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Back To School!

August marks the beginning of back to school for our kiddos. All kids who were in care on July 1st should have received a \$300 clothing allowance check (or direct deposit). These funds should be used for clothes and shoes only (not school supplies). If you have any outstanding clothing allowance questions, please forward to Lori Bainbridge.

We hope everyone has been able to get all of the school supplies that were needed. If someone has any additional needs, please let a CPC staff person know what the need is.

We hope everyone's school year gets off to a wonderful start!



Medicals and Dentals



Every Community Base Care agency in the state is required to ensure our children in care receive proper medical and dental care. The dental requirement for all children over the age of three is to see the dentist every 6 months. The medical requirement after the age of two is to have an annual physical. For children under two, they may need to see the doctor more frequently for their developmental well-check requirement. It is typically the responsibility of the foster parents to ensure these requirements are being met. Your child's case manager should be asking you about any updated appointments at every home visit. You could also upload these documents into My JumpVault so that you don't have to give copies to anyone, it will already be in the system for anyone who needs it. Another tip to ensure the requirement is met is to go ahead and schedule your next appointment before you leave the office. Thanks for making sure our kids are well taken care of! We at CPC appreciate all that you do!

Head Lice

Yes, it's that season again! Head lice is most prevalent when kids go back to school after summer and again at winter break. Make sure you are teaching your kiddos not to share brushes, hats, ear buds, glasses, etc. Also, do regular head checks at home once per week to be proactive. A few drops of tea tree oil in a bottle of shampoo or a spray bottle with water also act as good preventive measures. If you are stuck with the pesky critters and have to treat, don't automatically jump to the harsh pesticides. There are a number of home remedies that are better for you, don't cost as much, and you likely have on-hand. Here is a good website for a total rundown on treatment:



<https://www.health.com/health/gallery/>

Buckle UP!!

Just a reminder.. Everyone in the vehicle should be buckled up, regardless of age and/or the distance of the trip. Please keep in mind the car seat requirements for infants and toddlers and make sure you are installing them correctly. Infants and babies should be riding in rear-facing carseats

until age 2. Children should be in a 5-point harness for as long as possible and after that should ride in a booster seat until at least age 5 (by law). However, many children are not big enough to be out of the booster before ages 8-10. Many fire stations will show you how to correctly install

one if you are unsure if you are doing it properly. And please remember that children under 12 should always ride in the backseat of the vehicle.

Be safe out there!



Pool Safety

Did you know that drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death for children 4 and under? Pool and water safety is so very important, it should always be on our minds, especially since we live in Florida and there is water everywhere.

When swimming this summer, please remember some basic guidelines:

1. **Never** leave a child unattended in the water! Even if they can swim, accidents can still happen
2. Keep rescue equipment by the pool
3. Keep toys away from the water when not in use
4. Keep doors leading to the pool area locked when not in use
5. Don't assume a drowning accident can't happen to you! Every summer hundreds of children drown.
6. Enroll your kiddos in swimming lessons. The YMCA has lessons for very reasonable prices.



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If you haven't been registered on My JumpVault yet, please contact Lori Bainbridge to get the info. We are eliminating Red Books for new placements so we want to make sure everyone has access to MJV and has a good idea of how to navigate the system. You should get a "placement packet" for new placements that includes the Shelter Order, Letter of Assurance, and Consent for Medical Treatment. If you have a child that already has a Red Book, you can keep it and still add to it if you'd like. However, we'd also like to utilize MJV going forward.

Don't forget that foster families get a FREE family membership at the YMCA after you have been licensed for 90 days. The membership allows you to workout and use facilities at any YMCA location. The membership also give you special "member prices" for programs such as dance, karate, swim lessons, and many more! Contact Lori Bainbridge to get a letter

Kudos!

Congratulations to Arletha Baxter for becoming Volusia County's first safe home for child victims of sexual exploitation (C-SEC)! Arletha has been with Volusia County Schools for over 20 years and has been a foster parent with Devereux for 10 years. We are so grateful to have a place for our C-SEC victims to get the level of care they so much need.

