

## Region 1 South – Caregiver Resources

### Yakima, Toppenish and Sunnyside:

**Voices for Children Foundation:** This foundation runs several programs to support children who have open DCFS cases in Yakima County they are:

- 1.) The IDentity Store – a boutique clothing store by appointment only. This store offers new and like new clothing as well as a “shopping” experience to children who are referred by their SW, CASA or case manager.
- 2.) Buddy Bags – a bag with the essentials; toiletries, undies, t-shirts, socks, school supplies, comfort items like a blanket, stuffed animal, flashlight, alarm clock. A bag is available for any child coming into care. Social workers are responsible for accessing these bags.
- 3.) Wishes – SW, CASA, case manager can make a referral for the little extra’s to support kids in care. This program covers things like sports gear and participation fees, musical instruments, lessons for various activities, enrichment activities and the ability to function in school extra-curricular activities like; dances, school trips, driver’s education, graduation activities.
- 4.) Kids closest – Again this program is by referred by SW, CASA or case manager. This program is about children having a clothing shopping experience in which they are allowed to choose what they purchase within their allotted budget.

Voices for Children Foundation can be contact at: <http://www.voicesforchildrenyakima.org/>

### Ellensburg:

**Fostering Hope:** at Mercer Creek Church in Ellensburg meets the second Monday of every month at the church located at 1407 N. B St. Fostering Hope provides training, free of charge covering various aspects of foster care, including child behavior issues, how the system works and coping with grief and loss for both foster children and families. A free dinner is served and child care is provided.

**The Compassion Closet:** is part of the larger program, Fostering Hope. The Compassion Closet in Ellensburg provides clothing, shoes, school supplies and other essential items available at no charge to foster families.

**TriCities, Walla Walla and Sunnyside:**

**Fostering Together - Our Closet:** Has new clothing, new winter coats, new pajamas, new shoes, school supplies, a few infant items like strollers and pack and plays and stuffed animals and toys for children in care. All items are on a “first come – first serve” basis. Our Closet is open by appointment only. Please call Dru Powers at (509)928-6697 to make an appointment. Locations is: 3616 W. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, enter at the back door at the west end of the house.