

The North Idaho R.A.P. Family

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Hospice of North Idaho

Becca Hartzler MS, EdS Hospice of North Idaho Bereavement Counselor

PRESENTATION ON FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Becca Hartzler of Hospice of North Idaho will be doing a presentation on their services for grandparents and other relatives raising relative children Ms. Hartzler is a bereavement counselor for Hospice of North Idaho. She will speak at the Jewett House on February 14, 2013 at noon. Everyone is invited to attend this presentation. It is being sponsored by the AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer In Service To America) working on The Idaho Kinship Project, Kootenai Alliance for Children & Families, and Kootenai County KinCare Committee. Becca will speak about the similarities of grief from a death and the grief from a loss of a parent or adult child that relatives as parent families deal with on a daily basis. Becca will cover the physical, social, psychological, and emotional

grief the family goes through that is similar to a death in the family. She will address the needs and emotions of the adult relatives, the children they are raising and how Hospice of North Idaho can help. You have an option of eating a potluck lunch with us, bringing your own lunch or not eating. Beverages , plates and utensils are supplied. No cost child care is also available on the premises.

Hostess this month is:
Shirley Schopp

For more information or questions call: Glenda Weaver 208-769-7096

Save the date! 2/14/2012

**Jewett House
1501 E. Lakeshore Drive
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
February 14, 2013
Noon to 1:00**

Coeur d'Alene Relatives As Parents Meeting is on the second Thursday of every month at the Jewett House from noon to 1:30 pm. Child care is available at no cost on the premises. Join us for a potluck lunch and great information!

**You're
Invited**

Community Dinner

Everyone is Welcome!

**FREE cookie
decorating &
crafts: Each
kid can decorate
and take home a
sack of heart
shaped cookies!!**

Menu

Homemade Soups

Chili

Bread

Salad

Dessert

Beverage

**A Night for FREE
FOOD,
LIVE MUSIC,
& FUN!!**

**Bring the whole
family!**

**Prairie Avenue Christian Center
3639 W. Prairie Avenue
208-772-7541**

**Wednesday,
February 13, 2013
at 6:00 pm**

FREE

Enjoy a night off, we're making dinner!

Hearts for Home Dinner Auction

The Habitat for Humanity announces its annual fundraiser, "Hearts for Homes" Dinner Auction February 23, 2013. You can visit a list of items to be for the auction at Northidahohabitat.org Tickets are available by calling the office at: 208-762-4663 Ex. 1. Those wishing to find out more about North Idaho Habitat for Humanity can do so by going to their website.

My Life. My Story Contest

The Idaho KinCare Project is excited to announce the 2013 My Family. My Story, Contest. Children ages up to 18 years will explain through a drawing, poem, or short essay why living with someone other than their parents has made a positive difference in their lives. Children must currently live or have lived in a kinCare family in the past. The top 3 age divisions (Up to 9 yrs., 10 -14 yrs., 15 - 18 yrs.) will win a \$100 prize. All entries will receive a special gift from 211 Idaho CareLine. At the end of the contest, the entries



The RAP/GAP Mascot is the turtle. The turtle, like us and our children, has a hard shell to protect it from getting hurt, but the inside is soft, vulnerable and lovable. We must learn to stick our heads out of our shell and take a chance.

will be compiled into a booklet and sent to our entrants. So not only will the kids have a chance to win a prize, they will be published. For privacy reasons, only the child's first name and age will be published. All entries must be turned in or postmarked by May 31, 2013. For complete rules visit the kinCare tab at www.211.idaho.gov with questions.

Entry Forms on page 7

Help With All School Assignments

Do you have a student struggling with a school assignment because they don't understand the subject? Do you have trouble helping your student with the subject because you don't remember how to do it or perhaps you struggled with the same subject when you were in school? I often hear this complaint with math. Many people barely got by and end up with a poor learning experience. The good news is there is help. Go to the web site "khanacademy.org" and you will find serious, simple help in math, history, art and other disciplines of learning. This site is free and very helpful. It has a full list of math courses from early elementary education to as high as you can go. This source was established by a

brilliant young man named Sal Khan. Khan was a teacher and, seeing the problems students were having, he had an idea to help more people than those just in one school. He applied for and received a grant to set up a website which is free to anyone who wishes to use it. I would encourage you to do a Google search and check out this site. Khan explains things in simple language so everyone can understand. After you go through some of his courses you'll wonder why you didn't comprehend the subject matter years before.

Free Application For Federal Student Aid Completion Day

North Idaho College is having a FAFSA completion Day on February 9, 2013 at 10am to 2pm in the Molstead Library Second floor. Bring your Social Security number, Driver's License, 2012 W2 forms and 2012 federal tax returns. Free and open to the public. 208-769-3368

College Information Night

Get important Information about Idaho schools

4 --- 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, 2013

North Idaho College

Edminster Student Union Building

You have dreams. We can help you achieve them.

Workshops include information about financial aid, scholarships, dual credit, and more.

Free Pizza!

Free Prizes!

Admission is Free!

For more information, contact

IdahoGOES@gmail.com

or call Angie Sower (208)667---2588

www.idahogoes.org

Guide Designed for Raising Teenage

Parent Project is a parenting skills program specifically created to help parents identify, prevent and intervene in the most destructive of adolescent behaviors.

YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO:

- * Improve your child's school attendance and performance
- * Identify and stop alcohol, drug, and gang involvement
- * Stop unwanted or out---of---control behavior

COURSE SCHEDULED FOR WINTER --- SPRING 2012

Facilitated by Kootenai County Juvenile JusBce

Start date: February 6, 2013

Wednesday 6pm --- 9pm (12 weeks)

Kootenai County Administration Bldg

(where DMV/Licensing is located)

Meeting Room 1B

451 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

Register at 208---446---1970 --- Consumable class workbook \$22, no charge for the class

The Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit

The earned income tax credit and the child tax credit:

You could owe less in taxes and get cash back from the IRS!

* If you worked in 2012 - full time or part time - you may qualify.

* Even if you don't owe income tax you can get credits.

If you had children living with you for more than half of 2012:

EITC: children must be under 19 in 2012 (full time student under 24; children who are permanently and totally disabled can be any age)

CTC: children must be under 17 in 2012

If you did not have children living with you:

* You may claim the EITC if you were between the ages of 25 and 64 in 2012.

How much can I earn? How large of a tax credit can I get?

FOR THE EITC, IF YOU HAVE:	EARNED INCOME LESS THAN:	CLAIMED AN EITC UP TO:
1 child	\$36,920	\$3,169
2 children	\$41,952	\$5,236
3 or more children	\$45,070	\$5,891
No children	\$13,980	\$475
For the CTC, if you have	Earned more than:	Claim a CTC up to:
1 or more children	\$3,000	\$1,000

File a Federal Tax return to apply for the EITC and the CTC:

Free tax preparation service are available. For locations near you contact 2-1-1 for assistance.

If you work, you can get these tax credits and not lose other public benefits.

EITC and CTC refunds will not count as income when you apply for or renew benefits like food stamps (now called SNAP), SSI, Medicaid, cash assistance or public housing. Refunds that are saved do not count against these and other federally-funded benefit program resource/asset limits for 12 months after the refund is received.

The earned income tax credit estimator can give taxpayers an idea of how much the earned income tax might be worth to them by going to www.cbpp.org/eic2012/calculator and enter your annual gross income and the number of qualifying children you are raising.

For more information, call Rosalind Martin at 240-420-2260

The Jewett House

The Coeur d'Alene Relatives As Parents Group has the privilege of meeting at the Jewett House on the second Thursday of every month. Everyone that comes to our meeting are so curious about the history of this house and how we get to use this beautiful place for our meetings.

The Jewett House was completed in 1917 and was built for Huntington Taylor and his family. Taylor was the general manager of the Edward Rutledge Timber Co., the sawmill that once spread over the acres of the present day Coeur d'Alene Golf Course.

History reveals the second occupant of this home was George Frederick Jewett Sr. in the early 1930's. George was well known in the timber industry for his progressive ideas in forest conservation. He entered the timber industry in 1922 and became the office manager of the Clearwater Timber Co. In 1928 he joined the Rutledge Timber Co. in Coeur d'Alene where he served as general manager. It was at this point the Jewett House became their private residence and the home became associated with the Jewett name. In 1937 the Jewett's moved to Spokane Washington.

No longer a private residence, the mansion became a staff house in 1940 and was used to entertain company officials and international guests until 1972. In 1978, Potlatch Forests granted the mansion to the city of Coeur d'Alene with a deed in trust that provided the house be used as a senior center.

The Jewett House has an abundant features of the Craftsman movement. The first floor consists of an entry hall and central stairway and on the right, a dining room and behind that a butlers pantry and kitchen. On the left of the entry is a living room and behind that a cozy den. Both living room and den are back to back fireplaces. On the west side of house is an enclosed sun porch that balances the porte-cochere on the east. Upstairs are six bedrooms and three bathrooms; the third floor was a servant's quarters. There is also a large basement.

The Jewett House is very roomy and has a very cozy atmosphere. Now, seniors of the community and others meet and enjoy the Jewett House. When you sit on the front porch and gaze across the grounds and Lake Coeur d'Alene it is easy to let the stress go and with a little imagination connect with the past.

To help maintain the Jewett House and the grounds, the house is available, on a fee basis, for weddings or other gatherings. No smoking or alcohol is allowed.

Our Relatives As Parents Group is so very fortunate to be allowed to use the Jewett House for very little cost. Marla Lake, the house manager, is always there to greet us with her friendly smile. She is very knowledgeable about the Jewett House and is always ready to give tours.

For more information on the Jewett House call Marla Lake at 208-667-5194

Take Your Child To the Library

February 2, 2013 Hayden Library is having a "Take Your Child To the Library" day. Bring your child to Hayden Library for this very special celebration. The program will start at 10:30 and end at noon.

- Puppet show at 10:30 and 11:30 am
- Photo booth for children and families
- Valentine crafts

For more information call: Karen Yother at 208-772-5612 ext. 121

Idaho KinCare Project 2013

MY Family. My Story.

Expressions of children raised by relatives or other significant adults

Compose a poem, write a short essay, or draw a picture that describes how living with someone other than your parents (such as grandparent, aunt, or uncle) has made a positive difference in your life. Poems should be 20 lines or less; essays should be 200 words or less. Entries may be submitted on this entry form or on a separate white paper (8.5x11 inches) Drawings should be on white unlined paper. If this entry form is not used, make sure to include your name, age, address, and phone number.

Print your full name: _____ Age _____

Your mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mail your entry form to: My Family. My Story. or email your entry to: barrienn@dhw.idaho.gov

C/O 211 Careline
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720

Return or Postmark entries by May 31, 2013

Privacy Note: The information above is for committee members to contact you and will not be shared with third parties. Winning entries will be published with child's first name only, age, and city. No personal information will be given out.

Relatives As Parents Support Groups in North Idaho

The CdA RAP Support Group meets the second Thursday of the month at:

Jewett House

1501 E. Lakeshore Drive

Coeur d'Alene, ID

(A light lunch and child care is provided at no cost)

Noon - 2 o'clock

Glenda Weaver 208-769-7096 cell: 208-964-0667

Margo Peebles 208-667-0320

The Post Falls RAP Support Group meets the first and third Fridays of the month from 10 to 11:30 am at:

Head Start/Across from the library

106 West 9th Street

Post Falls, ID

The Bonnors Ferry

Contact Person:

Dena Riffle 208-267-8166

***Food Stamps, Iccp Child Care, and general questions call:**

1-877-456-1233

*** Medicaid Questions call: 1-866-326-2485**

*** Child Support Questions call: 1-800-356-9868**

Need help? Dial 2-1-1

Do you need help or want to volunteer, but don't know where to start?

Get Connected. Get Answers.

Dial 2-1-1 Or 1-800-926-2588

8:00 am - 6:00 pm MST Monday - Friday

www.idahocareline.org



N O R T H I D A H O

the **R.A.P. family**

Happy Valentines Day!

RAP family

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