Happy February Kinship Family! We look forward to a very exciting month ahead. There are many activities and educational opportunities taking place this month and next. Please call us for all of your needs and suggestions as we are here to serve you, our wonderful Kinship caregivers. –Marie Yamato, CSA I

MOTIVATING THE TEEN SPIRIT WORKSHOPS - RSVP FOR YOUR TEEN TODAY!

- Motivating the Teen Spirit is designed for all teens. All teenagers deserve to have the right to learn what their emotional prosperity looks like.
- Motivating the Teen Spirit offers life-changing, interactive empowerment skills programs designed to address the challenging issues of the Teen Experience, one teenager at a time.
- We empower teens to make smart choices about alcohol, drugs, sex, and the pressures they face today.
- Rooted in strong self-esteem, teens who graduate our program communicate more effectively with their families, with the adults in their lives and with their peers.
- We focus on teaching teens to fall in love with themselves (some for the first time) and to make integrity-based decisions.
- Including the teen who may not have wanted to join us initially, on average over 80% of our teen participants choose to return for more.
- Bring them to us, come join us….and we will do the rest!

2 MTS Locations…Pick the One Closest to You:

Saturday, March 16, 2013 at: The Department of Children and Family Services – Torrance Office, 2325 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance, CA 90501

Saturday, March 30, 2013 at: Citrus College Foster/Kinship Education & Resources, 1000 W. Foothill Blvd, Glendora, CA 91741

Workshops: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, 9:30 am registration, 5:30 pm Graduation Celebration

CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AND RSVP TODAY at: (323) 298-3515.
Student community service hours available. Free Lunch and continental breakfast for teens.
COME TO THE BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS WORKSHOP

Where: Kinship Resource Center South, 9834 Norwalk Blvd. Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670  
Time: 9am to 12pm  
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2013  
Facilitated by Rio Hondo College Staff.

KINSHIP SUPPORT DIVISION PRESENTS... SPRING SPECTACULAR:  
FEATURING 3 ACTIVITIES FOR KINSHIP CAREGIVERS AND THE CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE

MULLIGANS FAMILY FUN CENTER  
525 WEST AVE P-4, PALMDALE, CA 93551, 661-273-1407  
(ANY SATURDAY/SUNDAY IN MARCH 2013)

MULLIGANS FAMILY FUN CENTER  
1351 WEST SEPULVEDA BLVD., TORRANCE, CA 90501, 310-325-3950  
(ANY FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY IN MARCH 2013)

SPEEDZONE  
17871 CASTLETON ST. CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748, (626) 913-9663  
(ANY DAY IN MARCH OR APRIL 2013)

RSVP FOR EVENTS AT (323) 298-3515, SLOTS / TICKETS LIMITED.

BIG THANKS TO KINSHIP CSW III, BEVERLY MILLER

Anyone who encounters Kinship CSW, Beverly Miller, knows how she can brighten a room just by her presence! From her infectious smile to her energy with caregivers and staff, Ms. Miller stands out. This month, Kinship is long overdue in thanking her for her creativity in decorating our Kinship Play Areas at Kinship South and North. Beverly has truly made the rooms special and a great place for children to play! Thank you Beverly…You are 5 Star and an asset to the Kinship Division.
ATTENTION NEW RELATIVE CAREGIVERS...

Come Learn About DCFS in a comfortable setting. Get your questions answered and meet other people that have recently had a relative child placed in their care. Come to our KEPS, Next Generation Orientations. The orientations are held monthly. Numerous Relative Caregivers have been through the Orientation and feel that they have gotten many of their questions answered. Orientations will be held:

When: Second Thursday of the Month  
10am-12pm

When: Third Tuesday of the Month  
Where: Kinship South, 9834 Norwalk Blvd. Santa Fe Springs 90670 from 9:30am to 11:30am.

When: Third Tuesday of the Month  
Where: DCFS Pomona Office, 801 Corporate Center Drive, Pomona, CA 91768, from 1pm-3pm

When: Second Wednesday of the Month  
Where: Kinship North, 5035 W. Slauson Ave. Suite G, Los Angeles, CA 90056, from 1pm-3pm.

When: Third Thursday of the Month  
Where: Kinship Satellite at Aspira Net, 1043 Pine Ave. Long Beach, CA 90813, from 1pm-3pm.

If you are interested in attending any of these orientations, you must RSVP to: (323)298-3515. All orientations are held in English. If you will need a translator, please inform when you RSVP.

*Orientations also available on an as needed basis, call (562) 777-1752 for Kinship Liaison covering your area.

IMPORTANT KINSHIP INFORMATION:

Kinship can provide you with information and referrals for any of your needs. Childcare, education, legal, emergency assistance, tutoring, housing, mental and medical information, DCFS intervention with CSW’s etc.

Also:

♦ Kinship Support Groups are held monthly throughout the County. Call for a Support Group near you.
♦ Kinship Resource Center South and North have Department of Public Social Services Staff that will help Kinship Caregivers with filing Non-Needy Relative Caregiver Forms. By Appointment.
♦ Kinship Resource Center North has a Department of Mental Health Worker that can help you with the mental health needs of your child. Call for more information.
♦ Kinship Resource Centers can help you in filing a WIC 388 petition if you need to change an order in the Children’s Court.

Kinship Resource Centers serve DCFS Open and Closed cases as well as Probate Cases and cases where relatives are caring for a child informally.
KINSHIP NEWS FROM OUR SATELLITE OFFICE IN LONG BEACH

(L-R: Assistant Division Chief, Jennifer Hottenroth, AspiraNet Chief Executive Officer, Vernon McFarland Brown)

In November 2012, DCFS Kinship Support Services opened a Satellite Office at AspiraNet in Long Beach. The new satellite office is located at: 1043 Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813. The collaboration is already beginning to be a great success. During the Christmas season, Kinship, with AspiraNet provided Christmas gifts to ten Kinship families in the community. AspiraNet graciously shared their toys with our kinship families and each child received 2-3 gifts. The children were delighted and glad to receive the unexpected gifts from the KRC Long Beach Satellite center. We extend our appreciation and excitement to partner with AspiraNet. This collaboration is truly important, making it possible to expand our services to Kinship caregivers in the community. For more information about KRC, Long Beach Satellite and AspiraNet Services, please contact (562) 426-3358 ext 5724. Satellite open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 4pm.

Kinship Resource Center Locations:

KRC-South, 9834 Norwalk Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670, (562) 777-1751

KRC North, 5035 West Slauson Ave., Suite G, Los Angeles, CA 90056, (323) 298-3515

KRC-Pacoima Satellite, Boys and Girls Club, 11251 Glen Oaks Blvd. Pacoima, CA 91331, (818) 717-4636

KRC-Edelman Children’s Court Satellite, 201 Centre Plaza Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91754, (562) 324-5282

KRC-Long Beach Satellite, Aspiranet, 1043 Pine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813, (562) 436-3358 Ext.5724

Call 1-888-MYGRAND OR OFFICE LOCATIONS ABOVE, FOR MORE INFORMATION. ALSO, PLEASE VISIT THE DCFS KINSHIP WEBSITE AT:  http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/