

Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



November 2017

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~ November is National Adoption Month. Of the 280 children that came into custody since January 1, 2016, 48 have been placed for adoption by Henderson County DSS Staff. A total of 157 children left custody during this period with 84 returning to their parents or being placed with a relative. 19 of the remaining children aged out of care and 6 were transferred to other counties or signed voluntary placement agreements. 123 children remain in custody. We are proud to have reached permanence for so many children.

~ Recently NCDHHS implemented a program requiring hospitals to report to DSS any infant born “substance affected”. DSS reports these infants to the CC4C (Care Coordination for Children) program at the Health Department for their staff to create a “plan of safe care.” If the information reported constitutes an allegation of neglect, DSS opens a child protective service assessment and works with the Health Department to provide appropriate services to the child and family. In September there were three reported substance affected infants born to Henderson County residents and in October there were seven.

~ During November DSS staff are donating coats, jackets, blankets, quilts, sleeping bags, warm clothing, hats, gloves, socks, etc. to Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM). We also will have a bake sale with the proceeds going to IAM.

~ Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will begin on December 1, 2017 and continue until March 31, 2018. This is a program that provides heating related assistance to eligible clients. The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) also provides assistance to eligible clients for documented emergency situations. It begins in July each year and continues until allocated funds are depleted.

~ Senator Chuck Edwards is planning to attend our December DSS Board meeting. If you have specific questions you would like Mr. Edwards to address please send them to Karen Vale and we will send them to him in advance.

Employees of the Month: The November Employees of the Month list is enclosed.