



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE 2005 KICK-OFF TO ADOPTION MONTH FAIR!!!!

We have included a few suggestions below to assist in making this fair comfortable for you, your family and the waiting children. These will be reviewed the day of the fair as you enter in a small orientation.

- Interact with the children by becoming involved in the activities they are enjoying. Please do not interview the children, tell them you want to adopt them, or ask them if they want to come and live with you.
- If a child asks to go home with you, gently remind the child that they will go home with the same person they came with.
- Talk about the activities at the fair. Ask them what they like to do for fun, what TV shows they like to watch, what they like at school. Do not ask them why they need to be adopted or about their past history or families.
- Please do not exchange personal information with the children – including addresses and phone numbers.
- If a child should ask you why you are here, tell them you are interested in learning more about children like them.
- No placement decisions will be made today. Families will not be taking children home with them.
- Please do not spend all your time with one child or sibling group. Mingle and allow other families to meet the children. ***Enjoy all the activities here today.***
- Please limit the time you spend with a child's worker so that others will have a chance to talk with them. Contact information is being provided so you can call them later and talk more about a child. You can discuss details at that time. We have to be careful and sensitive to our children while they are at the fair.
- If you need assistance, please ask someone in a red fair tee shirt.

There will be a registration table at the entrance to the area. Please be sure to register your attendance. The purpose of the party is to bring families and children together in an atmosphere that is fun, exciting and allows for casual interactions. The children waiting for adoptive parents will be wearing royal blue tee-shirts with their name and county on a card. If you would like more information about a particular child, make a note on the child attendees list you will receive at the registration table. You can then contact the child's worker later and discuss any questions you have about the child.