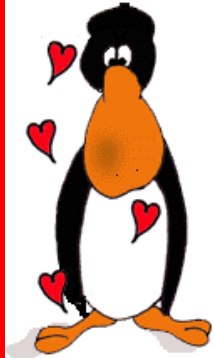


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Idaho 2-1-1 CareLine

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Check out the Idaho 2-1-1 CareLine updated site.

If you need help, resources or answers to your questions check the updated Idaho 2-1-1 Careline site. The 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine is a program of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. It is a free statewide community Information and Referral service. They have a comprehensive database with programs that offer free or low cost health and human services or 'social services' such as Rental Assistance, Energy Assistance, Medical Assistance, Food and Clothing, Child Care Resources, Emergency Shelter, and more.

2-1-1 Idaho careline aim is to connect people's needs with government, faith based, and community resources. Please contact us for assistance or refer those who need help to call 2-1-1 or go to 211.idaho.gov and click on KinCare Home. If you would like to speak to a real person dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-926-2588



R.A.P. Meeting

2nd Monday of the month (February 8th)

Jewett House

Noon to 2:00
1501 Lakeshore Dr.
Coeur d'Alene

A light lunch will be provided along with coffee and cookies.

Alan Wasserman
Legal Aide Attorney
Will be the speaker

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Relatives As Parents Group Meeting

The Kootenai County R.A.P. group had their first meeting of the 2010 year on January 11th. We had 18 members at this meeting. We all got to know one another and shared information. All though each of our stories are different we share the same bond in that we are raising children when we didn't expect to be doing this at this time of our lives. Some of our members have received court orders to file their yearly guardianship / conservator papers. The fee for filing this document is \$25. This filing has a lot of us confused and angry.

I called Alan Wasserman, Legal Aide Attorney, and asked him to come speak to us about guardianship and why we have to file yearly. Alan Wasserman has agreed to speak at our meeting on February 8th. If anyone has this document or copies of the document you filed please bring it with you. Also bring a list of legal questions you wish to ask. This should be a very informative meeting! Mark your calendar for 2/8/2010 at the Jewett House at Noon.



Mission is to:

"Build healthy families by promoting broad-based community collaboration and coordination to combine resources to reduce substance abuse, increase literacy, and to reduce the duplication of services."

*Kootenai County Kin-Care Committee c/o KACF
610 W. Hubbard, Ste. 123
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814*

Mission of Kootenai County Kin-Care Committee is to:
Advance Community Support for a Safe and Nurturing Environment for Children Raised by Relatives.



The RAP/GAP Mascot is the turtle. The turtle, like us and our children, has a hard shell to protect it from getting hurt, but the inside is soft, vulnerable and loveable. We must learn to stick our heads out of our shell and take a chance.



What is IRIS?

Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System

IRIS is a statewide system designed to help you and your healthcare provider keep track of your family's immunization records.

- Enrollment in IRIS is completely voluntary and free.
- Completely confidential and secure, your information can only be accessed by enrolled healthcare providers, schools, or child care programs.
- Everyone with an immunization record can be part of the system.

How will IRIS help me?

- If you move or change providers... any enrolled site can retrieve your or your child's records.
- If your or your child's immunization record is lost... any enrolled site can retrieve and print an official copy of your or your child's immunization history.
- Schools and child care programs can retrieve and print an official copy of you child's immunization history.
- IRIS reduces the chance of having incorrect or additional immunizations given due to incomplete records.
- Immunization schedules are complex; IRIS helps your healthcare provider keep track of which of your child's immunizations are due and when.

Who has access to IRIS?

- You (through an enrolled site)
- Enrolled healthcare providers
- Enrolled schools and child care programs

What information is entered into IRIS?

- Full name
- Birthdate
- Gender
- Mother's maiden name
- Guardian's first name (when applicable)
- Address
- Phone Number
- Information which may determine if your child is eligible for free vaccine.
- Your child's current shot record and any previous shots that have been given.
- Vaccine deferrals and exemptions.

For More Information: 208-334-5931 or www.immunizeidaho.com

ElderHelp of North Idaho, Inc.

Open House!

At the Sandpoint Library - 140 Cedar Street

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

7:30 - 8:30 am, 11:30 - 1:00 pm & 4:30 - 6:00 pm

ElderHelp of North Idaho is opening an office in Sandpoint to serve seniors in need in our area

All work done by volunteers!

Phone: 208-304-3818

Email: info@elderhelpofnorthidaho.org



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Free Tax Preparation and e-file

Let IRS trained volunteers prepare your federal and state taxes this year. Most volunteer sites open February 1st.

Kootenai County Tax Preparation Sites:

- Silver Lake Mall
- Rathdrum Senior Center
- Post Falls Senior Center
- Lake City Senior Center
- Athol City Hall
- Lutheran Church of the Master
- Spirit Lake Library

What to Bring:

- Valid Picture ID
- Social Security Cards or a document from SSA with your Name and SSN.
- Social Security Card for dependants
- Form W-2 from each employer
- Forms 1099-INT or 1099-DIV, SSA-1099, 1099-R

- List of your medical, taxes, interest, contributions, and miscellaneous expenses (to itemize your deductions).
- Copy of last year's tax return.
- Child & dependent care information.

Call the Idaho CareLine 2-1-1 for specific times and days.

AARP Tax-Aide cannot file:

Depreciation, WA sales, rental expense, farm income, K-1's (unless only income is from interest dividends and capital gains), federal HAS/Archer MSA, Credit for solar, wind and geothermal, foreign tax credit.



Idaho KINCARE
Coalition
Mission:

"To promote social and legislative change through education and advocacy and to provide the social supports needed by grandparents and other relatives raising the children in their care"

Heart Shaped Cake for Valentines

Do you need a heart shaped pan for a cake but don't have one?

Try this idea. Bake your cake recipe in a 8x8 square pan and a circle pan. Once it has cooled and you take it out of the pan, turn it sideways to resemble a diamond. Cut the circle cake in half and place one half on each side at the top of the diamond. Once you frost the cake or decorate it, you will not be able notice any difference. Now you can create many Valentine recipes with this idea.



Idaho
KINCARE
Coalition

KINCARE Coalition Leadership Committee's Work Plan: Support the development of community partnerships that will develop strong relationships with kinship families and work in partnership to improve, expand and sustain programs and services to kinship families.



Are You A Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Cousin or Sibling Raising a Relative Child?

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I Predict Showers Today...



You Are Not Alone

Support Group

Love Showers That Is! ;)

The RAP Mission is to:
Make the world a better place for those children whose parents are unable or unwilling to assume the legal & moral responsibilities of parenthood.

Relatives/Grandparents As Parents Support Groups

The RAP Support Group meets the second Monday of the month at:
Jewett House
1501 E. Lakeshore Drive
Coeur d'Alene, ID

RAP provides information and support to kinship care givers through sharing information and guest speakers. We stay aware of the laws and proposed legislation that impacts kin care givers and children. Contact:
Glenda Weaver 208-769-7096

The RAP Newsletter is **FREE!** If you are not on our email list or regular mail list to receive the RAP every month and would like to get it, contact me at the below address, phone number or email address. If you know someone that might benefit from the RAP please give us their address and we will send them a RAP newsletter every month.
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