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Rhode Island Foster Parents Association

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## Holiday Gifts for Foster Families

If you are in need of gifts for the children or youth in your care during this holiday season, please stop by the RIFPA offices on our Holiday Gift Distribution days listed below. Gifts for children are generously provided by Hasbro and gift certificates will be available for older youth. Donated hats, mittens and coats will also be available.

### DCYF Holiday Gifts Campaign Foster Family Distribution

Wednesday, December 12 and  
Thursday, December 13

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Rhode Island Foster Parent Association Offices  
55 South Brow Street, East Providence



We ask that foster parents bring proof of placement for each child. If you are homebound and need to request a gift drop-off, please contact Linda at the Association (401-438-3900).

Special Holiday Edition  
Your Guide  
to Holiday  
Happenings  
for Foster  
Families

# December

8<sup>th</sup>

## Holiday Bowling Party

This annual event is for teens and brings everyone together in a fun-filled atmosphere complete with free bowling, food, and music.

- Saturday, December 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 at Lang's Bowl-a-rama in Cranston

Sponsored by Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island. Please contact Linda at the Association at (401) 438-3900 for details.

12 & 13

## Annual Gift Distribution

All foster families are invited to come to the Annual DCYF Gift Distribution to pick up toys donated by Hasbro for the children placed in your home. We will also have gift certificates, as well as coats, hats, mittens and books and other donated items for children of all ages.

- Wednesday, December 12 and Thursday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Rhode Island Foster Parent Association Offices. 55 South Brow Street, East Providence.

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For directions, go to [www.rifpa.org](http://www.rifpa.org).

15 & 16

## 3rd Annual NHPRI Holiday Party

Join Us for Free Food & Festivities as We Celebrate the Holidays. Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island is generously sponsoring two holiday parties this year.

- Saturday, December 15 from 12:00 to 3:00 at the Woonsocket Senior Citizens Center on 84 Social Street, Woonsocket
- Sunday, December 16 from 12:00 to 3:00 at the John Hope Settlement on 7 Burgess Street, Providence

Families must call Jacqueline Dowdy at Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island at (401) 459-6172 to reserve a seat and a toy.

16<sup>th</sup>

## Dillon Council Holiday Party

Each year, the Dillon Council sponsors a holiday party for young children in foster care. Please join us for food, music and dancing. Plus, enjoy a visit from Santa for all good little boys and girls.

- Sunday, December 16 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 1675 Douglas Pike, North Providence.

This is a sell-out event every year. Space is extremely limited. RSVP's are required and will be processed on a first come, first served basis. To reserve your spot TODAY, please call Linda at the Association at (401) 438-3900.



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## We need your Donations!

Before you “Deck the Halls” make sure you clean up and clear out! The holidays are a great time to reduce clutter in your closet, attic and basement. Please take a minute to donate the unused items in your home.

### Our Cribs, Beds and Clothes... Oh my!

donation exchange program currently needs child care items that are still in good condition including playpens, strollers, and clothes for infants, toddlers, children and youth of all ages. To donate in-kind items to this program, please contact the Association at (401) 438-3900. Funding is also needed to support the purchase of car seats, beds and other items not readily available in inventory.

 **Thank you!**



**Call Neighborhood to learn about our many benefits!**  
**1-800-459-6019**



We are proud to partner with DCYF and the **RI Foster Parent Association** in supporting foster parents and the children in their care.

## JCYOI December Trainings

**Crash Course Financial Literacy Training**

**When:** During School Vacation

Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28

**Time:** 10:00am to 3:00pm — *Lunch will be served*

**Location:** Casey Family Services, 1268 Eddy St  
Providence, RI 02905

For more information and a referral form please contact Natasha Leavitt at 401-438-3900 or visit the website at [www.rifpa.org](http://www.rifpa.org)



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for Holiday Happenings**

Annual Toy & Gift Distribution, Bowling for Teens, Free Parties  
**Don't Miss All the Fun**



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