

Region 3 – Caregiver Resources

Tacoma/Pierce County:

- **The Wishing Well:** Clothing (new and gently used) for children ages 0-18. Also includes books, toys, school supplies, event tickets, etc. Referral by child's social worker, CASA or case manager. Available to all open DCFS cases. Erika or Brent Thompson
thewishingwellwa@hotmail.com
(206) 406-2398 Puyallup, WA
- **Pierce County GAL/CASA:** Funding available through the Children's Fund. Requests for extracurricular activities. Youth must write an essay. Contact
- **Foster Care Resource Network:** Clothing (new and used) available for children 0-18. To access call Dianna Dawson at 253-468-3637. High Five for Kids enrichment program (lessons, music, sports, school or graduation needs, camp, etc) Children in out of home placement can access up to \$100 in a calendar year (Oct 1st – Sept 30th). E-mail Jenerfer – j.harbison@live.com to request funds. Backpacks and school supplies available each year to any open DCFS case. Call FCRN 253-473-9252 for dates and times of distribution. Monthly caregiver support group meets at the Sizzler (10204 S. Tacoma Way, Lakewood) the 1st Tuesday of every month. Arrive at 6:00 pm for dinner – speaker begins at 7:00.

Bremerton/Kitsap County:

- Kitsap Foster Care Association: New Beginnings Clothing Closet (new and used) for children ages 0-18. Also includes school supplies, toys, coats, etc. Call Jeanie to schedule an appointment – 360-265-3398. Back to school event for backpacks and supplies is August 20th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the DSHS office in Bremerton for Kitsap Cnty foster children only. Must complete the request form (kitsapfostercare.org) by August 8th. Dream Project - foster parents can access funds up to \$75.00 per year for activities, classes, camps, etc. An application can be found on the KFCA website
- NW Children's Outreach : Located in Belfair, this a Christian founded organization that collects and distributes resources for kids – clothing, infant care products, diapers, formula, etc. KFCA is a partner and can access this program.

Aberdeen/South Bend/ Long Beach - Grays Harbor/Pacific County:

- Citizens for Children Fund: This group raises funds for enrichment activities for any open DCFS case – ages 0-18. Social workers or foster parents complete the request and give to Skeeter Moore (fiduciary) who forwards it on to the Board for review. Usual payment is around 50%; depending on the request. They also submit a yearly grant to the Rainier Foundation for school supplies. This group will purchase clothing, diapers, etc. as needed, and also donates gifts during the holiday season.
- Grays Harbor Community Church: sponsors children at Christmas every year

Pt. Angeles/Pt. Townsend/Forks – Clallam/Jefferson County:

- North Pacific Foster Parent Association: Clothing closet for Pt. Angeles cases only.

Olympia/Shelton – Thurston/Mason County

- Junior League of Olympia: Enrichment program funding up to \$300.00 per calendar year. (June 1st – May 31) for children 0-18, in out of home placement. Social workers can make referral to Nicole Miller – millerNL@dshs.wa.gov.

Centralia/Lewis County:

- Lewis County Foster Parent Association: back to school picnic with school supplies for foster children – also sponsor an annual holiday party with toys and food
- Carters: pajamas every holiday season – distributed through DCFS office in Centralia.
- Centralia Office Clothing Closet – available to help foster parents and relative caregivers who have a child placed through DCFS; open during business hours; contact child’s worker or supervisor to make arrangements to meet caregiver.
- ChildCare Aware: connects families/caregivers to high quality child care and early learning programs <http://www.childcarenet.org/>

Kelso/Cowlitz County

- The Donation Center: Clothing, new and used, for children ages 0-14 –also includes toys, school supplies, books, linens, baby furniture. Contact Tammy – pattam1989@msn.com
- Cowlitz County CASA has funds for extracurricular activities for children in licensed foster home placements. Call Corie Dow – 360-414-5212 for more information.
- Luggage of Love: Karen Austin – www.luggageoflove.us – provide suitcases, backpacks, and luggage for foster children (with toiletries and pj’s, etc)
- Fibre Federal Credit Union: Christmas gifts for Cowlitz
- Longview Foursquare Church: comfort bags
- Lifehouse: clothing closet for teens 13-17 – Cathy Meschke – 360-578-0972
- Burgerville: food for yearly back-to-school picnic and meals for kids awaiting placement
- Molina Health care: food for support groups
- Community House – Frank Morrison: clothing

Vancouver/Stevenson – Clark and Skamania County:

- Bridge the Gap – enrichment program (athletics, music, education needs/tutoring, graduation, camps, etc). Funding of \$50.00 per month per child – any open DCFS case. Birthday program, purchasing gifts for any child 1-18. Contact child’s social worker
- Assistance League of SW Washington: New clothes for children ages 10-18. Ideally accessed for new placements or emergencies. Also supply shoe gift cards, and 400 – 500 backpacks each year.
- Marine Corps Auxiliary: supply food/snacks/drinks, diapers, formula, etc to the DCFS office for children awaiting placement or having visitation.
- Real Life Christian Center: hundreds of new socks and underwear for children 0-18 - yearly

- Compass Church: clothes, toys and baby supplies
- Crossroad vacation Bible School – hundreds of socks, undies, shoes, pj's, etc.
- Washougal United Methodist Church: quilts, pillows and hygiene kits
- Embrace Oregon (Mom's Club) Welcome boxes
- Party City: misc. party supplies, Halloween bags, Valentine balloons, etc.
- Barnes and Noble: over 1,000 new books every May
- Project Linus: quilts
- Lutheran Thrivent Foundation: School supplies every August (\$1000.00 grant)
- East County Kiwanis: supply all food for Foster Parent Appreciation and FP Holiday Party
- McDonalds: food for kids, food for Holiday and FP events
- Subway: food for annual Adoption Day celebration
- Waste Connections: 100 bikes at Christmas, school supplies
- Riverview Bank: gifts during the holidays
- Twin Star Credit Union: gifts during the holidays
- Evergreen High School: gifts during the holiday
- Main Event: gifts during the holidays
- Bonneville: gifts during the holidays
- Crossroads Church: gifts during the holidays
- Sleep Train: 20 new mattresses every month

Most foster children in Washington State (through foster care charities in their local area) are in some way recipients of all the Sleep Country (SC) drives throughout the year. Donations include coats, clothing, shoes, pajamas, toys, and school supplies. Distribution and quantity of goods vary in each area. Olive Crest, our recruitment/retention contractor is a recipient of Sleep Country. Olive Crest's liaisons are able to distribute to each local office. Bridge the Gap and the Wishing Well are the only other two agencies in Region 3 who partner individually with SC, and receive direct donations. If you have questions contact:

Olive Crest: Leeann-Marshel@olivecrest.org
 Wishing Well: Erika or Brent Thompson thewishingwellwa@hotmail.com
 (206) 406-2398 Puyallup, WA

All caregivers in the state receive a letter at Christmas from Treehouse, wherein they may select a gift for each child in placement. The gift is sent directly to the caregiver's home. Contact the child's assigned worker.

Foster Intervention and Retention Support Team (FIRST): provides neutral, third party advice and support to foster parents statewide (253-219-6782), when a foster parent experiences a licensing or DLR/CPS allegation against them and an investigation follows the complaint.

Foster Parent Critical Support and Retention Program: provides support to caregivers to help successfully maintain placements of sexually reactive children, physically aggressive children and children with other high risk behaviors – 855-395-7900

Region 3 - Foster Parent Support Groups:

Pierce County: http://fosteringtogether.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/SGFlyer_R3_Pierce-County_2.25.15.pdf

Olympic Peninsula: http://fosteringtogether.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/SGFlyer_R3_Olympic-Peninsula_1.21.15.pdf

Southwestern Washington: http://fosteringtogether.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/SGFlyer_R3_Southwestern-WA_2.23.15.pdf