

Newsletter

Labor Day
2022 Issue



Welcome to our new families!

A huge welcome to our new resource families! We are so glad to have you here as part of our St. Louis PARTNERS family supporting kids!

Donald Robb and Jasmine Capps

Karetha Evans

Randall and Mary Kirkman

Ryan and Yanji Meeter

Seth and Rachel Hinz

Cherese Fisher and Chris Watson

Helen Bailey

Ronald and Kelly Hayes

Ernest and Denise Brockman

Michael and Michelle Davis

Betty Scott

Raymond and Janice Buffer

Tim and Megan Coker

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Announcing Foster Parents Book Club!

Exciting news! We are launching a Saint Louis PARTNERS Virtual Foster Parents Book Club!



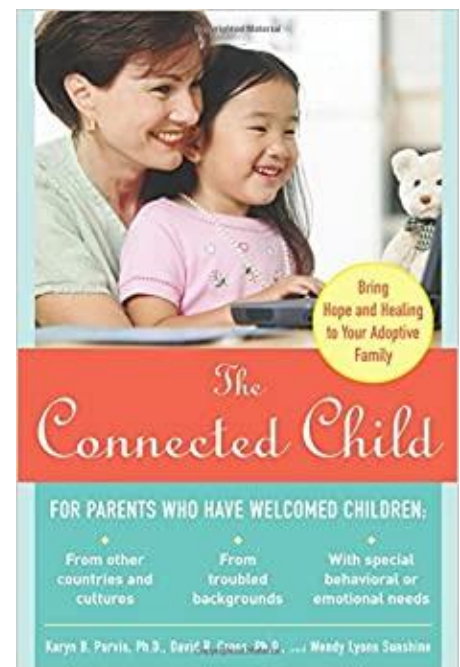
Better yet? Participating in the book club will count towards your required training hours too!

This will be a virtual book club so more of our foster parents can participate given your busy lives helping our kids.

It's a great opportunity to take a break, be inspired and have a greater sense of support and community.

Watch for dates and times to be announced! If interested, contact Holly Bennett at 314-938-5705 or email HollyB@BringingFamiliesTogether.com

Our first book will be *The Connected Child*! It's the type of book that you read over and over and keep learning something new!



Hope to "see" you there!

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Have a great Labor Day weekend!



Meet Ronald!



Ronald is a quirky and friendly 11-year-old boy! He is initially shy, inquisitive and playful. Ronald enjoys the playground, riding his bike / scooter and card games. He loves marine life and reptiles. Ronald can be a picky eater at times but is trying new foods. He is in the 4th grade and has an Individual Education Plan to assist him as he is delayed academically.

Ronald is physically healthy, prescribed daily medication and attends weekly trauma-focused therapy. Termination of parental rights has occurred. A loving family with trauma informed parenting experience; Level A trained or willing to complete Level A training; with a strong support network. Email Sarah Shands SarahS@bringingfamilies.together.com to inquire. Thank you!



We would like to recognize foster parent

Robert Jackson!

who has gone above and beyond as a relative placement provider for his two grandchildren. His worker states that he is such a sweet guy, and he has been wonderful to work with. Robert goes out of his way to make sure he stays in contact with the team and the nurse at OLH.

Robert works hard at his full-time job as a lawn mower technician; then he comes home and makes sure he takes care of every need the girls have. Robert is a single parent, so he does it all, including cooking, cleaning, making sure the girls have their baths and spending

quality time with the girls whether that be reading to them or playing games. He supervises visits with the parents and is always a cheerleader for the girls. He is at every FST and court date for the case. He does not ask for much in return and has little time for himself. Thank you, Robert, for all you are doing for your granddaughters and all you will continue to do. We appreciate all the hard work you have put in and the commitment you show to the girls' day in and day out!

Thank you to Robert and to all of our amazing resource families!

Interested in being a resource provider?
Call our inquiry line
314-938-5706!

Spotlight on our Resource Families

Meet Robert Jackson! Robert has gone above and beyond as a foster parent!



Annual Foster & Adoptive Family Picnic

Sat., Sept. 10!

Hosted by
St. Louis PARTNERS

Time: Noon - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Millar Park
11351 N. Hanley Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63130

(at the park's pavilion)

Bring: blankets / chairs

Activities include:
Lunch, fun, magician, face painter, balloon twister & more!

Join us rain or shine!

RSVP by Sept. 2 to
svinson@ccstl.org
with number attending



Sup's Corner: Listening to our kids

It's important to create opportunities for listening to our kids, which fosters stronger connections, builds trust and provides support. Here is one child's poem that she wanted to share...

The Stages We Feel

by Jazlynn

Depression can take over
you like water does ice,
but when I get there,
people try to be nice.
When you can't believe
she's gone, you start not
to believe. Then it starts
making you not achieve.
Staying in your bed
crying and sobbing all

night, but then I hear
"You'll be alright."

Eating ice cream because
you think it will make
you feel better. Not even
going outside to check
the weather.

Then you start to
remember all the times
she told you. "No matter
what I will always love
you," but it is hard to get
through. Then you finally
get up for school. Then
when someone ask if you
are okay you say, "I'm
cool." She in a family
that's sick. One dies, one
after another until it
quits. After six years,

somebody special goes
away. After you cried
you say you're okay, but
you're not. You try over
and over again not to
break down. but you
can't sometimes. You can
be small and
unnoticeable like an ant.
Well, you can't.
To those of you that have
lost somebody, keep your
head up and never give
up. You will keep going
and never get stuck. Be
brave and honest with
yourself and your
feelings, work through
your problems and don't
let it stop you to achieve.

Celebrating permanency for a little girl!

Exciting news!! HUGE congratulations to this happy family on the adoption of their daughter!! ❤️

We are overjoyed for this girl finding her forever home! Lots of love to this amazing family on their journey!

To learn more about foster care and adoption, please call our inquiry line at 314-938-5706!



Call to Action

How you can help PARTNERS

We are always looking for more foster families, especially for older children, sibling groups and children from hard places.

Our current foster parents are some of our best avenues for assisting with this project.

You can help in many ways.

- Share your story
- Host a virtual or in-person informational session
- Join our Foster Parent Advisory Board
- Refer your interested friends to our recruitment line 314-938-5706.

Please let us know about any clubs, groups, activities that you already participate in (such as work, church, social groups) and talk with your licensing worker about becoming a guest speaker to inform your group about foster care, abuse and neglect, or another topic they might be interested in.

Your experiences likely make you an excellent foster parent recruiter!

Thank you for all you do!



Upcoming Events

- **Bringing Families Together**

To find all the great events offered by BFT, including our twice a month Parent Cafes (virtual) and our monthly Foster, Adoption & Mentoring Info Sessions (alternates virtual and in person), please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BringingFamiliesTogetherSTL/events>

- **Lutheran Child & Family Services**

To find all the great events offered by LCFS, including our monthly post-adoption support group, please visit <https://lfcsmo.org/about/events/>, or <https://www.facebook.com/LFCSMO/events>

- **Good Shepherd Children & Family Services**

To find all the great events offered by GSCFS, including monthly Foster Parent Informational Sessions, please visit <https://goodshepherdstl.org/event-landing-page/>, or <https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdstl/events/>.

- **Our Little Haven**

To find all the great events offered by OLH, including our Golf Tournament on Oct. 17, please visit <https://www.ourlittlehaven.org/events-calendar/>, or <https://www.facebook.com/OurLittleHaven/events>

- **St. Louis PARTNERS Foster & Adoptive Family Picnic, Sept. 10** see page 2 for details

Interested in Adoption, Foster Care or Mentoring?

We would love to hear from you! We always have kids in need of a loving home and mentors to provide support. To learn more, just call our inquiry line at 314-731-3969!

Saint Louis PARTNERS Labor Day 2022



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Council on Accreditation

For nearly eighteen years, Saint Louis PARTNERS (Permanency: Achieving Results Through Networking, Education, Resources and Services) has been investing in the strength and stability of family through compassionate, comprehensive foster care and adoptive services. Our primary goal for each child is to create a bridge home to permanence, anchoring a child in the rich and trusted love of family. Our primary partner in this effort is you, the foster parent.

Saint Louis PARTNERS unites a partnership of four strong agencies:

