



**FÖSTER PARENT
NEWSLETTER**

September 2022



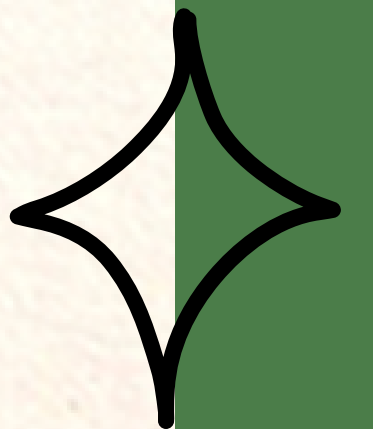


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Aug \$: 9/10

Sept \$: 10/8



Social Worker Spotlight



Paula Byrd graduated from Lees-McRae College in 2020 with a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Human Services. Paula is an Investigative Assessor for Watauga DSS and has been in this position for one year in August. This is her second year working in CPS, prior to working in CPS, she was a Food and Nutrition case manager in Wilkes County. She chose Social Work because she is passionate about working with families, meeting them where they are at and helping to provide resources that will help the families immediate needs as well as planting seeds that will benefit the family much more in the future.

In my free time I like to go to Antique stores, exploring paranormal sights, traveling, being out in nature and cruising in our 1971 VW Bus. Paula has three kids, Bethany who is 26, Raymond who is 24 and Kendal who just turned 18 years old and is in his senior year of high school. Paula and her fiancée Jason plan to get married sometime in 2023.

Foster Parent Spotlight

Chad and Alison had a strong desire for a large family and talked about adoption, even before their marriage. They thought their family would be a blend of biological and adoptive children. However, like so many other plans we have for ourselves, they felt God had a different plan. Experiencing infertility and then later miscarriages, they started to pray about how and when God wanted to expand their family. Learning about the tremendous need for foster families in the area, they thought there was no better way to love their neighbors than to open up their home to families. Since becoming licensed, they have fostered two children.

Their first, a two-year-old girl, was reunified with her mom, and they will complete an adoption next month of the baby boy in their home. They share that fostering is some of the hardest and most rewarding work they have done. During their first foster experience, they never thought birth mom would want to keep in touch. They thought once she's done with the process, she'd be done with them. Instead, they've visited together several times and even sat with mom during daughter's swim lessons. A very successful shared parenting relationship!





RELICENSE REQUIREMENTS



***every 2 years**

***20 hours of continuing education hours, each parent**

***CPR up to date**

***fire inspection**

***physicals**

***self-report medical**

***home visit, paperwork signed**



BUSY, BUSY!

We had 15 reports come in the first week of school. We usually have an influx when school starts but this was more than normal. Just something to keep in mind as we may see an increase in needed placements.



EVENTS



Sept 3-5 Tanger Outlets Summer Block Party

Sept 4 Kite Festival, Beech Mtn

Sept 10 Autumn at Oz, Beech Mtn

Sept 24 Alpaca Farm Days, Banner Elk





DONATION



We received a large donation from Alliance Bible Fellowship for our foster care fund!

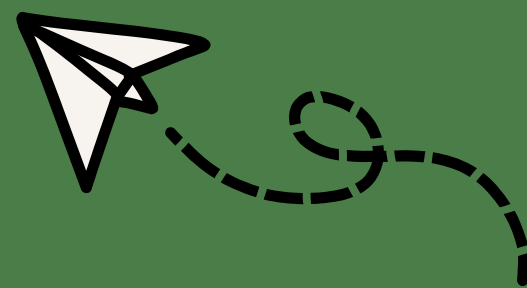




TRAINING CONFERENCE

Crossnore Communities for Children presents our fourth annual Fostering Communities Conference. Making a Way Home September 16-17, 2022 The Old Rock School 400 Main St. W. Valdese, NC 28690

<https://www.crossnore.org/fostering-communities-conference/>



Calming Skill

5 SENSES GROUNDING TOOL



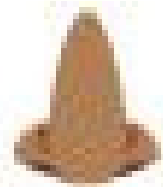
5 things you can see



4 things you can feel



3 things you can hear



2 things you can smell



1 thing you can taste

Simplify this with younger kids by having them identify one of each





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Thank You

