

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:Information about
the Linking Hearts
Adoption Event in
Rolla, MOM E M O R A N D U M

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND
CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: LINKING HEARTS COMMUNITY ADOPTION EVENT

REFERENCE: CHILDREN'S DIVISION

DISCUSSION:

We are pleased to announce the Linking Hearts Community Adoption Event. This activity allows the Children's Division, the Phelps County Community Partnership and the University of Missouri-Rolla Inter-fraternity Council to provide prospective adoptive families the opportunity to interact with children in need of permanent homes. For over a decade Linking Hearts events have resulted in creating forever families for waiting children. In addition, the event increases awareness of the need for adoptive homes for children from foster care.

This year's event will be held on Friday September 21, 2007 at Lion's Club Park in Rolla, Missouri. Registration for children will begin at 1:00 p.m. at The Centre. Activities will include swimming, basketball and other indoor activities followed by outdoor activities such as craft and project stations. Prospective adoptive parents are invited to join the festivities beginning at 5:00 p.m. and continuing until 7:30 p.m. The evening activities will include carnival games, music and a picnic with the children. Registration forms and an agenda are attached. For directions to Lion's Club Park and The Centre or for the opportunity to register on-line please visit the Linking Hearts website at:

http://www.thepccp.org/our_programs/linking_hearts/

Counties are encouraged to participate in this event by registering children and inviting prospective adoptive parents to attend. Please use the attached flyer to invite families to this recruitment activity.

This has proven to be an enjoyable and informative adoption recruitment event for prospective families and adoption workers over the years. We strongly encourage your participation and support of this activity.

If you have questions about Linking Hearts, please contact the 25th Circuit Adoption Unit at 573-774-6121 or 573-368-2340.

NECESSARY ACTION:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Complete appropriate attached forms for children and adults who will accompany children attending this event.
3. Share the attached Linking Hearts Recruitment Flyer with adoptive families within your counties
4. Post the attached Linking Hearts Recruitment Flyer throughout your community.
5. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to the 25th Circuit Adoption unit.

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.ATTACHMENTS:

[Child Registration Form](#)
[Adult Registration Form](#)

[Agenda for Workers](#)

[Linking Hearts Recruitment Flyer](#)