



COALITION *Connection*

Summer Fun!

See what's happening on our social sites:



The hustle and bustle of the summer season remain in full effect. But, the good news is there is still time for you to plan a family vacation or getaway. After all, before we know it, schools will be back in session along with the academic and extracurricular activities that will be filling up our fall and winter calendars!

Perhaps you are planning a staycation or daycation, which consists of vacationing in locations closer to your home. Spending time together with your family and the children you foster can be a rewarding experience for all of you. Plus, you will have a wonderful experience of creating cherished family memories.

Please keep in mind, if you are a foster parent, you will need to contact the caseworker for the child you are fostering as soon as possible and discuss your travel plans. With prior approval, children in care can accompany their foster families on vacation. If a child in care cannot join you, you might inquire with your licensing agency regarding respite care options.

The Coalition is here to provide you with supports and resources. Please feel free to reach out to our Resource Specialists with any questions. Reach us toll-free number at 1-800-762-8063, or email us at: info@coalitionforcyf.org.



Recommended Resources

Other Resources:

[State of Wisconsin Foster Care Handbook](#)

[Travel Wisconsin - Official Guide to Wisconsin Tourism](#)

[Travel Wisconsin - Wisconsin Trip Ideas](#)

[Travel Wisconsin - Maps and Travel Guides](#)

[25 Best Things to Do in The Midwest, U.S.A. — Top Activities & Places to Go!](#)

[11 Best Family Vacations in Wisconsin — That All Ages Love!](#)

[15 Best Family Resorts in Wisconsin — That All Ages Love!](#)

Resource Reshare

Did you miss any of the resources we posted on social media?

Check out what we shared over the past week.

- Teacher, veterinarian, or big sister--no matter what their dreams, you can foster a future for kids in foster care. [Find out how to get started today!](#)
- Take part in some self-care activities by watching these free [Mindful Movement-Trauma Recovery Yoga videos!](#) Raise the Future has posted three adult lessons and two youth courses for individuals to attempt during their free time. Try to practice self-care this weekend, and remember how focusing on yourself can make life better for you and your loved ones!
- Not sure how to find available support from groups or other caregivers? Check out this [blog post](#) from Parent Self Care that provides 11 different suggestions on how parents can try to create or join a caring parent community!
- Start off your week by reading this [touching story](#) of an adopted family's path to togetherness!
- Check out this [news story](#) about two moms who started their own business making cards to celebrate adoption journey milestones!
- Siblings often argue and fight; a part of life, right? However, sibling rivalries and arguments can be more complex in an adoptive family since family connections were made differently. Here is a [tip sheet](#) with some reasons on why it happens, how to avoid it, and some ideas on how to deal with it when it does happen.
- Just because it is no longer Pride Month, that doesn't mean we need to neglect discussing about LGBTQ+ youth! Read this [article](#) about some essential ideas when it comes to adopting and affirming a queer child.
- How do you support strong sibling bonds between children who are family through foster care and adoption? Stephanie and Jermaine share a little of what has worked in their family through this [video](#).
- Tweens and Teens can always be difficult to understand, but there is a deeper complexity for a child who has been adopted. Join us for this [recorded webinar](#) to find out more about the development of tweens and teens and how to connect with an adopted tween or teen who is finding their own identity.
- Since the "Everyday Language and How it Impacts Trauma" webinar is coming up soon, check out this [article](#) now on how to use positive adoption language with your loved ones and why it matters!

Coming Up from the Coalition



Live Webinar Everyday Language and How it Impacts Trauma

Thursday, August 19

More details & registration on their site at
www.championclassrooms.org



Your portal to upcoming webinars, conferences, and events, as well as on-demand classes, courses, and resources.

Go to
www.championclassrooms.org



Foster parents, adoptive parents, relative caregivers, and more share moments of vulnerability, courage, and insight.

Go to
www.nomatterwhatfamilies.org

Our team of Resource Specialists is here to support you and your family every step of the way.
If you have additional questions or need more information, please reach out.

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