



Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley



Foster Parent Quarterly

October 2019

Boy, has this year gone by fast! We can't believe the holiday season is right around the corner. Don't forget to take a little time out for yourself for overall health and wellness. Speaking of wellness, remember children in care need flu shots. Make sure you give documentation of flu shot to the case worker.

Thank you for being a TEAM player.



Foster Parents of the Quarter

Jessica and Kamron Majerus

Jessica and Kamron Majerus were licensed in December 2015. They have one son Harrison. As a faith based family, they felt God had always planned for them to provide foster care. They believe that they were called to be flexible providing reunification with the biological family and to adopt those who could not, and that they were to help children while they were separated from their parents.

Over time, Jessica and Kamron accepted placement of a boy, and later, his two sisters. They were adopted into the family in April of 2017 when a return home goal was not possible. Later the Majerus's accepted placement of a pair of siblings. As these children's case went on, it became apparent that they were not going to be reunified with their biological parents. The Majerus's worked with YSB to obtain a waiver, expanding their capacity, to reunite the children with their two elder sisters. During this process, it was discovered that Jessica was pregnant.

The family recently completed the adoption of the sibling group of four and their infant daughter is now just a little over one-year-old.

In Jessica's email that gave permission to close surrender their foster care license, she states *"I'm a little sad to go, I'd take so many more kids if we were allowed to ... here is a picture of adoption day for you to use (refer to YSB Facebook page)... I'd love it to be said that we've made our family so large because we've followed the call God placed on our life. Everything we've done is because of our deep faith and love... It's been a joy to work with YSB and we'll miss you!"*

YSB thanks the Majerus family for the strength that has shone through all their accomplishments in almost five years of foster parenting service. May they stay in contact with YSB and encourage our current and future foster homes as they serve in the same capacity as the Majerus' have done.



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If you would like to join our Foster Parent Facebook page please contact Ann Pas-tula for an invite. She can be reached at AnnP@ysbiv.org or you may call her at 815-316-1969



Resources
Kane/DuPage
County
Learning Tree

Will County
Heart Haven Out-
reach/H20

McHenry/Lake
HUG
(Helping Us Grow)

Parenting Issues/ Concerns

All Ages:
parentfurther.com
healthychildren.org

Birth to 3 years:
zerotothree.org/
parenting

Recruiting

Do you know anyone interested in an Informational meeting about fostering? Possibly a church group, social group or just a group of friends to learn more about foster care? Call your licensing worker.



Upcoming DCFS Trainings

TRAININGS FOR THE NEW “SEMESTER” BEGIN OCT. 1 AND RUN THROUGH DEC. 31ST.

Grayslake (at The Chapel)

PRIDE on Tuesdays, October 1st to November 26th

Elgin (at St. Joseph’s Hospital)

Ed Advocacy on Wednesdays October 2nd and 9th

Bourbonnais (at the TPC Center)

PRIDE on Saturdays November 2nd to December 7th

ED Advocacy on Saturday December 14th

Princeton (at People Church)

Adoption Certification on Saturday December 7th and 14th

Peoria (at AMT Advanced Medical Transport)

PRIDE on Tuesdays October 22nd to December 17th

Peoria (at YMCA Peoria)

PRIDE on Thursdays October 3rd through October 24th

Caring for Children who Have Experienced Trauma on Thursdays

November 7th through December 12th

Aurora (at Mercy Medical Center)

Adoption Certification on Thursdays November 7th to 21st

Ed Advocacy on Thursdays December 5th and 12th

PRIDE on Saturdays November 9th to December 14th

Oak Brook (at LCFS)

Mod 1, Foundation for Meeting the Developmental Needs of Children on Saturdays October 12th and 19th

PRIDE on Wednesdays October 23rd to November 13th

Joliet (DCFS Field Office)

PRIDE on Wednesdays October 16th to December 11th

PRIDE on Mondays November 4th to December 9th (?)

Rockford (at CHASI)

PRIDE on Wednesdays October 9th to December 11th

Rockford (at YMCA ID Pennock)

Ed Advocacy on Saturday November 9th

New Licensing Worker

We would like to take this time to introduce Kyla Akers our new Licensing worker who will be in both Rockford and Aurora offices. If you would like to reach her by phone number is 815-316-1964. She enjoys baking and card games. Welcome to the YSB Family.