe return home.

They are very knowledgeable, patient and committed in every aspect of their lives. In their free time, Kenny and Kwajalein enjoy spending time together and visiting with their out of state relatives when time allows. They are looking forward to the warmer weather so that they can get outside and enjoy some of the local opportunities.

Kenny and Kwajalein have a great support system of family and close friends; but are looking forward to networking with other foster parents as well. Kenny and Kwajalein, you are truly the exception and very valued new members of our great team! Keep up the great work!!!! Your hard work and dedication have not gone

unnoticed.

