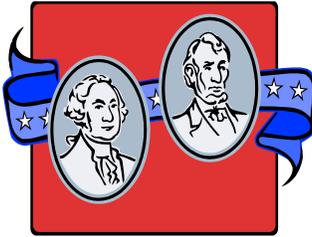


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Relatives/Grandparents as Parents Newsletter

TAX TIME

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Would you like to have a Relatives As Parents Support Group in your area? Would you like to learn about Financial Support, Legal Aid, and Medical & Dental Help? Get Emotional Help for the children you are raising and Educational Classes about subjects that pertain to you and the children you are raising? Maybe you would like to have a couple of social gatherings a year just to have fun with other families just like yours. If any of the above items interest you contact:
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EITC for Grandparents

Grandparents raising grandchildren may not realize they qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, provides seniors and low-income families with free tax filing assistance. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) provides services through its Tax Aide Program.

To find the nearest Tax Aide Program, contact AARP at 1-888-227-7669. During tax time, locations are available on the AARP Web site at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Qualified Children

Each year, millions of Americans are eligible to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). EITC, which is a tax credit for those who meet income and residency qualifications, means low-income workers could pay less federal income tax, pay no tax, or receive a refund. It is not necessary for families to have children when claiming the credit, but if they do claim a child for EITC qualification purposes, the qualifying child must:

- ❖ Be a son, daughter, stepchild, foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of them. (An adopted child is treated as the taxpayer's biological child. A foster child is any child placed with the taxpayer by an authorized placement agency, or court.)
- ❖ Be under the age 19 or under age 24 and a full time student at the end of the year. (A qualifying child may be any age if he or she is permanently and totally disabled.)
- ❖ Have lived with the taxpayer in the U.S. for more than half of the year. (This includes the 50 states and the District of Columbia. It does not include U.S. Possessions, such as Guam and Puerto Rico.)

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The Newsletter is Free! If you are not on our email list or regular mail list to receive the newsletter every month and would like to get it, contact me, Kimberly Heizer (208)983-1738 x235 or heizerk@dhw.idaho.gov and I will add you to our mailing list. If you know someone that might benefit from the newsletter, give us their address and we will send the newsletter every month.

More Tax Information

Only one person may claim a qualifying child for the EITC. Further rules and guidelines for a qualifying child can be found in IRS Publication 596, Earned Income Credit. If claimants think they might qualify for EITC and would like assistance, they can call 1-800-829-1040 or go to www.irs.gov/eitc and select "EITC Assistant."

Source: The EITC Program Office of the Internal Revenue Service

Grandparents
Raising
Grandchildren
www.aarp.org

Idaho KINCARE Coalition
Mission:
"To promote social and legislative change through education and advocacy and to provide the social supports needed by grandparents and other relatives raising the children in their care"

Groundhog Day
February 2nd, 2011



Presidents Day
February 21st, 2011

Fun Stuff

Lewiston City Library is doing story hours for children, this includes songs, stories and art projects, with different themes.

Pajama Story Time is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Regular Story Time is on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am.

February themes and dates:

Bathtime	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Hugs & Kisses	9 th , 10 th
Dinosaurs	15 th , 16 th , 17 th
Mud	23 rd , 24 th

For more information on Story Time at the Lewiston City Library, contact Heather at (208)743-6519 x106.



www.casey.org



Connected Child

Sponsored by Homes of Hope
www.homesofhopeproject.org

Bring Hope and Healing by learning Trust-Based Relational Intervention Techniques.

This training will provide adoptive parents, caregivers and professionals the knowledge and practical strategies to help at-risk children.

Who Should Attend:

- ✓ Adoptive Parents
- ✓ Foster Parents
- ✓ Social Workers
- ✓ Education Professionals
- ✓ Judicial Professionals
- ✓ Early Childhood Specialists
- ✓ Respite Providers

Topics to be covered are:

Attachment, sensory issues, neurochemistry of fear, Pro-active and Re-directive strategies and Trust-based Relational Interventions.

This program is free for Foster/Adoptive Families and Respite Providers, if registered by February 20th. There is a \$15.00 registration fee if registered after February 20th.

When: Friday, March 4th, 9am to 4pm
 Saturday, March 5th, 10am to 4pm

Where: 1800 8th Street
 Lewiston, ID 83501

For registration forms and information visit:
homesofhopeproject.org

Or call or email: Angie Derting
 (509) 758-8918
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Are You A Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Cousin or Sibling Raising a Relative Child?

Join A RAP/GAP Group if you need a listening ear or some new ideas. Contact:

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Are You Raising Relative Children?

You Are Not Alone! Would you like to meet other relative caregivers who are parenting again? Would you like to see a group formed in your area for relative caregivers and the relative children you are raising? Would you like to get a monthly newsletter? If you are interested, please contact:

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