



FSS Newsletter

12 Key Truths You Need to Know to Create a Bright Future

1. Be kinder than necessary.
2. There's nothing more valuable than a giving heart.
3. Don't let lack of confidence stop you from reaching your goal.
4. Stop focusing on the negative.
5. Find balance in your life.
6. Learn to be a better listener.
7. Don't worry about what others have.
8. Be comfortable in not always knowing where you're going in life.
9. Don't burden yourself with regret.
10. Accept the gifts that life has to offer.
11. Decide what you want, you're choosing the direction of your life.
12. It's never too late.

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Looking Ahead...

What a crazy few months we have had! May this monthly newsletter find you all safe, healthy and happy. Although this pandemic still leaves us with some unknowns for the summer, it's time to look ahead. Lindsay hopes to travel to meet with clients over the summer as needed. If you have any family, friends or neighbors on Section 8 with MCHA - please refer them to the FSS Program. If you refer someone and they join FSS - you will get a referral reward! Please spread the word about this awesome program!

Don't look back! For a bright
future is ahead of you.

Joel Brown

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Reminders

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Illinois Division of Child Support Services

DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES



The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services—Division of Child Support Services provides services to custodial and non-custodial parents by establishing paternity as well as establishing, enforcing and modifying child support obligations to strengthen families emotionally and financially.

To receive help collecting child support, help establishing paternity or other child support services, call the Customer Service Center at 1-800-447-4278.

Regional Offices:

Coles County
313 N. Mattis Suite 218
Champaign, IL 61821

Jackson County
3419 Professional Dr.
Marion, IL 62959

Livingston County
16 W. Cass St. 4th Floor
Joliet, IL 60432

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509 S. 6th St.
Springfield, IL 62701

For more information visit: www.hfs.illinois.gov/ChildSupport

BRIGHT SPOT

Congratulations to another FSS participant! Karla completed the program after 4 years of participation. During her time in FSS, she obtained her Dental Assistant Certification and has maintained employment since that time. One of her goals was to become a homeowner.

Karla escrowed enough money to use for a down payment, and worked with Pam, our Housing Counselor as a first-time home-buyer .

Karla graduated during the pandemic. When she was handed her Certificate of Achievement and Escrow check, she said "You have no idea how big I'm smiling under this mask!"

**Stick with FSS and see what it
can do to help you
reach your goals!**

Be a Shining Example to Your Kids

"Do as I say, not as I do," is simply not true. Be a shining example to your kids. Take the time to honestly examine yourself. Do you like what you see? Would you be proud of your kids if they turned out just like you? If you honestly answered, YES, then congratulations, you are a shining example to your kids! However, no one is perfect and if you wish you were a little nicer, a little more polite, wished you didn't have some of the habits you have...well, guess what, it's time to make a change.

Why? You CAN make a difference and they're worth it. It starts with you! You are your child's strongest role model. Not their friends, not their teachers, not their relatives...YOU! What you do, they will do. If you say it, they'll say it. If you act irresponsibly, they will act irresponsibly. It really does start with you.

You brought them into this world and it's your responsibility to make them productive, well-mannered, respectful members of society. They need to be confident, proud, inquisitive, responsive to change and growth, possess a strong work ethic, have integrity. These are all qualities that will allow them to be all they can be.

Being polite, well-mannered, respectful of others, comes from the adults raising the child. Think about what you are doing and saying when you are around your children or any children for that matter. Think twice before you bark out something you may regret.

Happy kids come from happy families. Playful kids come from families that encourage play. Respectful kids come from families that are respectful to each other. What is your family teaching your children? Think about it, it's never too late for a change. Your kids' success and ability to shine, depends on you!

From Celia Kibler

Menard County

Housing Authority

Your Provider of Affordable Housing Services!

Our mission is to promote
and provide quality housing
while encouraging upward
mobility and a better
quality of life.

Our vision is creating housing that
families and communities can be
proud of.

COVID-19 Effects

Remember, if you have any questions about the effects COVID-19 has had on you and your family... contact Lindsay. She can provide you with resources and information to help.

Many of us have been affected by this pandemic over the past few months. If it has affected you financially, economically, emotionally, or otherwise: call or text Lindsay at 217-717-2551



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