

# Relatives as Parents Newsletter

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## The North Idaho R.A.P. Relatives/Grandparents as Parents Newsletter

### Idaho Food Stamp Program Suspends Asset Test

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Beginning in June the Idaho Food Stamp Program temporarily dropped its asset test for eligibility for one year. This was done to help residents struggling with the current economic conditions.

Previously, most people were not eligible for food assistance if they had more than \$2,000 in assets, which commonly consisted of saving accounts or vehicles.

By placing a temporary one-year limit, it is hoped the economy will recover and people will no longer need public assistance.

The program offers food assistance to people who earn 130 percent or less of the federal poverty limit. For a

family of four, this amounts to approximately \$2,300 of monthly income. Benefits are provided on a graduated scale by the federal government.

The program supplements a family's nutritional needs. Benefits can be used for non-cooked food items, but cannot be used for tobacco, alcohol, cleaning products or prepared food that has been cooked.

People who need this assistance can contact the program officers in their areas. Information is available at [www.foodstamps.idaho.gov](http://www.foodstamps.idaho.gov) or by calling Idaho Careline at 2-1-1 /208-666-2000

#### R.A.P. Summer Meetings for June, July & August

The second Monday of the month at the Jewett House Noon to 2:00  
1501 E. Lakeshore  
Coeur d'Alene, ID  
Bring the kids and a picnic lunch.  
Join us for social activities and fun!

July 13<sup>th</sup> @ Noon

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### Need New Eye Glasses or a Back up Pair?

My daughter that is in a full care facility had destroyed her eyeglasses in one year from the date she received them. She is on Medicaid and can only get glasses every three years. She is unable to see without her glasses. This is where my dilemma began. We could not afford the \$300 plus cost to replace her glasses. I learned you could go online and order eyeglasses if you had the prescription. I found a site called Zenni Optical located in California. They had all kinds of frames starting at \$8.00. I picked out bendable (memory) titanium frames for 29.95. The directions were easy to follow in filling the boxes with the prescription numbers. It cost and extra \$4.95 to

get anti reflective coating. The shipping is \$4.95 per order, no matter how many glasses in the order. Anyway, the eyeglasses cost me a total of \$39.85. We received the eyeglasses in 12 days. I cannot believe the great quality...they are a lot better than her high priced glasses she broke. If you need new eyeglasses or a back up pair and you have your prescription check out [www.zennioptical.com](http://www.zennioptical.com)





*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.*



Summer Fun in North Idaho

## Regal Cinema Free Family Film Festival

When schools out, Regal Riverstone Cinema Festival is free. Since 1991, Regal has provided this service to the community. Selected G & PG movies start at 10 AM each Tuesday & Wednesday during the film festival. First-come, first-served seating is limited to theaters capacity. The Free Family Film Festival is safe, lots of fun and a great way to spend a weekday morning in the summer.

Regal Riverstone Theater  
2416 Old Mill Loop  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-676-8185

6/30/2009 & 7/1/2009  
Pirates Who Don't Do Anything:  
Veggie Tale Movie  
Evan Almighty (PG)  
7/7/2009 & 7/8/2009  
Kit Kittredge: American Girl (G)  
Nim's Island (PG)  
7/14/2009 & 7/15/2009  
Horton Hears A Who (G)  
Inkheart (PG)  
7/21/2009 & 7/22/2009  
The Tale Of Despereaux (G)  
Kung Fu Panda (PG)  
7/28/2009 & 7/29/2009  
Everyone's Hero (G)  
Surf's Up (PG)  
8/4/2009 & 8/5/2009  
Doogal (G)  
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG)

## Toyota Tuesdays at Silverwood

Toyota Tuesdays are July 21 and 28, 2009. Cruise out to Silverwood in your Toyota and the driver gets in free. Pick up your admission coupon at any Inland Empire regional Toyota dealer and receive free admission to the park when validated by a parking attendant.

For more information call: 208-683-3400 Ex. 121

## Free Summer Meals in Coeur d'Alene & Post Falls

The Post Falls & Coeur d'Alene school districts are participating in the federally funded child nutrition program by offering free meals this summer. In Coeur d'Alene, breakfast will be served from 8 to 9 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at **Borah Elementary School**, 632 Borah Ave.; **Ramsey Elementary School**, 1351 W. Kathleen Ave. & the **Kinder Center** located on the corner of Hayden Ave. & Government Way. In Post Falls, meals will be served at **Ponderosa Elementary**, 3483 E. Ponderosa Blvd., & **Seltice Elementary**, 1101 N. Chase Rd., **Post Falls Middle School**, 301 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.; breakfast 8 to 9 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Post Falls High School**, 2832 E. Poleline Ave, breakfast is from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. At **River City Middle School**, 1505 N. Fir, breakfast will be served 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (No meals on July 3<sup>rd</sup>) At **New Vision High**, 201 W. Mullan Ave., meals are available from July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>, breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Meals are **FREE** to all children ages 1 through 18 years old. Parents/Adults may purchase breakfast for \$1.00 and lunch for \$2.00. Meals will be available through August 14 with the exception of July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Menus will be printed in the Coeur d'Alene Press and can be picked up at a participating school.

## Free Summer Concerts

**Riverstone Park** **Thursdays** 6-7:30 July-August  
**Coeur d' Alene City Park** **Sundays** 1-4 pm June –August  
**Sherman Square Park** **Tuesdays** 6-8:30 pm June – August  
**Hayden City Park** **Wednesdays** 6-8:30 pm July – August  
**Rathdrum City Park** **Fridays** 6-8:30 pm July – August  
**Post Falls Summer Concert Series** O'emlin Park **Fourth Tuesday** 6 pm  
**Post Falls Library Courtyard Concert** **Thursdays** 7- 9 pm  
**Sandpoint At Park Place** **Saturdays** 12 – 2 pm May – August  
**Sandpoint Concert on the Lawn** **Sunday** 2 – 4 pm

For more information: ACA 292-1629, HSP 667-3162, POAC 263-6139

## More Staycation Ideas for North Idaho Locals

Remember the definition of a staycation from our June newsletter? "A vacation that is spent at one's home area enjoying all that your environment offers if you were a tourist. Staycations offer you the ability to "play tourist". Here are some staycation ideas for July. On July 3, 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> Bayview will have its **Bayview Daze**. On Saturday at 11am will be a **street parade**. After dark will be a **lighted boat parade** and then **fireworks** at 10 pm. There will also be a **Street Bazaar** for three days.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> is the Coeur d'Alene 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival. At 11 am will be The **American Hero's Parade** downtown on Sherman Avenue. There will also be live **music, food vendors, a pie-eating contest, & children's activities** in City Park. At dusk, there will be a **firework show** over Lake Coeur d'Alene.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday) **Art Walk** is downtown Coeur d'Alene from 5 to 8 pm. For more information: 208-292-1629

On July 12<sup>th</sup> take a **Coeur d'Alene Garden Tour**. There will be over six gardens to tour for \$15 a ticket available at area garden centers.

On July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, celebrate old cars and fun at the **River City Rod Run!** Do not miss this 500 plus car and motorcycle event, where you can find burnouts, neon's, flame throwing, vendors, a power cruise, kid's games, and Miss Hot Rod 2009. 208-777-1712

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, it will be the **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Day in the Park**. **Fun activities, freebies, free lunch** for children 6 and under. Information and fun for families

with young children at Coeur d'Alene City Park from 10 am to 1 pm. On July 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> is **Julyamsh**. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Northwest largest outdoor powwow! There will be different tribes from all over the country represented, displaying their colorful regalia. There will be **drumming, Navajo tacos, dancing and displays**. Admission is free At the Greyhound Park and Event Center in Post Falls.

On July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup> is the **Downtown Street Fair, Art On The Green & Taste of the Coeur d'Alenes'**. Art on the Green will be at North Idaho College with **lots of booths and art collections** by local artists. The Downtown Street Fair will cover 7 blocks downtown with **hundreds of vendor & craft booths**. Taste of Coeur d'Alenes will be in the Lakeside City Park with many **food vendors, crafts and music entertainment**.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, it is Wii, Wii, Wii all the way to the Coeur d'Alene Library for the next session of **Game Day**. Teens & tweens are invited to come to the Community Room 2 to 4 pm. There will be interactive games using the library's Wii game systems and Nintendo DS handhelds. Participants can bring in their wireless equipped laptops and access the library's free Wi-Fi. Game days for the rest of the summer will be on Fridays, 2-4pm on July 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.

There will be updates for more free things in our August newsletter.



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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"



**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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## Join our RAP Support Group if you need a listening ear or some new ideas. Meet us at the Jewett House.



## Relatives/Grandparents As Parents Support Groups

**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.*

The RAP Support Group meets the second Monday of the month at:  
Jewett House  
1501 E. Lakeshore Drive  
Coeur d'Alene, ID  
Noon - 2 o'clock

RAP provides information & 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 & children. Contact:  
Glenda Weaver 208-769-7096

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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814



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IF YOU ARE NOT ON OUR EMAIL OR REGULAR MAIL LIST TO RECEIVE THE RAP EVERY MONTH & WOULD LIKE TO GET IT, CONTACT ME AT THE BELOW ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS AND WE WILL PUT YOU ON OUR MAILING LIST.



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