

# Casa de los Niños

## September is...

# Baby Safety Month

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This month we are asking all parents and caregivers of young children to check your home for potential safety risks. In addition, educate yourself by being certified in First Aid and Infant and Child CPR. ALWAYS keep emergency phone numbers by the phone. Below are things to consider as you assess safety in your home:

- Keep small objects like small toys and parts of toys, marbles, small balls and coins off the floor and out of reach of young children. Balloons, a leading cause of toy-related deaths, are often a favorite of young children. However, uninflated balloons and fragments from popped balloons can choke and kill a small child. Avoid allowing a child to play with a balloon even if it is inflated.
- To avoid strangulation, NEVER leave ropes or cords hanging around the house. Install cordless window coverings in your child's bedroom. Even blinds or roman shades have a cord that can be pulled from within the shade and can be looped around a child's neck strangling them.
- Home exercise equipment can put younger children at risk for injuries including fractures and finger amputations. Keep exercise equipment in a room that you can keep off limits to kids. Never allow a child to play on your exercise equipment. Unplug exercise equipment when you are done using it. Choose exercise equipment that has a safety key or switch.
- Secure furniture and large appliances to the wall, so that your kids can't tip them over if they climb on them. Never place a television on top of dresser drawers as a child could climb the drawers and pull it over on to themselves crushing them.
- Only put your child to sleep in a crib that meets all the current safety standards and remove any item that could pose a choking or strangulation hazard. Never place a cushy or soft item such as a pillow or stuffed animals in a child's crib.



Baby Safety Month is sponsored by The Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA)

For more information on Safety Tips and to receive a free copy of "Safe & Sound for Baby" visit their website at [www.jpma.org](http://www.jpma.org)

Thank you to Barbara LaWall at the Pima County Attorney's Office for donating gun locks to our program. If you or someone you know is in need of FREE gun locks call the office or stop by to get them

Access info online at [www.casadelosninos.org](http://www.casadelosninos.org)  
Click on the foster care link to find trainings, newsletters, forms and more!

## Welcome New Foster Families!

- Joseph and Paula of Queen Creek
- Melisa and Denton of Tucson

# GO Green!

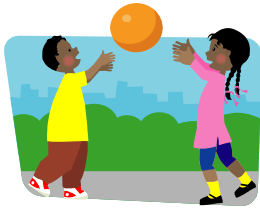
Do you have a special story to tell or words of wisdom to share with other foster parents? We are looking for newsletter article submittals for future newsletters. Please submit your entry electronically to [caras@casadelosninos.org](mailto:caras@casadelosninos.org) or mail to the

foster care office at  
40 N. Swan Rd, Ste 45  
Tucson, AZ 85711

We are now sending the monthly newsletter by email only if we have your email address. If you are not receiving it electronically please email [dorenem@casadelosninos.org](mailto:dorenem@casadelosninos.org) and write "Green Newsletter" in the subject line. Be sure to include the email address(es) you would like the newsletter to go to in the body of your email. This month's newsletter as well as past newsletters can be viewed online at our website. Thank you for doing your part to conserve!

Got Email??? Make sure you don't miss out on any news! Send your email address to [caras@casadelosninos.org](mailto:caras@casadelosninos.org)

Join us for the Casa de los Ninos  
Foster Parent Support Group.



2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month

10:00 am to 11:30 am

40 N. Swan, suite 45  
Tucson, AZ 85711

### Topics

- September 10<sup>th</sup>- Children Exposed to Violence
- October 8<sup>th</sup>- Meeting Children's Cultural Needs
- November 12<sup>th</sup>- Permanency Options for Children in Foster Care
- December 10<sup>th</sup>- Creative Activities for Children- Cookie Exchange

(Bring a dozen cookies to exchange)

Infants are welcome.

Questions? Call Annie 326-8250 ext. 110 or Dorene 326-8250 ext. 101

Notes From  
Sam...

Hello Fabulous Foster Families,


As you are probably aware, the State of Arizona has recently been advertising the need for additional foster homes. Some of you may be saying, "Additional foster homes, why do we need additional foster homes when I still have openings in my home?" There are several answers to that question. First, the State is making an effort to place children at foster homes in close proximity to the neighborhood from which they were removed. To do this, they need foster homes in all areas. Second, there is a large deficit of foster homes for children ages 10 and over in all areas. So, although there may be foster homes with open licensed beds, those beds are often not in the area of Pinal or Pima County that is needed or those beds may not be for the ages of children that are being removed. In addition to those 2 reasons, there is also an additional consideration of sibling groups. Very often siblings are separated in foster care due to the fact that there are not homes available that are able to accept all members of a particular sibling group. Young people who were in foster care consistently report that it was more traumatic being separated from their siblings than it was being removed from their parents. Casa de los Niños will be focusing our recruitment efforts on finding families who are willing to foster children over the age of 9 and families who are willing to be licensed for sibling groups of 3 or more children. If you have friends or families who are interested in being foster families with Casa de los Niños please have them contact us at (520)326-8250 x110 for Pima County or at (520)326-8250 x102 for Pinal County. We would love to have the opportunity to work with your friends and families to grow our Casa de los Niños Foster Care Family!

## Training Opportunities

- 9/1 6:30-8:30, The Amazing Brain, Easter Seals 616 N. Country Club Rd. RSVP by calling 1-866-9TRAIN9 or send email to [projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com](mailto:projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com)
- 9/3 6:30-8:30 pm, The Hundred Languages of Children, Easter Seals 616 N. Country Club Rd. RSVP by calling 1-866-9TRAIN9 or send email to [projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com](mailto:projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com)
- 9/3 6:30-8:30 pm, Sign With Baby, cost: \$25 RSVP electronically: [libby@signwithbabytucson.com](mailto:libby@signwithbabytucson.com)
- 9/8 4-6pm, Nurturing Parenting, Casa de los Ninos 1101 N. 4th Ave. RSVP to Carol Weigold at 624-5600 or [carolw@casadelosninos.org](mailto:carolw@casadelosninos.org).
- 9/12 8:30-10:30, Understanding Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Easter Seals 616 N. Country Club RSVP by calling 1-866-9TRAIN9 or send email to [projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com](mailto:projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com)
- 9/22 6:30-8:30 pm, Why They Call it Terrible Twos? Easter Seals 616 N. Country Club RSVP by calling 1-866-9TRAIN9 or send email to [projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com](mailto:projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com)
- 9/22, 9/29, 10/6 4-6 pm, Active Parenting Now in 3, Casa de los Ninos 1101 N. 4th Ave. RSVP to Carol Weigold at 624-5600 or [carolw@casadelosninos.org](mailto:carolw@casadelosninos.org).
- 9/17 6:30-8:30 pm, Where the Wild Things Are, 616 N. Country Club RSVP by calling 1-866-9TRAIN9 or send email to [projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com](mailto:projecemetoo@blake.easterseals.com)

Check out our website for information on ongoing training and development opportunities!

[http://casadelosninos.org/foster\\_care.html](http://casadelosninos.org/foster_care.html)

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">September 2009</h2>						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CPR Training</b> 1101 N. 4th Ave, Conference Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 9th</b> <b>October 14th</b> 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.</p> <p>RSVP to your licensing worker.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dotted black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Foster Parent Advanced Training</b> October 3, 2009 9:00 am-3:00 pm</p> <p>Call Dorene at 326-8250 x101 to register and to reserve child care. (520) 326-8250 x101 <a href="mailto:dorenem@casadelosninos.org">dorenem@casadelosninos.org</a></p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dotted black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scrapbook/Life Book Night</b> September 17th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd Thursday of the Month 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.</p> <p>RSVP to Mea at 326-8250 x 108</p>			1	2	3	4	5
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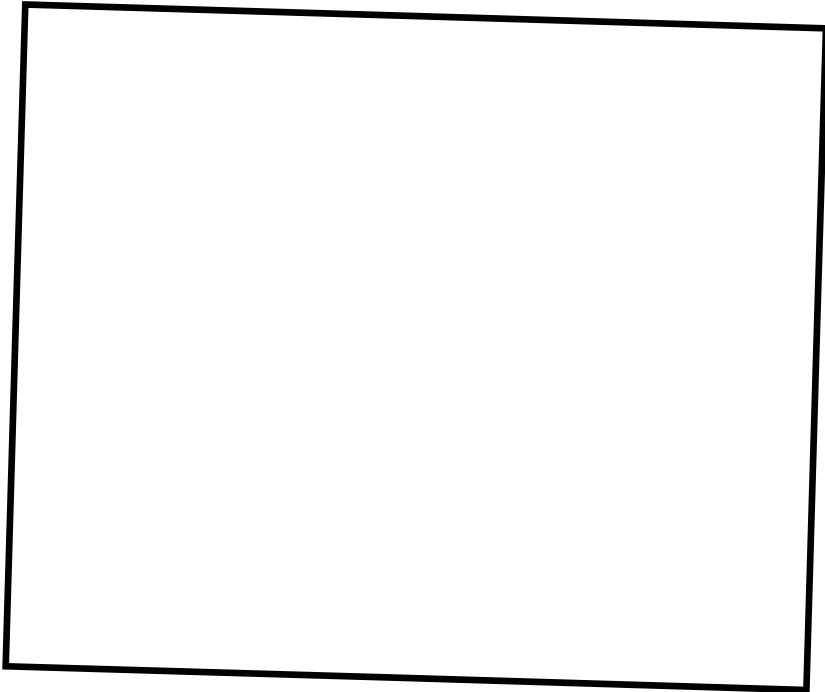


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**New Clothing Bank**

**GOOD THREADS**

A.Z.A.F.A.P. and Goodmans will be launching GOOD THREADS clothing bank for the Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Families in our community. On the **second Saturday** of the month, Good Threads clothing exchange will be open for foster and adoptive parents to browse and select children's clothing.

**Upcoming Exchange Dates:**

September 12

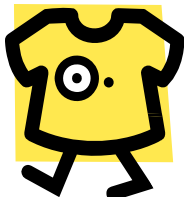
October 10

Time: 8 a.m. to 12 noon

**Location:**

La Paloma Family Services  
870 W. Miracle Mile

Bring gently used and clean clothing to exchange.



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**ON-CALL PHONE**  
(Tucson only)  
**603-2149**  
**CPS Hotline**  
**1-888-SOS-CHILD**

*If you have an after hours emergency please call the on-call phone number so we can assist you. If it is a medical emergency please dial 911 first.*

For areas outside of the Tucson area: emergency calls are handled by your assigned licensing worker.  
Gina: (520)840-3357  
Sandra: (520)840-3356

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# Register Early!

**Casa de los Niños  
Foster Care Program  
Advanced Training Day**

**October 3, 2009**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Northminster Presbyterian Church  
2450 E. Fort Lowell Road  
(See enclosed Registration Flyer)**

**Limited Child Care available so  
reply early to save your spot!**

**For more information call  
Annie at 326-8250 xt 110 or email  
[anniepf@casadelosninos.org](mailto:anniepf@casadelosninos.org)**

# Casa de los Niños Foster Care Program

## Foster Parent Advanced Training

October 3, 2009  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Northminster Presbyterian Church  
2450 E. Fort Lowell Road

### Class #1

9:00 am to 11:00 am

#### Child Abuse-It's Everybody's Problem- Carol Weigold, Trainer

*This workshop discusses the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect that may be present in the child and the mandated reporting guidelines in Arizona.*

### Class #2

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

#### What's it to you?

*We will look at the needs of teen-agers in foster care and how you can get involved. Teens need you!*

### Class #3

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Brown Bag Session (Bring your lunch and join us for some lunchtime fun!)

### Class #4

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

#### Making and Maintaining Boundaries in Shared Parenting

*This program helps foster and foster/adoptive parents develop an ability to establish boundaries with the parents of children in foster care.*



Call Annie at Casa de los Niños to register and to reserve child care.  
520-326-8250 x 110

Limited Child Care Provided