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Kayla's Village Newsletter



Support Groups

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"Parenting"

10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

October 6, 2007

November 3, 2007

December 1, 2007

Child Care provided

HSC Pediatric Center

1731 Bunker Hill Road, N.E.

Washington, D.C.

"Workers"

1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

October 5, 2007

November 2, 2007

December 7, 2007

Lunch if you attend training!

Trinity AME Zion Church

3505 16th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

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Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

As a project of South Washington Collaborative (www.swwr.org), *Kayla's Village* was born in July 2007. This concept was designed as another avenue to address the ongoing needs of foster and adoptive parents, guardians, social workers, and social service providers. Monthly trainings and support groups and annual appreciation events are being planned, but there are many additional ideas on the horizon! Membership

fees are VERY low, but are needed to offset costs of this emerging non-profit organization. The founder of *Kayla's Village*, Tonya Logan, has worked in the area of child welfare for over 16 years and is herself the parent of an adoptee. Although she has been in this field for many years, suggestions are always encouraged. Please go to the website's "Contact Us" tab and offer any ideas. For example, is there a particular

training topic you would like to have covered? Are there supports that would help you to improve as a parent or worker? We can only address a need if we are aware of it. Click on the tab today!

Please

refer

others!

Informational Meeting Held

On September 7, 2007, an informational meeting was held at Trinity AME Zion Church for those who wanted first-hand knowledge of the purpose of *Kayla's Village*. We were **ECSTACTIC** that 12 organizations were represented! There was a continental breakfast, a presentation, questions and answers, and a "commercial" of the upcoming social worker and social service provider training by Tabitha Meadors. Check out Tabitha's website at

www.templetrainings.net. We ended the meeting on an extremely positive note and everyone seemed to be excited. In addition, a \$20.00 gift card to Best Buy was won by **Diana Lampe of Catholic Charities**. If you arrive on time for trainings, you are eligible to win a door prize at the end of the session. We are grateful to all who came out to support this new endeavor. Check out the website to see upcoming events for *Kayla's Village* and others. Developing

networks and support help us all in this challenging work of which we are compassionate. Due to the "trickle down theory," if we improve as parents and workers, our children benefit. *Kayla's Village* is interested in recruiting more foster and adoptive parents, guardians, social workers, and social service providers and in keeping these members as well. Please go to the website's "Membership Form" tab if you are interested in joining.

Trainings

"Parenting"

October 3, 2007

"Maximizing Education"

Diedra Tramel

Frances Fuchs Principal

November 7, 2007

"Parent Power Workshop"

Mark Tatum, Project Reality

DC Regional Director

Dessert and Child Care

HSC Pediatric Center

1731 Bunker Hill Road, N.E.

Washington, D.C.

5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

"Workers"

CEUs approved!

October 5, 2007

"Collaborative Relationships"

Tabitha Temple

templetrainings.net

November 2, 2007

"Excelling while Supervising"

Angelia Baker-Matthews

Foundations

Trinity AME Zion Church

3505 16th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

October Themes

American Diabetes Month
 American Magazine Month
 Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 Children's Health Month
 Columbus Day
 Computer Learning Month
 Cookie Month
 Dental Hygiene Month
 Depression Month
 Dessert Month
 Disabilities Awareness Month
 Domestic Violence Awareness
 Energy Awareness Month
 Family Health Month
 Health Literacy Month
 Healthy and Lung Month
 Kitchen and Bath Month
 Medical Libraries Month
 Pedestrian Safety Month
 Physical Therapy Month
 Pregnancy and Infant Loss
 Yom Kippur
 Youth Against Tobacco Month

Monthly Highlight

Columbus Day

On August 2, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain for India. He wanted spices, silks, and wealth. Columbus took three boats and 90 men. After stopping at the Canary Islands, Columbus and his men saw no land for many months and then sailed the shoreline. Columbus had really

"discovered" North America on October 12, 1492 and this became known as the New World. Since 1920, it has been an annual holiday. In 1937, Franklin Roosevelt set aside October 12th as Columbus Day and later, Richard Nixon declared Columbus Day a national holiday to be celebrated on the second Monday in October.

Advisory Committee

Currently, we have 15 proposed Advisory Committee members consisting of child welfare and other social workers, professionals from other disciplines, and parents. People concerned about the welfare of children and families who have personally demonstrated their sincerity over the years were approached. SWWR has a Board of Directors so *Kayla's Village's* Advisory

Committee will advise us of how to address the myriad of needs of our members. Your input is so CRITICAL as this organization wants to provide RELEVANT services. After our initial meeting on October 19, 2007, we can better detail how to fulfill our mission. Some of the future activities considered will be exclusively geared toward including the children of our members as they are

certainly a part of the team. Again, if you have any suggestions or ideas, please submit them by going to the "Contact Us" tab on the website. Fundraising ideas will definitely be considered as well.



Honey Roasted Sweet Potatoes

2 pounds sweet potatoes
 2 Tablespoons olive oil
 2 Tablespoons honey
 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 Peel and cut the sweet potatoes into 1-inch pieces and put in a 9 by 13 inch

baking dish. In a small bowl whisk together olive oil, honey and lemon juice. Pour mixture over potatoes and toss to coat. Sprinkle with the salt, and bake, stirring occasionally, for about 1 hour, until potatoes are tender.

Name Contest!

This newsletter needs a name! Submit ideas via the "Contact Us" tab on *Kayla's Village* website. Suggestions must be received by **October 12**. The prize is a \$50.00 Target gift card! Get those creative juices flowing!