



# post adoption PARENT GUIDE

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## Hello Families,

Welcome to August! We hope you and your family were able to enjoy some fun in the sun and find some cool moments, even amidst this heatwave. The new school year is approaching fast and many families we are hearing from are getting busy prepping for back-to-school. We packed this newsletter with some great resources for school supplies, scholarships, and ways to stay emotionally connected with your child through this exciting but sometimes stressful time.

We are excited to continue building rapport and relationships with post-permanency families. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to [adoptsupport@mycpid.com](mailto:adoptsupport@mycpid.com) or 208-252-6117

[Visit our website](#)



## Who Is Rise

RISE, Inc is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1987. RISE provides a range of services to adults, children, and families in Utah, Oregon, Arizona, Texas, and Idaho.

RISE provides services such as foster care, after-school and summer programs, early intervention, mental health therapy, behavioral supports, respite, and disability services. RISE, Inc. recently acquired the Idaho chapter formally known as Community Partnerships of Idaho.

# UPDATE



## Subsidy Follow Up

July was a busy month for the RISE Post-Permanency

Services team, who mailed nearly 2,000 letters to adoptive and guardianship families throughout the State of Idaho (and those who've relocated out of state).

Thank you to each family who has recently submitted their paperwork and reached out with questions. We are asking all responses be mailed by 9/1/2021. If you did not receive any paperwork in the mail, please reach out to us directly--we're happy to help route the information/forms your way.

Additionally, it was noted in the letters that were sent out with subsidy documents to include copies of your child's updated social security and Medicaid cards. We are asking that if you need to update these with the Department of Health and Welfare to please reach out to your local DHW Regional Office regarding where to submit the social security cards--please do not submit them with your forms to RISE.

# RESOURCE CORNER

## Family Resources

With kids returning back to school emotions may be high. Recently, The Honestly Adoption Company put on amazing training last month. To learn more about this company and the programs that they offer, visit

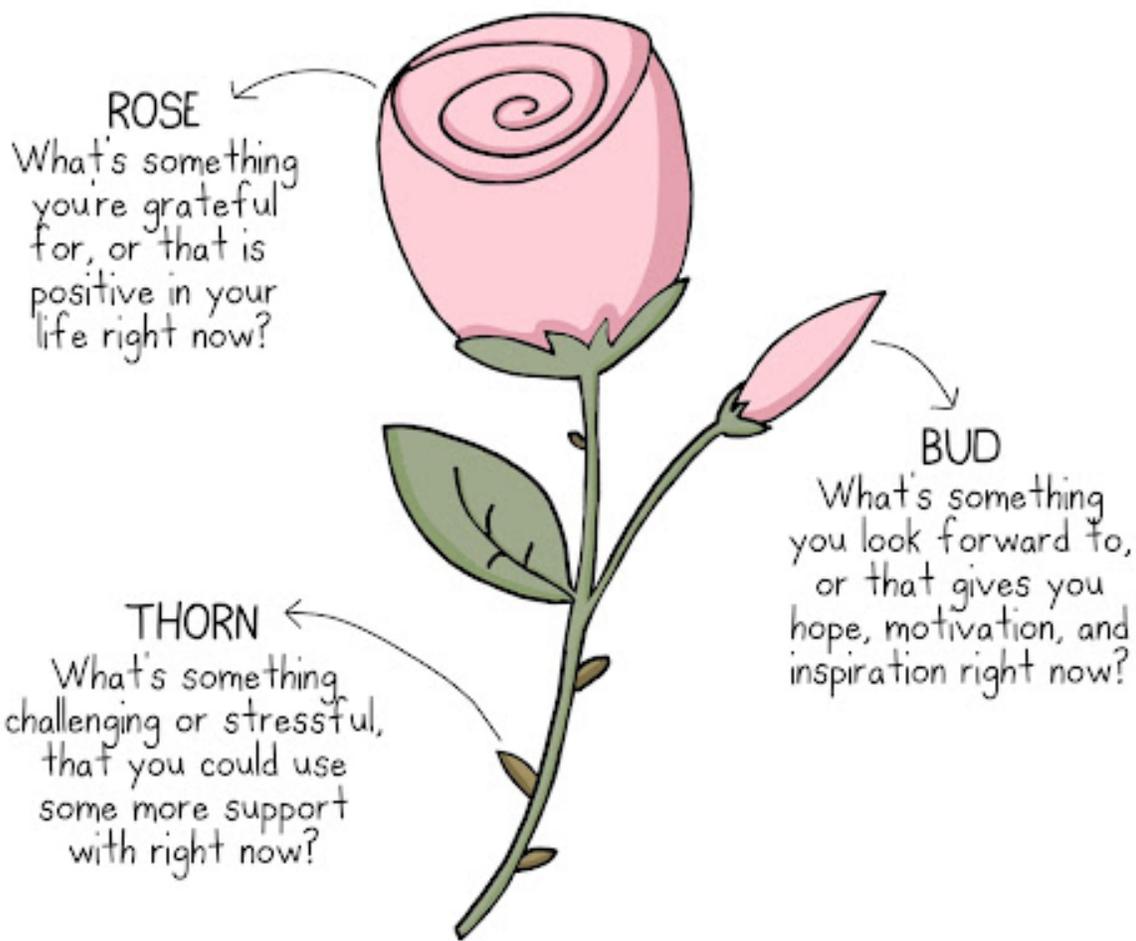
<https://honestlyadoption.com/>.

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We've included a very neat image tool that helps show an understanding of children's minds as well as a way to create a mindful approach to breaking down things with kids after a tough day. To learn more about this tool,

visit <https://www.mindfulschools.org/inspiration/mindful-reflection/>

# ROSE, THORN & BUD CHECK-IN





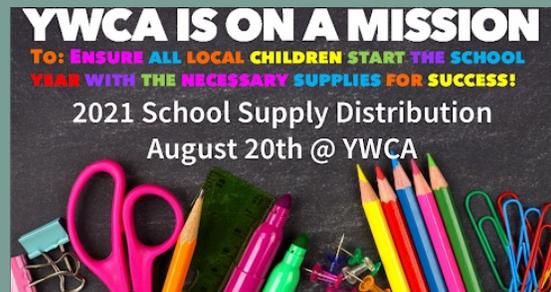
## School Supplies Distribution 2021

### **Region 1:**

Coeur D'Alene Public Schools: Need assistance with school supplies? School supplies donated to the district will be divided among our schools according to overall need. Staff members at each school will distribute supplies directly, with a focus on those students in the free or reduced lunch program. Families who wish to make a need request or have questions about distribution should contact the front office or counseling staff at their student's school office opens in August.

### **Region 2:**

YWCA is located in Lewiston, ID! Each year we strive to give students an equal shot at success in school by helping them complete their first assignment – bringing their school supplies to the classroom. This year we are back to distribution at the YWCA, with a little twist, more details to come. **Click here** for a list of needed school supplies and check back for our 2021 flyer coming soon!



### **Region 3:**

**Nampa Salvation Army Back-to-School Application 2021 is now open until August 10, 2021 by 8:00 PM.** The Salvation Army Nampa services areas of Nampa, Marsing, Melba, Murphy, Homedale, and Huston. 208-467-6586 ext. 8. To learn more about the application, **Back-to-School Application.**

### **Region 4:**

The Assistance League of Boise runs Operation School Supplies for all Ada county schools! Please reach out to your child's school counselor to assist in assessing

resources or supplies for your child.



## FALL CLOTHING & BACK-2- SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, August 14th  
11am - 2pm  
LifeSpring Church, 174 S. Star Rd.

*Free  
to the  
public*



CLOTHING FOR  
CHILDREN &  
ADULTS

BACKPACKS AND  
SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES

PET SUPPLIES PROVIDED BY HAND & PAW



www.starfoodbank.com  
208.779.0046  
staroutreach@yahoo.com

## Fall Clothing & Back-2-School Supplies Distribution - Star Outreach: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

174 N Star Rd  
Star, ID 83669

Join us on August 14th from 11 am - 2 pm @ LifeSpring Church [174 N. Star Rd., Star] for our Fall Clothing & Back2School Supply Distribution. We will have clothing for children and adults along with school supplies for children in need of free resources to start the school year off on the right foot. Come with the clothing sizes you need and the ages & school year of the children in need of supplies. One 13 gallon bag will be provided to each individual for shopping OR bring your own bags. Hand and Paw will also be on hand for pet food and supplies. Learn more about the event by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/events/797400591148036/?ref=newsfeed>

### ***Region 5:***

#### ***Idaho Angels Back to School Event***

475 Polk St.

Twin Falls, ID 83301

Idaho Angels 4th annual  
backpack giveaway!

Backpacks are filled with  
supplies. Kid(s) must be  
present.

The event will start at 9  
am until we are out of  
backpacks.

#### **Tools for School Supply Giveaway**

August 13-14, 9 am to 4  
pm located at 636 Spruce  
Circle Gooding, Idaho



United Way Promise Partnership

and  
Believers Church

3rd Annual  
**Ready for School**



**K-12**  
**August 7, 2021**

**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Believers Church  
100 East Ave D  
Jerome

Child **MUST** be  
present to receive  
a backpack.



Volunteers and donations needed,  
please contact:

Deloris Argyle: 208-539-5376

or

Tamie Eacker: 208-329-0384

**THANK YOU!**  
Clif Bar  
Falls Brand  
Hair dressers

**Region 6:**

Pocatello's Back 2 School Giveaway will be hosting an event on August 14th from 10 am to 1 pm at Mountain View Event Center located at 1567 Way to Grace Ave, Pocatello, ID 83201 For more information, please reach out to 208-403-6322



## College Scholarships

Additionally, we've included information about college scholarships for our teenagers who are beginning to think about college!

No matter who you are, scholarships for school can be so helpful in elevating some of the financial burdens of college. These days you can find a scholarship for just about anything. Below is a scholarship list that solely focuses on adoptive children or children who have been in foster care.

Tuition waiver program

Idaho foster youth who were adopted at age 16 or older may qualify for the Education and Training Voucher Program (ETV) which offers financial assistance for post-secondary education and training. For more information, parents can contact the Idaho CareLine at 211 or 800-926-2588

### **Fostering A Future Scholarship Program**

Deadline: April 15th

Information:

Sponsored by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and the Children's Action Network, the Foster A Future Scholarship Program is designed to provide national scholarships each year to youth who were adopted from foster care at or after the age of 13. In order to qualify for up to \$2,500 in financial tuition assistance, candidates under the age of 21 must be currently pursuing a college education at any vocational training program, two-year community college, or four-year university nationwide.

Contact:

Fostering A Future Scholarship Program  
11849 West Olympic Blvd. Suite 101 Los Angeles, CA 90064 (310) 477-7611  
[caninformation@aol.com](mailto:caninformation@aol.com)

## **Horatio Alger Association National Scholarship**

Deadline: February 1st

Information: As one of the nation's largest college financial aid programs offering 106 awards for \$21,000 each annually, the Horatio Alger Association National Scholarship is designed to specifically assist graduating high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives, including foster care or adoption. Qualified applicants must exhibit a strong commitment to completing a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit U.S. institution, demonstrate critical financial need, and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 or better.

Contact:

Horatio Alger Association National Scholarship  
99 Canal Center Plaza Suite 320  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 684-9444  
scholarships@horatioalger.org  
Program Website

## **John H. Chafee Education and Training Scholarship**

Deadline: July 31 of each year

Information: As a federally-funded state-administered initiative to provide financial support for transiting from foster care to adulthood, the John H. Chafee Education and Training Scholarship provides up to \$5,000 annually to students from all 50 states who were in the foster care system through their 18th birthday or were adopted after age 16 from foster care. Qualified candidates must be pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited U.S. school, be under the age of 23 years old, and demonstrate financial need.

Contact:

Kristen Nate  
450 W. State Street, 5th Floor  
Boise, ID 83702  
(208) 334-4932  
IL-ETV@dhw.idaho.gov

## **Lifetime Adoption Foundation Educational Scholarships**

Deadline: March 15th

Information: Each year, the Lifetime Adoption Foundation proudly offers various educational scholarships for up to \$3,000 to adopted children pursuing post-secondary education as well as birthmothers who have chosen adoption to fulfill college goals. For consideration, applicants must submit a completed application, proof of enrollment at an accredited U.S. institution, an official transcript showing a 2.0 GPA or better, and verification of the adoption at least three months prior to the start of classes.

Contact:

Lifetime Adoption Foundation Educational Scholarships  
430 North Palora Avenue Suite K  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
(800) 923-6784  
scholarships@lifetimefoundation.org

## National Foster Parent Association Youth Scholarship Program

Deadline: March 14th

Information: Annually, the National Foster Parent Association (NFPA) presents five Youth Scholarships for \$500 each to foster, adopted, and biological children of currently licensed foster parents who are seeking post-secondary education beyond high school at any accredited U.S. institution. Along with an application, candidates must attach proof of parent membership in the NFPA, two letters of recommendation, an official high school transcript, and an essay on how foster care experiences shaped their future goals.

Contact:

National Foster Parent Association Youth Scholarship Program  
2021 East Hennepin Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55413  
(800) 557-5238