



We hope this fall greets you with cooler temperatures outdoors and colder water from the tap! This summer has brought some big changes at Family Partners. We said goodbye to our longtime Human Resources Guru, Alissa Glander. She is exploring other opportunities and we wish her the best! We also welcomed an Executive Director! She is not a new face to Family Partners, in fact, she has been a well established asset with us for over 6 years! Christine Saeva is now our Top Dog. Welcome and we are so excited to see what great things you will bring to FP!



Here are the haps for the next few months in the Family Partners world!



**Developmental Home News:** There have been a lot of changes and growth within the Developmental Home Program during the last quarter. Even though we miss Christine Saeva's day to day involvement in our program, we are happy for her and the new role she has taken on. Another exciting change is a new position as Lead Family Support Specialist which will be filled by Christina Bolyard. Congrats!

*Provider Testimonial:* We are so thankful to know that Family Partners is on our side and is always ready to advocate for the needs of our foster daughter. We couldn't ask for anything else from a Developmental Home Agency, as they are passionately involved and always willing to help! They have always been there to support us. We are blessed to be working with an agency that places children's needs as their highest priority. -Judd and Gail Healy

We are happy to welcome the following newly licensed or transferred providers to our family:

Tracy and Amos Davis

Terri and Mike Duran

Jessica and Cory Gilbert

Coretta Muhammed

Bertie Nkosi

Prisca and Bryant Walton

Welcome! We are glad to have you!!

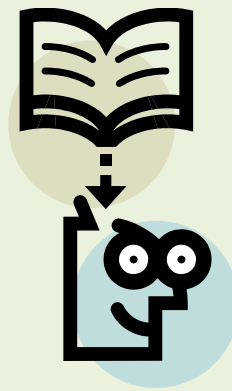
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### *Upcoming Trainings:*

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- 1. Family Partners and Magellan are offering training on September 14, 2011 at Family Partners entitled "Compulsive Hoarding". This training will provide information on why people hoard and how to help them deal with their hoarding. This training will be from 10am-11:30am.*
- 2. Family Partners and Raising Special Kids will offer training to families in Prescott on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 am- 2:30 pm. This is an opportunity to receive 4.5 hrs of training in one day! The topics are "Getting and Keeping your First Job", "Journey to Adulthood" and "Positive Behavior Supports". These are appropriate for both providers and family members of the clients we serve.*

We would also like to congratulate Carlos and Marisa Martinez and Ronda and Eric Siqueiros on the adoption of the foster children placed in their homes!



## *Home and Community Based*

***Services:*** We offer Respite, Habilitation and Attendant Care services for adults and children. We are always looking for committed and caring people to provide quality HCBS services.

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*For more information or to RSVP, call the office (ask for Mike or Christina) or email [Christina@familypartners.net](mailto:Christina@familypartners.net)*

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SPOTLIGHT: \*Christina Bolyard\* Thank you for always going above and beyond! Your hard work and dedication to the family and consumer really makes you a shining star! We'd also like to give a shout out to Lupe Cruz, who has

been with us 3 years! Thanks, Lupe, for all of your hard work!

*Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something.*

>Henry David Thoreau



\*Upcoming events:

*September 1<sup>st</sup>:* Play Group 9:30-10:30 am

*September 28<sup>th</sup>:* Magellan- "Compulsive Hoarding"

*September 23<sup>rd</sup>:* First day of Autumn!

Prescott Training day 9:30am-2:30pm (see Developmental Homes for details)

*September 27<sup>th</sup>:* Article 9 and CPR/First Aid

8:30am-11:30am Art 9

12:30-5:00pm CPR/FA

*October 30<sup>th</sup>:* Autism walk, join our team!

[www.walknowforautismspeaks.org](http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org)

>Did you know?

*If your dogs have brought fleas into the house, pour salt on the carpet, leave for 12 hours and vacuum! Also, wash your dog's house and blankets in salt water to kill the fleas!*

**Early Intervention News:** Please join us in starting our first play group! We will have fabulous toys, games, possibly a song or two and perhaps an art project for you to partake in. Bring your little ones for some socialization and you can get some adult conversation in as well! During the first gathering, we would love to get feedback from you as to what activities you are interested in, where you'd like to meet and how often. Also, if you are interested in volunteering with this group, please let us know! We look forward to playing with you!

WHO: 2 &3 year olds with different abilities

WHEN: September 12, 2011 9:00-10:00am

WHERE: Family Partners main office

9051 W Kelton Ln Ste 7 Peoria 85382

Contact: [Kristen@familypartners.net](mailto:Kristen@familypartners.net) or call 602 997 8300

RSVP: Please email or call to join the play group by September 11, 2011

We would also like to welcome our newest Developmental Specialists; Kelly Cook, Ruby Lucero and Ashley Gruner! Welcome and we are excited you have chosen one of the best jobs in the world!

Activity Idea for August: Make a cool slime by mixing cornstarch and water (approx 1 C Cornstarch to ½ C water,

to your liking)!  
You can even add a little food coloring to spice up the color! Happy squishing!

**Therapy News:**

*Our Therapy program, even though small,*

*Needs building up as you may recall.*

*Send your referral, don't hesitate, dash!*

*Then find yourself making some extra desired cash!*

**Day Program:** Our Vocational Program has begun making hand sanitizers, lotions and pocket perfumes to sell again. Look for our booth at your next Farmers Market!

We also have a Special Olympics Soccer Tournament coming up on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Rio Vista park! We hope to see you there!

**DTA Testimonial:**

"I like coming to Day Program because I like working and I like going out to places like Jumpstreet."

-Adam

Thanks, Adam!! We are glad you are a part of Family Partners!