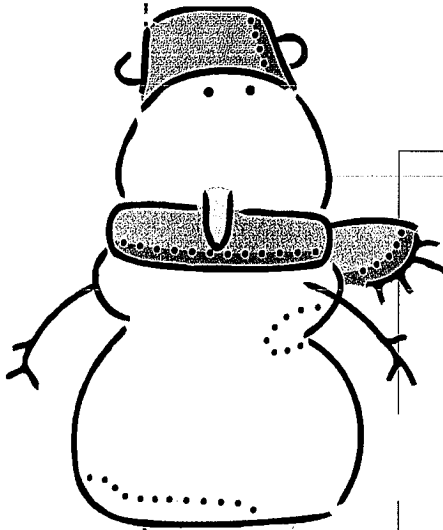


# Provider Quarterly

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.

-Robert H. Goddard (1882-1945)



Hello Providers! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and had the opportunity to get caught back up with your families. Our First Steps staff thanks everyone who was so generous in bringing sweet treats and holiday cards! It was very much appreciated and went quick! We are now looking forward to some spring sun and dry roads!

**Just a reminder, our office will be closed Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

## Upcoming Events

Jan 3-April 15th  
Free Tax Preparation Assistance (Income Based)  
For more information contact Katie Rodgers at Pathfinder Community Connections (260) 356-0521  
Visit [www.cchomes.org](http://www.cchomes.org)

Jan 12, 19 & 26  
Feb 9, 16 & 23  
Fox Island Kit Club  
Educational craft programs for kids and parents. Must preregister  
(260) 449-3246

Barnes & Noble Story Times  
Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00a.m. Jefferson Pointe (260) 432-3343 or  
Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00 a.m. at Glenbrook (260) 482-3720

Bookworms Book Sale to benefit Ft. Wayne Parks and Rec programs. Franke Park Nature Lodge, Ft. Wayne 12-4p.m.  
Jan 30th. Book donations accepted through Jan 22nd.  
(260) 427-6005

February 6th, 8a.m.-3p.m.  
Baby Fair and Family Expo  
Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne

First Steps Parent Night (Transition Event)  
Allen County-Feb 9th  
Huntington County-Feb 11th  
Adams/Wells Counties-Feb 16th  
(see next page for more information)

Children Seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.  
-Unknown

**Helpful Resources**



Indiana's Transition Initiative  
[www.indianatransition.org](http://www.indianatransition.org)



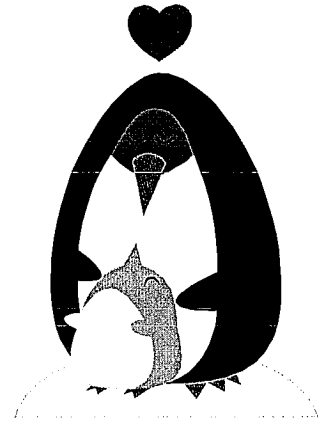
Family to Family  
[www.inf2f.org](http://www.inf2f.org)



ASK  
[www.aboutspecialkids.org](http://www.aboutspecialkids.org)



Healthy Families  
[www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org](http://www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org)



**First Steps Parent Night**

Once again, First Steps is hosting a Parent Night event for families with children approaching age three. Invitations have been sent out to parents with kiddos near age two and older for each of the four counties our office serves. Our service coordinators are encouraging families to attend this night as they see them for quarterly meetings. We are also asking our therapists who get to see these families each week to help give a boost to attend this event. It will be a time for parents to calm their nerves and speak with many representatives from different organizations about the options available and what would be best for their child. There will be refreshments and free childcare available during Parent Night (we just ask they call ahead to let us know if they will need childcare). For any questions, please contact Katie Blosser at (260) 420-3063 ext. 221 or by email at [Kblosser@achievaresources.org](mailto:Kblosser@achievaresources.org).

**ALLEN COUNTY**

February 9th  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Turnstone Center  
3320 N. Clinton St.  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46805

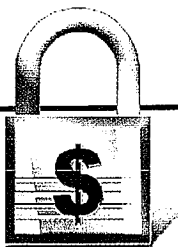
**HUNTINGTON COUNTY**

February 11th  
7-8:00 p.m.  
Kids Kampus  
435 Campus St.  
Huntington, IN 46750  
\*Contact Joy Koch if  
childcare is needed  
(260) 356-0123

**ADAMS/WELLS  
COUNTIES**

February 16th  
7-8:00 p.m.  
925 North Main St.  
Bluffton, IN 46714

# MONEY SAVINGS IDEAS



## Free Stuff

[www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org) - contains a FREE section of classified ads

[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) - online ads for strictly free items

[www.heyitsfree.net](http://www.heyitsfree.net) - links to free samples, updates on free meals and promotions

## Public Programs

2-1-1 Free and confidential telephone assistance that provides information on food, housing, health care, employment, support groups, parenting, counseling, clothing, and much more!

## General Shopping

[www.dealnews.com](http://www.dealnews.com) - Great site to watch online store sales!

[www.dealseekingmom.com](http://www.dealseekingmom.com) - National site that looks out for free items and wonderful deals. Look for the Red Box video rental codes to use on Mondays

[www.shoppingnotes.com](http://www.shoppingnotes.com) - Receive email updates when the price drops for specific items you may be searching for

## Eating Out

<http://www.kidsmealdeals.com>

<http://www.mykidseatfree.com>

[www.boorah.com/restaurants](http://www.boorah.com/restaurants)

## Grocery Coupons

These sites offer printable coupons and usually are updated each month.

[www.coupons.com](http://www.coupons.com)

[www.bettycrocker.com/coupons-promotions/coupons/](http://www.bettycrocker.com/coupons-promotions/coupons/)

[www.boxtops4education.com/Coupons/](http://www.boxtops4education.com/Coupons/)

[www.smartsourcecoupons.com](http://www.smartsourcecoupons.com)

[www.specialoffers.com/grocery-printable](http://www.specialoffers.com/grocery-printable)

[www.eatbetteramerica.com/coupons/](http://www.eatbetteramerica.com/coupons/)

[www.couponbug.com](http://www.couponbug.com)

## Grocery Shopping

[www.inexpensively.com](http://www.inexpensively.com)

Great website for Indiana! Matches coupons with local sales to save the most each week.

<http://ingoodcents.blogspot.com>

A site to find local sale items, store promotions, and other money saving ideas

<http://blog.nickels-n-dimes.com>

National site highlighting stores. Since store sales can change from region to region, you will need to double check local ads.

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

Grocery store which sells the staple items families need. This site has a menu planner option which makes your grocery list for you, based on the meal choices you made from site's online

