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Fall 2024 Newsletter

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COURT DATES
SEPTEMBER \$\$
OCTOBER \$\$

OCTOBER 24 & 25
OCTOBER 11
NOVEMBER 8

UPCOMING EVENTS

RECOVERY MONTH REENTRY SIMULATION

Join us to wrap up Recovery Month 2024 with a Reentry Simulation! These simulations provide powerful insight into the perspectives and barriers faced by people reentering the community after a period of incarceration and how we can better serve our community.

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED



Hosted by:



MEDIATION &
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
CENTER

HOMESTEAD
RECOVERY CENTER

\$15 Registration

Includes:

- Lunch
- Simulation
- Speaker
- Expo Fair
- Overdose

Reversal Training
& Free Narcan

SAVE A LIFE DAY
SEPT. 26, 2024



September 26, 2024

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Watauga Rec Center



NATIONAL
RECOVERY
MONTH

More Information:

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**Foster
parents can
get training
hours for
attending
reentry
simulation!!**





Foster Connection
Donations and items
will be collected. Go
to mabcb Boone.org
for a list of items.

Fall Fest

Fun for the Whole Family

Free Food
Live Music
Harvest Games
Hay Ride
Bounce Houses
& More!



October 9, 2024 | 6pm-8:30pm

ML Vernon Baptist Church
3505 Bamboo Rd, Boone, NC 28607



Family Fun Fall Events

September 20: Kid Cove Fall Fest
Oak Grove Baptist Church
5:30-7:30pm

October 26: Blowing Rock
Halloween Festival
3-8pm

October 27: Watauga County
Parks & Rec Trunk or Treat
5pm

October 31: Boone Boo!
5-7:30pm



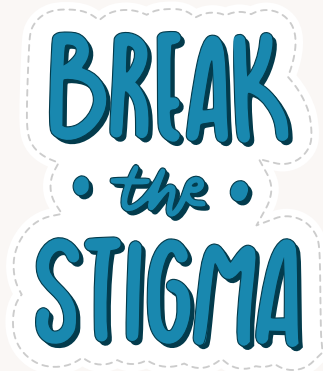
September is National Recovery Month



HOMESTEAD RECOVERY TRAININGS

NARCAN & Overdose Reversal
Community In Services
Recovery Reentry Simulation
(see above for information)

Please reach out to Mollie Bolick
at 828.406.8069 or
mollie@homesteadrecoverync.org
if you're interested in any
trainings



National Recovery Month (Recovery Month), which started in 1989, is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation's strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible.

SAMHSA aims to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery. In the years since Recovery Month launched, SAMHSA has timed announcements of initiatives and grant funding during Recovery Month, while collaborating with private and public entities to celebrate individuals during their long-term recoveries.

Steve Collins - Foster Care

**WELCOME
TO THE TEAM**

Steve is originally from Hampton, TN. He is currently residing in Johnson City, TN, with his mom, Jane. Steve is working to complete their new home on Beech Mountain, NC, and plans to move in very soon. Steve has a daughter, Alli, a son-in-law, Spencer, and 2 granddaughters - that he is looking forward to spending more time with on Beech Mountain. Steve has worked in Social Work for most of his life. He previously worked for the State of TN in CPS & Intellectual Disabilities. His hobbies include construction projects, hot rod cars, a variety of music, sports - especially high school athletics.



Mary Moffett - BSW Intern



Mary is a senior at Appalachian State majoring in Social Work with a minor in Spanish. She will graduate in December and is excited to work with Watauga DSS for her fall internship. She is passionate about mental healthcare and connecting families to community resources. In her spare time, Mary teaches spin classes, enjoys paddleboarding, watercoloring, and hiking. After Mary graduates, she plans to apply to the Masters of Social Work program to continue gaining valuable experience in the social work field.



Foster Parent Shout Out

Kathy Abi Haydar is a superhero in the foster care world! She has served the community of foster children outstandingly, meeting their needs and providing a safe, loving place for them to call home even if it is for a short period of time. She works diligently to understand each child's individual needs and how to best ensure that each need gets met without criticism. Her patience and care shine through in the way she works with, loves, and cares for the children that come into her home. Her background in teaching allows for her to be an amazing support system for the children's growth as well as parents' as they work towards accomplishing their own personal goals. If you see her out in community, be sure to give her a smile and thank her for all she does for the foster care community.



a child's perspective

What is an important lesson your foster parents or social worker have taught you?

FROM STELLA: Ms Emma taught me not to be afraid of my trauma. I was afraid to talk about my past. But it's important to talk about your past or it will bug you. I learned my trauma is not my fault, and it does not make me a bad person. Now that I've talked about it, I feel better and safe at home and everywhere. I sleep better too!

FROM PATIENCE: I have lived in 10 places over 2 1/2 years. Sometimes it hard to find people to trust. In my last foster family, they lied to me and said everything was alright, but it wasn't. They did not tell me my dad passed away, and I also had to move 3 days before Christmas to a new foster family. I was very sad because I thoguth they could be my forever family. Christmas came and I was with my new foster mom. She was not as bad as I thought. She really taught me how to trust again, and she's the best. She took me to camp this summer for the first time. She feels like a real mom to me and I feel at home.

FROM LAVADA: When you get abused or anything, then you need help, and if that means you are going to foster care, then do it! They're safe, and you're loved. If you ask me, the life in foster care if pretty good. Ms Franklin - she's the best. Now you want to know about her, here it is: she's been a foster parent for 20 years and now she is still doing it. The reason she is doing it is because her momma did it, and it made her want to do it. If you ask me, that's a pretty good idea and we need foster parents now days.

A photograph of two hands, one larger and one smaller, holding a white paper cutout of a family of five (two adults and three children) against a light green background. The hands are positioned as if presenting the cutout.

Online Training Resources

postadoptionsuccesscoach.org

<https://fosteringnc.org/on-demand-courses/>

Fosterparenttraining.com

fosterparent.com

fosterparentcollege.com

fosteringprospectives.org

adopttogether.org/top-5-general-adoption-resources-online/