



# Resource Family Reader



For: Relatives, Foster Parents, Adoptive Parents, Legal Guardians, Extended Family Members, Foster Family Agencies, Group Homes, & Small Family Homes.

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## Summertime Fun in The Sun



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### Directory of Services

Call 211 for services in your area, or check them out at their website [www.informriverside.org](http://www.informriverside.org)

**Beaumont Community Service Dept.**  
951-769-8524  
**Beaumont-Cherry Valley Rec. & Parks**  
951-845-9555

**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
1-800-207-7567

**Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley**  
760-836-1160

**Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Co.**  
951-699-1526

**Cesar E. Chavez Library**  
951-657-2358 Perris

**Corona Public Library's Teens**  
951-736-2387

**Corona/Norco Family YMCA**  
951-736-9622

**Family Y.M.C.A of the Desert**  
760-341-9622 or 760-320-6430

**Jurupa Family YMCA**  
951-685-5421

**Moreno Valley Family YMCA**  
951-686-0137

**Mothers of Preschoolers**  
1-800-929-1287

**Parenting Resources—P.R.I.C.E.**  
951-826-4636

**Parks and Recreation Dist.**  
951-765-3712 Hemet  
951-413-3280 Moreno Valley

**Riverside County Office of Education  
Early Childhood Resources**  
1-800-442-4927

**Southwest Family YMCA**  
951-677-9622

**Valley-Wide Recreation & Parks Dist.**  
951-654-1505

### Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner

May 22, 2010



Congratulations to the Foster Parents of the year 2009 Sheila and Paul Bywater . In the past 30 years they have sheltered over a 1,000 children. "You have to do this whole heartedly; children will know when it's not from the heart. You have to love them as your own and never treat them differently."

The nominees were Jon and Donna Wray & Juan and Christina Arroyo.

Jon and Donna Wray have fostered over 700 children, ranging in all ages, in the past 17 years. "Have patience and treat them like your own. Expect out of them what you would your own."

Juan and Christina Arroyo have fostered 5 children in the past 4 years of which they have adopted 2 and are I the process of adopting 2 more. "There are a lot of children out there and they just need someone to love them. Love them equally because they are not different."

This years event was at the beautiful Monteleone Meadows in Murrieta. There were about 280 in attendance and the evening started off with opening remarks from our Assistant Director Sylvia Deporto. We heard the aspiring story from our key note speaker Antwone Fisher who himself was a former foster youth. In the evening we had a lovely dinner and dancing and were entertained by the Hot Peppers dancers.

A certificate of appreciation went to Donna Wray and her association All About Kids, for her work with children and Riverside County.

We congratulate the winners and the nominees for the difference you make in a child's life everyday. We can't thank you enough for all the time, love and support you share with children in your care. Thank you for being a mentor and role model to children and their families. We truly appreciate you all.

### August is National Immunization Awareness Month



### The Heart Gallery

In April 2010, Riverside County Adoptions joined with The Children's Action Network (CAN) [www.childrensactionnetwork.org](http://www.childrensactionnetwork.org) to recruit families for our children waiting for "forever families". Children's Action Network (CAN) produced eight short DVD's of children in need of permanent homes here in Riverside County. The DVD's then aired on Good Day LA every other Friday to help find homes for the children. The hope is to increase awareness about children's issues and the need for more families who are willing to adopt and provide permanence for children. Riverside County Adoptions is committed to finding all children in need of a permanent home in Riverside County a "forever family". For more information check out our website at [www.heartgalleryriverside.org](http://www.heartgalleryriverside.org).



# Caregiver Training

Riverside Community College's Foster and Kinship Care Education Program provides ongoing continuing education classes and workshops for Resource Families. These classes are accepted as fulfillment of the annual requirements from the state and county for maintaining licensure.

The program offers classes throughout the county – sites in Banning, Corona/Norco, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Riverside and Temecula/Murrieta. Most areas have classes in the morning and in the evening at least once a month. Classes in Spanish are offered monthly in four locations – Banning, Norco, Hemet, and Moreno Valley.

The 2010 brochure is available and can also be downloaded from [www.rcc.edu](http://www.rcc.edu); go to Student Services, then to Workforce Preparation, in the purple menu on the right. Click on Foster and Kinship Care Education. At the bottom of the page, is a link to access the brochure.

For more information on classes, or to receive a copy of the schedule of classes, please call the Director of the FKCE program, Penny Davis, at (951) 222-8937, or email to [penny.davis@rcc.edu](mailto:penny.davis@rcc.edu).

**Child Abuse Reporting Hotline 1-800-442-4918**

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### All My Relations

Hundreds of abused and neglected American Indian children are in need of homes.

Open your heart, help restore the circle.

Make a difference in the life of an American Indian child. To find out more call Indian Child and Family Services Tribal Consortium at 1-800-969-4237 ext. 24



Fun Activities

## Perris Valley Community Resource Fair



Thursday, September 30, 2010

11:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Perris Family Resource Center

371 Wilkerson Ave., Suite 'L', Perris, CA 92570

Several agencies will be on site promoting community

Giveaway's

services & employment application opportunities.

For more information please call the center at (951) 443-1158.

## Family Resource Centers Near You...FRC's

Riverside County has four Family Resource Centers that offer a variety of information and services to the public. For more information please call the center near you.

**Mecca:** 91-275 Avenue 66, Mecca Suite# 100, CA 92254, 760-863-7860

**Desert Hot Springs:** 14201 Palm Drive, Ste 108, DHS, CA 92240, 760-288-3313

**Perris:** 371 Wilkerson Ave, Ste L, Perris, CA 92570, 951-443-1158

**Rubidoux:** 5473 Mission Blvd, Riverside, CA 92509, 951-328-1575

## Childhood Injury Prevention Week: September 1-7



Let's all work together to keep our children safe.

The [As Safe As Possible Campaign](#) wants us all to know:

- 20.6 million kids are injured each year that's 56, 000 kids a day
- 22, 000 children die each year due to injuries
- 60, 000 are permanently disabled
- 90% of these injuries to young children occur at home
- 10,600,000 doctor's visits each year are for young children's injuries
- 8,700,000 ED visits are for young children's injuries
- Cost to the US health system each year? \$347 Billion

Source: [www.healthline.com/blogs/health\\_observances/2007/09/childhood-injury-prevention-week.html](http://www.healthline.com/blogs/health_observances/2007/09/childhood-injury-prevention-week.html)



### Dear Editor:

**Q:** My husband and I want to become foster parents and have two school aged children of our own, and we wanted to know what was the number of children we may have in our home?

**A:** Any licensed FFH currently having more than 6 minors will be 'grandfathered' as the updated regulations are not intended to affect any placement of children." However, through attrition, the licensed capacity is to be reduced. Further, the licensed caregiver has the right to request a waiver or exception if they wish to have more than six children. For new applicants, having six or more children of their own, the applicant has a right to request a waiver or exception. The licensing agency is required to assess the physical plant and also evaluate the caregiver's qualification to determine if they can meet the needs of all children, including the foster children. Training will be provided to guide licensing staff on how to evaluate and document the waivers and exception for approval or denial. The applicant/caregiver has a right to appeal if a waiver/exception is not approved." The preceding information has been provided by Community Care Licensing (CCL) regarding the new six child capacity limit. This regulation became effective April 3, 2010, 89228 Capacity Determination-California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 9.5, FFH.

Do you have a question you want answered? Or a helpful article that we can feature in our next newsletter? Fax it to (951) 358-7297. Or mail it to Editor Family Resource Reader - 10281 Kidd St-2nd floor Riverside, CA 92503.