

The National Foster Parent Association

NFPA President, Irene Clements, speak to a Congressional Sub-Committee. Click

HERE (<http://www.tffa.org/2013/05/11/tffas-president-speaks-to-congressional-sub-committee>) to listen to her speech. Then see pages 14-15 for a letter from the Congressmen.

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Cofounder of NFPA is Remembered...

'It is my sad duty to report that **Helen Stone** passed away at 1:20 PM May 22, 2013. I am so happy that her nephew Jim Wood was with her and he reports that Helen was calm and comfortable, just slipped away.

I had a long chat with Helen Tuesday evening, following a visit from a local priest. Her eyes were open, I know she was listening to me. After reading her the latest cards, I told her that her friend Charlene had died in February – after telling a mutual friend of theirs that she “could finally rest in peace knowing that Helen would be cared for and was moving to MN to be near her family.” I assured her that her life was in order, her bills were all paid, her wishes to share with the friends, charities and family mentioned in her will would be honored. I told her she was the favorite Aunt of all her nephews and nieces, including the Roessner kids who regarded her as family. I spoke of her achievements and full life, how lucky she was to be in the thoughts and prayers of so many friends all

over the world, how grateful so many were that she and her work had touched their lives. I went down the list of all the loved ones that had preceded her, and were waiting to greet her in a better place and of the need for her to go before me, to pave the way for a lifelong scoundrel and scallywag. I told her that although we would all miss her very much, none of us wanted her to struggle to stay here when so much awaited her in the next phase of her journey, reunited with all those loved who went before her. I promised her that it was OK to go, we would all be fine.'

Wishing you well,
Charlie Stone



Helen Delores Stone Age 80, until recently of New York City, quietly passed away on May 22, 2013. Preceded in death by parents, Nels and Anna (Cook) Stone; brother, Norman Stone; sister, Ruth Wood. Survived by seven nephews and nieces, many grand nephews and nieces, a few cousins and hundreds and hundreds of dear friends and admirers all over the world.

Holding a Master's Degree in Social Work from Columbia University, Helen became a driving force in the education and support of foster parents and the care of foster children. A one-time director of the *Child Welfare League of America*, Helen cofounded the **National Foster Parent Association**, authored many books and articles that helped thousands of families cope with the issues presented by foster care.

Helen was recently honored by both organizations as the recipient of their first

Lifetime Achievement Award, celebrating her long career of unwavering, innovative and enthusiastic support for parents and children everywhere.

Funeral Mass celebrated at The Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, June 15th at 11:30 AM. Memorials preferred to National Foster Parent Association (NFPA).



Helen was a Director with the CWLA in New York City for most of her career. For example, not long before the move out of New York she was Director - Licensing Models for Children's Services.

Helen was an incredible person who devoted her life to the CWLA cause and those of children across the U.S.

NFPA's National Advocate Advertising Policy

The *National Foster Parent Association's* publication, the *National Advocate*, is published quarterly and posted on the *NFPA* website.

The *NFPA's National Advocate* is now also available on the digital issue of the *Fostering Families Today* magazine.

This publication is available to the over 125,000 foster families, kinship families, and adoptive families and other resource families across the U.S. and to others interested in the foster care system.

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NACAC Webinar

On September 19, NACAC is hosting *Healing from Food Insecurity: Beyond the Stash* at noon central time. In this webinar, Dr. Katja Rowell will explore how a child’s early experience with hunger or food insecurity can result in survival behaviors that continue in foster or adoptive families. This solution-oriented webinar will cover tips and strategies to reduce food anxiety and help the family build attachment over meals. Dr. Rowell is a family doctor turned childhood feeding specialist who consults with parents, is a blogger, mom, family cook, and sought-after speaker. Her book *Love Me, Feed Me: The Adoptive Parent's Guide to Ending the Worry About Weight, Picky Eating, Power Struggles and More* distills the support she provides clients.

NACAC's other upcoming webinars are:

- Understanding The Acting-Out Behavior Of Your Adopted Children on June 18
- Helping Children Heal from Trauma: What Parents and Caregivers Need to Know on July 18

Fees for each webinar are \$15 for NACAC members and \$20 for non-members. Even if you cannot attend the session in person, you can still register and receive a recorded version of the session after it's over. Certificates of attendance will be available for those who need proof of training hours.

To learn more go to <http://www.nacac.org>



Hundreds of thousands of abused and neglected children will spend time in foster care this year.

What they all have in common as they enter our nations child welfare system is the need for safe and stable homes. What too many will have in common as they make their way through our system is the stuff of nightmares.

But many child welfare systems are underfunded, understaffed, beset by serious system wide problems, and lacking the leadership necessary to fix them. They compound the trauma that abused and neglected children have already experienced by:

1. Removing children without any of their personal belongings or clothes in tow,
2. Separating them from their siblings,
3. Placing them in different school districts when loving foster homes are available in their own communities,
4. Not scheduling the treatment they so desperately need,
5. Moving them from foster home to foster home due to agency negligence or convenience,
6. Over medicating children to control their behavior
7. Neglecting children's educational needs.
8. Loosing important information pertinent to the children's permanency plan
9. Withholding information from foster families causing a disconnect in the life of the child
10. Failing to convene all parties in required planning meetings to discuss child's future

Perhaps the most devastating practice is bouncing children from home to home uprooting their lives repeatedly and without warning. This not only hurts children and their chance for permanency, but also alienates good foster families, driving them out of the system.

The system must quickly find permanent homes for children, through either safe reunification with their birth families or adoption, when reunification is not possible. They must communicate with foster and birth families alike. They must provide adequate services to ensure children's health and well-being to help them recover from the trauma they have experienced.

Failure in any one of these areas effectively sentences our children to more devastation and hopelessness.

Change has been left in the hands of the system for long enough. While much improvement can be seen with regard to child welfare over the past few decades, the lingering failures above can no longer be over looked.

Giving foster parents a voice in this system has been advocated, legislated and yet continues to be ignored by the powers that be. For starters foster parents need to be heard in court per our state and federal laws. (See ASFA and the State FPBR's.) While some district court judges will not begin a hearing without the foster parents seated in the courtroom, others still hold foster parents out of this important day in the life of our dependent children.

David Sharp, Chair NFPA Public Policy

Home Safety Starts with Prevention

A recent study asked how well prepared first-time parents were on basic home safety precautions as compared with the parents of more than one child. Researchers looked at such things as whether parents had gates at the top and bottom of stairs--and whether they closed them. Not too surprisingly, the more experienced parents were more prepared than the first-timers.

That's true for much of parenting--we learn as we go and try to improve along the way. It is often a matter of how soon we take precautions--babies grow and develop more quickly than first-time parents often imagine! Parents plan to put up safety equipment but may not get it up before the baby develops abilities that can lead to unsafe situations.

Safety is so important. Unintentional falls and poisonings are the fifth leading cause of death among infants. Worldwide, 1.9 in 100,000 children under 20 years of age die because of falls each year, and 1.8 in 100,000 die because of poisonings.

Not every accident can be prevented. There are basic steps that parents can take to improve the safety at home.

To read more about this study, go to: www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/news/first-time-parents-are-not-well-enough-prepared-safety-their-infant-plos-one

How Safe is Your Home?

If you are the parent of an infant, take this quiz to see if you have the basic precautions in place to protect your child.

1. If you have stairs in your house, do you have safety gates at the top AND bottom of the stairs? ___ Yes ___ No
2. Do you close the gates behind you every time you go through them? ___ Yes ___ No
3. If you have windows with openings below 4 feet, do you have window guards--and keep them locked? ___ Yes ___ No
4. Do you keep all poisonous materials such as cleaning fluids locked and out of sight? ___ Yes ___ No
5. Do you keep all medicines locked and out of reach? ___ Yes ___ No

The more "yes" answers you've checked above, the better you score in safety and injury prevention! Where do you need to improve?

Resources

For more safety tips, go to:

- <http://www.safety4toddlers.com/>
- <http://www.parents.com/toddlers-preschoolers/safety/>
- <http://www.safekids.org/>



The Public's Perception of Foster Care

While most Americans have a largely positive attitude toward the nation's foster care system, they view it as less important than other serious social issues. These attitudes and the overall perception of foster care in the United States is the focus of a study published in a recent issue of Children and Youth Services Review.

Just over 300 respondents completed a phone survey on a range of questions pertaining to their general knowledge of foster care. The survey consisted of 55 questions, 15 true-false questions about general foster care knowledge, 27 questions assessing attitudes about foster care and foster families, and 3 comparison questions that examined the relative importance of foster care among other social issues.

Findings include the following:

- More than 40 percent of respondents identified as having some personal experience with foster care.
- More than 56 percent correctly identified neglect as the leading cause of entering care, while a significant portion incorrectly identified physical or sexual abuse as the primary reason a child enters care.
- More than 90 percent of respondents reported knowing that foster parents can adopt a child after serving as a temporary caregiver, and more than 73 percent knew that training is required to be a foster parent.
- While over 66 percent reported that they Agree/Strongly Agree that the Federal Government should spend more to support the foster care system, a majority of respondents rated foster care as less serious and less deserving of Federal funds than education or health care.

The authors note that without an accurate understanding of the public's knowledge and perception of foster care, it is difficult to debunk negative stereotypes, promote positive policies, and recruit prospective foster families. For example, a majority of survey respondents agreed to the falsehood that foster parents receive a salary in addition to funds to provide for children's basic needs.

"Public Perception of the Foster Care System: A National Study," by C. Leber and C. Winston LeCroy, Children and Youth Services Review, 34(9), 2012, is available for purchase via ScienceDirect:

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0190740912001855>

The arrival of warmer weather has many of us dreaming of relaxing on the beach or enjoying some other type of sunny summer vacation. As you make your summer travel plans, consider adding these items to your 'To Do' list.

1. Contact your bank and credit card companies. This is extremely important when you plan to use your debit card while traveling out of the country.
2. Don't let your mail pile up. Reduce mail box clutter and the risk of identity theft by receiving your monthly bills electronically or held until you return.
3. Stay on top of your bills. With online banking you can schedule payments to be sent automatically while you relax.
4. Protect your valuables. This applies to those taken on vacation with you, and those left behind. Make use of hotel safes to store valuable items and credit cards while traveling.



Summer's Hidden Dangers: What Every Parent Should Know

By Jeanne Clements – Mother, prominent educator, perfect SAT Verbal score holder, and innovator of interactive vocabulary learning system, Verbal Education

The undisputed research on “summer slide,” the concept of students forgetting what they have learned or students slipping out of practice during the summer months, has been available for years, but practical advice for parents on how to combat it has been slow in coming. So here’s what parents should know and what they can do.



There is no neutral gear in young minds; there’s only forward and reverse. If kids aren’t gaining knowledge during the summer, they’re losing it. Summer slide is the exponential loss of knowledge that causes students to fall behind in school. Kids can lose two months of knowledge over a summer and, without intervention, the effect is cumulative. For example, if children end third grade on a reading level of 3.0, they are on grade level and everything is fine. Over the summer, however, they can slide to 2.8, losing two months of proficiency. Beginning grade 4 on a 2.8 level and progressing a full year only brings them up to 3.8 in June, and then, they slide again over the summer, beginning grade 5 on a 3.6 level. If the cycle continues, they never catch up and will begin high school at 6.8, a deficiency that will most likely cause lower GPAs, failing marks on yearly assessments, and poor scores on standardized tests like the SAT and ACT.

By the time the school system fixes the problem, our current generation of students will most likely be irreversibly behind in academic growth. Parents cannot afford to wait. The time to act is now and this is what can be done:

- **Read with your child**, but be careful what you choose: Select a book that is on a higher grade level than your child has achieved but not so high that it is too difficult to read. Then buy two copies for both of you to read and talk about. Be careful not to choose a book that is at or below the reading level of your child. If you do, the book will be a great source of entertainment but will NOT do anything to stop summer slide or advance reading proficiency. When your child reads, he or she should come across new vocabulary words and sentences that are complex enough to require a re-reading of them before going on. If a book has no new vocabulary words or complex syntax, it is not improving a reader’s basic skills. Beware of popular books like Harry Potter which is a great story but is assessed on a grade 5 reading level by the new common core standards recently adopted by 46 states and the District of Columbia.
- **Watch movies**: You can also watch dialogue-based movies with your children such as Lincoln and talk about the vocabulary it uses like feckless, ossified and fatuous. Then follow up by using the words with your kids and trying to get them to use the words too.
- **Choose a summer camp**: Attending a summer camp is a great way to prevent summer slide if you choose the right one. Academic camps like computer camps, math camps, and drama camps are best for educational growth. Many traditionally oriented camps with mostly outdoor activities are now incorporating an academic component into their daily schedule of activities. This is something all parents should check for.
- **For parents of high school students**: If you are the parents of high schoolers, you face a greater challenge since your kids have outgrown camp. However, there are things you can do that will be a great help to them. Enrichment courses are the best kept secret among over-achievers. These are courses kids take over the summer at a private school before they take them again during the fall at their regular school. For instance, if future tenth graders will be taking algebra and biology during their sophomore year, they take these courses over the summer, so when they take them again in the fall, they are already at the head of their classes. A single course on subjects such as math, science, or basic skills is not enough, so students need to consider taking additional classes or lessons on these topics.
- **Prepare for the content areas of the SAT and ACT**: Prepping for standardized tests over the summer teaches students what they need to know for the tests so test preparation won’t interfere with school assignments during the fall. If teenagers wait until right before they take the tests to prepare, they won’t have the time needed to learn everything they need to know, especially the hundreds of vocabulary words required for high scores. A cache of high level words is the only content they need to know for the reading section of the SAT test, but schools don’t have the time or expertise to teach lists of words. If kids can learn them on their own over the summer from a fun, interactive game, they will not only stop summer slide but give themselves a big boost in their SAT and ACT scores.

Whether you choose to work with your children, send them to an educational camp, or help them log on to a good computer program, ensure you do something that will continue the learning process over the summer months. Remember, if students are not advancing, they are sliding backwards.

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Congratulations to the 2013 NFPA Awards Winners!

- **David and Brandy Fajen, Foster Parents of the Year** [People think of police officers or firefighters when they think of heroes. To me, the Fajens are heroes, saving one child at a time. They really did save this boy's life and I am eternally grateful for what they have done.]
- **Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, State Foster Parent Association of the Year** [The Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parent Association has been serving foster and adoptive families statewide in Nebraska since 1999. Among its many activities is its statewide mentoring program (FOCUS); its "Kits for Kids" bags delivered to foster children when they come into care and "Ice Breakers," which works with both the birth and foster families to bridge better relationships between the two.]
- **Palm Beach Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, Local Foster Parent Association of the Year** ["Palm Beach FAPA is one of the few local associations in the nation that is fully funded, managing an annual budget of approximately \$250,000 per year. Palm Beach has pioneered a kinship care program called Kinship Connections, which assists over 500 relatives who have children in their home placed through the dependency system. Palm Beach also manages a clothing closet and Michelle's Project, which provides computers to foster homes."]
- **Alicia Yokum, Social Worker of the Year** ["Merely keeping up with the legal twists and turns of a family's story takes an extraordinary dedication of personal time away from her own family to help others. But Alicia is always respectful when dealing with emotionally charged situations."]
- **John Bertulis, Gordon Evans Merit Award for Service to NFPA** ["John fulfills his responsibilities with energy and a joyful spirit and has always been the voice of reason, looking at both sides of an issue or concern and offering acceptable options. If we could clone Gordon Evans, the clone would be John and I can't think of anyone more deserving to receive this award."]
- **Jean Fiorito, President's Award**



- **Helping Youth Transition to Adulthood: Guidance for Foster Parents**

This fact sheet provides foster parents with guidance on how to help youth and emerging adults build a foundation for a successful transition to adult life outside of foster care. The first section provides background information on some of the unique challenges that youth in foster care face as they navigate their teenage years, and it includes information on brain development in young adults and programs that can help youth transition successfully to adulthood. The second part includes eight tip sheets that provide information and resources for foster parents on specific topics—such as money management, health care, and employment—so that they can better help youth prepare for independence. Note: You can read the entire document, just the background information, or just the individual tip sheets. To see the guide, visit https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/youth_transition.cfm

- **Working With Youth to Develop a Transition Plan**

This bulletin is intended to help child welfare professionals and others who work with transitioning youth to understand the Federal legislative requirements for transition plans and partner with youth to develop a plan that builds on their strengths while supporting their needs. To learn more, visit https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/transitional_plan.pdf

- **Supporting the Health Care Transition from Adolescence to Adulthood in the Medical Home**

The clinical report jointly authored by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the American College of Physicians (ACP) provides practical, detailed guidance on how to plan and execute better health care transitions for all patients. The report follows an algorithmic format from age 12 through the transfer of care to an adult medical home. The algorithm provides process of care logic compatible with electronic health records and appears as a durable “tear out” in the print journal as a ready reference in the practice setting. To read the report go to <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/128/1/182.full>

Washington, D.C. - Yesterday, **Members of the Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee took a bipartisan step to eliminate unnecessary barriers that keep youth in foster care from participating in normal, everyday activities.** In a letter to State child welfare administrators, the Members encouraged child welfare professionals to provide additional attention to helping reduce barriers that disproportionately affect the lives of children in the foster care system. In a hearing on this topic held on May 9, 2013, Subcommittee Members learned how many youth in foster care face bureaucratic and other barriers that keep them from playing sports, spending time with friends, getting a driver's license, or getting a job. The letter requests States to review their policies and restrictions on the activities of youth in foster care, and encourages State officials to share with Members of the Subcommittee their thoughts on how Federal laws or policies may affect this problem.

Writing about a list of burdensome restrictions facing some foster youth, Members of the Subcommittee state in the letter that, "As parents and grandparents, we are concerned that this list and other examples in the hearing testimony we received suggests that too often the foster care system not only prevents kids from leading normal lives, but that it takes away exactly the sorts of activities that they need to grow and develop into happy, healthy, and productive adults."

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Dear State Child Welfare Administrator:

As the Chairman, Ranking Member, and members of the U.S. House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources, which has jurisdiction over the nation's foster care and related child welfare programs, we are writing to encourage your increased attention to helping children in foster care live more normal lives. Every day, children in foster care across the country face unnecessary barriers that limit their opportunities to succeed. However, we hope that by working together we can remove these barriers and improve the lives of thousands of foster youth across the country.

A hearing our subcommittee held on May 9, 2013 spotlighted this issue, along with recent state efforts to promote normalcy for children in foster care. We heard the views of former foster youth, experts representing youth in foster care, foster parents, advocates, and the State of Florida, which recently passed legislation designed to let kids in foster care be more like other kids. The hearing highlighted an amazing array of what David Wilkins, the Secretary of Florida Department of Children and Families, said only he called "bizarre" restrictions on children in foster care. The restrictions on young people in foster care detailed various witnesses' testimony included:

- Playing sports, being in band, or participating in 4H and other common activities;
- Going to a sleep over at a friend's house;
- Going to the mall;
- Going to summer camp;
- Taking part in a family vacation;
- Being in a carpool;
- Getting a haircut;
- Getting a driver's license; and
- Having a part-time or summer job.

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As parents and grandparents, we are concerned that this list and other examples in the hearing testimony we received suggests that too often the foster care system not only prevents kids from leading normal lives, but that it takes away exactly the sorts of activities that they need to grow and develop into happy, healthy, and productive adults. It is no wonder that, as one former foster youth put it, "Growing up in the foster care system, I felt like I was in captivity."

We recognize the paramount need for safety for children in care, but our quest for safety should not stifle the normal development of young people. We encourage you to consider the findings of our hearing and the excellent testimony we received, which is available on our committee website. We would welcome your feedback on this issue, including on your own efforts to promote normalcy of youth in foster care. We also would welcome your thoughts on how federal laws or policies could better promote access to normal activities for young people in care.

We appreciate your reviews of this important issue. Young people in foster care are our common responsibility, and we look forward to working with you to improve their opportunities for success.

Sincerely,



Dave Reichert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Human Resources




Lloyd Doggett
Ranking Member
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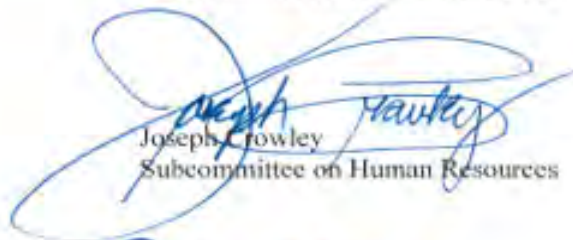
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Join NFPA - Today! at www.nfpaonline.org

This level of membership is available to all foster parents, child welfare personnel, and individuals concerned with the welfare of children. Regular members have the right to vote on all matters brought to the members of the association, and each receives information about the national activities of the association. Cost: \$35 a Year! REALLY! What a bargain!

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Poster

Unidentified Child

JOHN DOE1998



Estimated Age: 10-12
Date Found: Sep 25, 1998
Location Found:
 MEBANE
 NC
 United States
Sex: Male
Race: White
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Unknown
Height: 4'11" (150cm)
Weight: 50lbs (23kg)
NCMEC: 1104001
NIC: U174662253
NamUs: 5971




This unidentified boy was found on September 25, 1998 in Mebane, Orange County, NC. He was found near a billboard sign along Industrial Drive which is a service road adjacent to Interstate 85 and Interstate 40. It is estimated that he had been deceased at this location for several months. The child's race is either White or Hispanic. He is estimated to be 10-12 years old and around 4'11" tall. He had straight brown hair. The boy had no dental fillings but some teeth had preventative sealant placed on them to help prevent cavities and decay. He had a slight overbite and his upper canine teeth were high erupting canines, which are commonly referred to as "fang teeth." These teeth may have been noticeable to others when he smiled or spoke. The child was wearing khaki shorts (size 13). Cash was found inside his pockets. He was also wearing black and white sneakers (size 3). The shoes showed almost no wear as if they were relatively new. He was also wearing white tube socks and brief underwear. No shirt was found with the body. The above three images are of a facial reconstruction completed by a NCMEC Forensic Artist. The image to the far right is a photograph of the sneakers the boy was found wearing.

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