



DIRECTOR'S CHAIR



Spring break is officially behind us, graduation is approaching quickly, and summer is a mere 8 weeks away. It is hard to believe how fast time flies when you are having fun. ☺

This past year has brought about many changes. We are no longer doing case management for the department, which has its pros and cons. It seems as though the dust has begun to settle and things are starting to fall into place. Many of you have shared some feedback as to how this change has impacted you, your family, and the kids you work with. I encourage you all to continue to share how this (and anything else) is or isn't working out, so we can assist in being your voice. With us no longer doing the casework, some of you have turned to us for therapeutic services and supports for the kiddos and families you are working with. If this is something you are interested, please let me know and we will see if we can assist.

Support groups seems to be a bigger hit with the monthly training and evening classes being offered. If there is any feedback as to how this is going please feel free to share it with us. Also, if there is a topic you feel would be helpful, let us know and we will provide training to suit your request. ☺

We have made some final touches to our website (www.familyresourcenetworkco.com) and would love for you to take a peek at it and give us your feedback. The forms are now working, so if you need the password information to be able to access those online, please let us know so we can get you the updated information. In addition to these changes, there is a more active voice on the Facebook page. If you would like to share anything in this page we encourage you to do so (such as activities, and resources, or words of encouragement that may be helpful to others). If you have not already liked the page, please do ☺

With spring and summer up and coming, audits are sure to follow...We have already completed 3 of the 4 that are scheduled to take place. They have gone very well. We have our final audit; from the state, to review all of the foster family, adoptive families, and kiddos in care files. You all will be getting notice of anything that is overdue, due, and near due. Please do your best to get that in so we can impress the auditors as we have for many years.

Every day I feel blessed to be a part of this agency, and to be on your team. You all make such a difference and truly stand out as fantastic providers to the children and families in our community. I appreciate each and every one of you and hope that you know.....You all are simply amazing!!!

Shawntel Tucker



The Spotlight is on....
Jess and Mary



Jess and Mary have been providers with FRN since 2010. Jess and Mary have raised children of their own and decided they wanted to open their doors to change the lives of other children. Jess and Mary have exceptional parenting skills and offer an immense amount of love and patience to every child that walks in their doors.

Jess and Mary both work in education. Mary is a 2nd grade teacher and Jess works in the special education department. Jess and Mary are very active and love, hiking, camping, and bike riding. They believe that physical activity is very important for children who have experienced trauma. Jess and Mary are extremely patient and committed to the boys they serve.

Jess and Mary are very valuable members of this team and I always say that I wish I could clone them. Thanks for all you do and for making a difference!



Mission Statement

To provide the best quality care, education, and programs for children and families; and to serve the community in which we live and work!

About Us

Family Resource Network, formally Kids' Resource Network, was founded in 1985, moving into El Paso County area in 1992. Since the beginning it has been our goal to grow gradually and to focus on a solid and stable program. Our outstanding resources are proof of that. Family Resource Network is the exception! We work with many diverse children and families, who all have different and special needs. Our families and staff stand out above and beyond what could possibly be expected and provide an amazing service to the children and families in the community. We work with children from ages 0-18 and sometimes help young adults up to the age of 21 should there be special circumstances. Family Resource Network works to reunify children in a safe and stable family environment. Should a child be unable to return to their biological family, we help to locate and finalize a permanent placement. In addition to Foster/Adoptive services, we also have a host of services that we provide to the community, through our partnership with Kaleidoscope counseling, such as family, couples, individual, and play therapy, life skills, family preservation, parenting groups, foster and adoptive support groups, assessments, evaluations, and interventions and child and family investigations.

Support Group

- + April 28 9am AND 5:30pm: Why kids lie
- + May 28 9am AND 5:30pm: rewards and punishments
- + June 25 9am AND 5:30pm: handling a behavior crisis
- + July 28 9am AND 5:30pm: drugs and addictions
- + August 27 9am AND 5:30pm: empathy
- + September 28 9am AND 5:30pm: Sexualized behavior
- + October 28 9am AND 5:30pm: trauma
- + November 24 9am ONLY: handling the holidays
- + December: holiday party

There will be an intern available at all support groups for childcare ☺

If you plan on attending evening support group please be sure to RSVP to Justine at justine@familyresourcenetworkco.com or 227-7477 ext 17

A light Breakfast and Dinner will be provided!

Let's play some games

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 O W Z E C T T O X T L A Z P A
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 G R Z F E P D J Z A T V O Y K
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 R I M Y N G N W E Y N L J V B
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 E P A Z N M E M A Y F A I W O
 N G N V G V L R S B I E S H S
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BLOSSOM
 BUTTERFLY
 CLEANING
 DANDELION
 FLOWERS
 GARDEN
 GREEN
 MAY
 PICNIC
 RAINBOW
 ROBIN
 SHOWERS



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Spring Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters F L O W E R B U D.
 Don't guess - use logic.

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