



Chosen Children

February 1, 2011



Welcome to Big Bend Community Based Care/Children's Home Society First Quarterly Adoptions Newsletter!

Hello! My name is Paula Lane and I am the Post Adoption Specialist for BBCBC/Children's Home Society. I have worked in foster care and adoptions for over eight years and I enjoy working with adoptive families. I am very excited about my new position and I look forward to assisting you and your family in anyway I can. If you have any questions, please contact me at 488-0506 ext 2059.

Adoption Competent Therapist

Great news! I have a list of Adoption Competent Therapist's that have been specifically trained to work with adoptive families on the impact of adoption and to help families understand the losses that adopted children go through. Please contact me for the list of therapist.

Featured

Adoptive Family

Approximately three years ago, April and Stu adopted a sibling group of two girls. The girls were eleven and six years old at the time of the adoption. The family states that when they adopted, April was pregnant and within seven months they went from no children to having three children in the home. April states that the biggest challenge has been going from zero to three children. They state that they had never parented prior to having the children placed in their home. However, April states having a good support system makes a huge difference when raising any child. April states that she can call on friends and family members anytime and they will help. She also states that her adoption counselor has been a tremendous help

even after the adoption was finalized. They have been able to call and request post adoption services when they have needed help. When I asked if they had any advice for new adoptive parents, April stated, "Families need to keep an open mind when raising any child. Treat adopted children as if they were your own birth children. Also, there will be challenges, but never give up on your child."

In The News!

If you have a story, picture, or a resource that you would like to share please email them to me at

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UPCOMING DATES

February 8, 2011 - New Support Group for TEENS. The support group will meet at the Heartland House from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. The group is designed to help them meet other teens that are adopted. If you have a teen that is interested, please contact me for more information.



Do you know anyone interested in becoming an

Adoptive Parent?

Please contact Paula at 488-0506 Ext 2059 to sign up for the next MAPP Orientation class. The class is on March 31 from 6-9 pm. The address is 1000 W. Tharpe Street Ste 15, Tallahassee.



Circle of Parents Support Group

Heartland House

1414 E. Indianhead Drive, Tallahassee, Florida

Second Tuesday of each month

The next meeting is on February 8, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

WANTED: A Home for a Child Waiting to be Adoption

Brianna is an outgoing, bubbly sixteen year old that is seeking a permanent home to call her own. She loves going to church and needs to be adopted by a family that will promote her Christian spirituality. Last year, she went on two mission trips to Guatemala and New Orleans. She is a very caring and helpful child that enjoys serving others in need.

Brianna also loves to be outdoors and spending time with animals. She recently went to a horse farm and had a wonderful time riding horses. Brianna would love to have a home where she could have a pet of her own.



She is in the ninth grade, is an A/B honor roll student, and is an active member in her school. Brianna is on the color guard team. She is also an excellent writer and speaker. Brianna can do some sign language and would like to continue her interest in this area. She also has a beautiful singing voice.

Comments:

“Brianna is a delightful child. She would be a wonderful addition to any family! She works well with children and she would also make a great big sister.” Ms. Brown, Adoptions Specialist.

For more details: Call Michelle Morris, Wendy Wonderful Kid’s Adoption Recruiter at Children’s Home Society (850) 921-9139. To learn more about children seeking adoptive homes, call (800) 962-3678.

Resources

www.adoptivefamilies.com

www.adoptuskids.org

www.nacac.org

www.davethomasfoundation.org

www.childwelfare.gov

For more information on trainings and events:

www.bigbendcbc.org

**Be on the lookout for the next
Adoptions Newsletter on May 1, 2011!**

