

1 CARE CONNECT

1 CARE PREMIER SERVICES' COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FAST 5: SUMMER SAFETY TIPS IN A FLASH!

With summer here, it's crucial to prioritize the safety and enjoyment of foster children. Here are essential tips to ensure a secure and delightful summer for your foster children:

Water Safety Tips:

1. Always supervise children around water, whether it's a pool, lake, or beach. Designate a "water watcher" to keep a close eye on children at all times.
2. Make sure children wear properly fitting life jackets when boating or swimming in open water.
3. Teach children basic water safety rules, such as not running near pool edges and never swimming alone.
4. Encourage children to take swimming lessons to build their confidence and skills in the water.
5. Have rescue equipment, such as life rings or reaching poles, readily available near the water.

Barbecue Safety Tips:

1. Keep children away from the grill area to prevent burns and injuries. Establish a "kid-free zone" around the grill.
2. Never leave the grill unattended while it's in use. Assign a responsible adult to monitor the grill at all times.
3. Ensure the grill is placed on a stable surface away from any flammable materials, such as trees or buildings.
4. Use long-handled tools to handle food on the grill to prevent burns.
5. Keep a fire extinguisher or a bucket of water nearby in case of emergencies.



Happy July! We hope that everyone is enjoying their summer so far. We are delighted to share that Care Premier Services recently underwent an on-site Yft monitoring visit, during which we received no indicators of concern. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your outstanding efforts in maintaining excellent monthly documentation and notes.

A special thank you goes out to the parents who participate in interviews during our monitoring visit. The representative spoke very highly of your knowledge about our agency, the children under your care, and our program model. Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed, and we truly appreciate the unwavering support you provide. Thank you for being such valuable members of the Care Premier Services family. Your commitment to the well-being of the children in your care is truly commendable, and we are grateful to have you on our team.



Mark your calendars for a fun-filled **Back-to-School Bash** on Saturday, August 3rd! Join us for food, games, and backpacks filled with supplies to kick off the new school year!

Please note, Ms. Kenesha will contact you this week for school supply lists; please return them by Wednesday, July 17th. Don't miss this chance to celebrate and prepare for a fantastic academic year ahead!



COMMUNITY UPDATES & REMINDERS

SUMMER ACTIVITIES REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Have you utilized our **Summer Activity Reimbursement Program** yet? You are able to receive \$100 per child for any summer activity or program. Please contact your case manager for more info. **Special thanks to Attorney and Former Judge William McLeod for sponsoring this program for our families!**



FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



Our first 1 Care Premier support group was a huge success thank you to all the parents who attended our next 1 Care Premier Services support group will be on July 25, 2024.

PARENT NOTES, DOCUMENTATION & COMPLIANCE

All foster parents should have received an email from Mrs. Sofia Bayne containing the updated Foster Parent notes that highlight the types of reinforces being utilized with the children. These revised notes are to be implemented starting from 6/20/24 and going forward. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out for clarification.

1 Care Premier Services is diligently working on preparing for the implementation of Extended Reach software to enhance the efficiency of documentation and compliance processes. Stay tuned for further details on the integration and upcoming training sessions.

TEXAS CHILD CENTERED CARE (TC3) READINESS BUILDING GRANT

We are excited to share that 1 Care Premier Services has received a Texas Child Centered Care (TC3) Readiness Building Grant to support the transition to TC3. Additional information on Texas Child Centered Care, which will replace the current level system, is provided below. 1 Care Premier Services is diligently staying informed, ensuring compliance, and initiating the credentialing process for the forthcoming implementation of Texas Child Centered Care.

For more details, visit: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/

REFERRAL PROGRAM

We extend our gratitude to all our foster parents who have been referring other exceptional individuals to 1 Care Premier Services. Your support is invaluable, and we thank you for your continued efforts. For more details about our **Foster Parent Referral Program**, please reach out to Ms. Nicole Mays Jackson.

