



DC CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

FOSTERING CONNECTIONS

A monthly newsletter for CFSA's resource parents
in the District of Columbia



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Sunday, July 21
Specialized Opportunity Youth (SOY) Open House
3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25
Family Match Night Information Session
6 p.m.
CFSA Headquarters

Wednesday, August 21
Community Foster Parent Recruitment Event
4:30 p.m.
Cinder BBQ

Congratulations to the OYE 'Class of 2019'

Celebrating 45 Graduates at OYE's Annual Youth Recognition Event

DC Child and Family Services Agency's Office of Youth Empowerment (OYE) celebrated 45 students who graduated from middle school, high school, college and vocational programs during OYE's 31st Annual Youth Recognition Celebration on Friday, July 12th. Hosted at Canal Park near CFSA's Headquarters, the event was filled with laughter and good times, including life-sized games, music, a dunk tank, food, guest speakers and more.

"The way we are honoring our youth provides us with an opportunity to have our staff engage with the young people we serve and care so much about," said Joelle Myers, OYE Educational Resource Development Specialist and co-coordinator of this year's celebration. "We certainly want to support the well-being of our young people to celebrate their achievements and accomplishments."



With 21 middle school graduates, 18 high school graduates five college graduates and one vocational program graduate this year's celebration is different from previous celebrations. "This year is a break from tradition. We normally have a formal event in a banquet hall. This time we had input from our youth and decided to let our hair down and celebrate in a fun, block party-style celebration," said Isaiah Branton, OYE Educational Resource Development Specialist and co-coordinator. "We wanted them to have a fun-filled memorable experience as we lift up their successes and completion of educational and vocational pro-



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There's still time to take the survey: Is the DC Foster Parent App helpful?

In an effort to ensure the DC Foster Parent Application (App) is effective and resourceful for resource parents, CFSA invites your input to ensure that the App has the functionality necessary for maximum use by our resource parents. If you have not done so, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey below. For more information on the Foster DC Kids App or to find out how to download the app, [click here](#).



[Click here to take the survey](#)

FAPAC News

“Navigating the DC Permanency Process in 2019”
A foster parent training opportunity hosted in partnership with Children’s Law Center (CLC)
When: August 3, 2019 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Where: 508 Kennedy Street NW, Room 302
Advance Registration required.
Limited childcare available through registration process

[Register Here](#)

News You Can Use

Are you a match? CFSA offers information sessions to find homes for specific youth

Can you or someone you know open your heart, mind and home to foster or adopt a child or youth in the District? CFSA is hosting monthly information sessions to offer potential resource parents an opportunity to learn about the children and youth in need of an adoptive home. These information sessions will focus on children/youth that need loving, caring and invested forever parents. Join us on any of the following dates from 6 p.m. — 8 p.m. Mark your calendars for the upcoming sessions: **Thursday, July 25, 2019, Thursday, September 19, 2019 and Wednesday, October 16, 2019.** All sessions will be hosted at CFSA. For more information, contact [Kristin Barnes](#).

As a reminder CSFA offers the following resources for those that complete the resource parent licensing process:

- [CFSA's Foster Parent Referral Program](#)
- [Child Placement Stability Placement incentive](#)
- [Performance Rewards Program](#)

Fostering Spotlight: Youth in need of a home

Meet Frances: Could you be the home she needs?

Frances is an outgoing, energetic, resourceful and resilient 17-year-old and came to the attention of Child and Family Services Agency in December 2015. She enjoys spending time with her friends, playing sports and engaging in activities that allow her to be active. Her favorite sport is track and field. Frances spends her free time listening to music and watching Netflix.

Frances wants a family that's active and one who would provide her with an opportunity engage in fun activities in the community. She additionally would like to be in a home that has pets; especially dogs. Frances would benefit most from a single parent or a two-parent household that has the ability to show their commitment to her and her well-being. A family that will consistently support her when her behaviors are worrisome. For more information, contact Kim Walk, LICSW at 202-727-2454 or kim.walk@dc.gov.



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