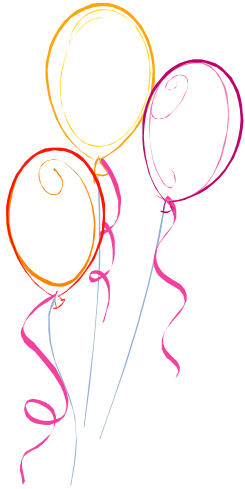


The Central Massachusetts Adoption Collaborative
invites you to join us at an
Adoption Party!

Saturday, March 17

10:00am-1:00pm

Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA



Here's an opportunity to meet the child you've been waiting for! We are planning a fun day for the kids, and you are invited to join in the fun, to meet many of the area's waiting children, and talk with their social workers. So come on out to Paxton, have some pizza, and have some fun! You might just fall in love!

OPEN TO HOMESTUDIED FAMILIES ONLY - EVERYONE MUST WEAR SNEAKERS!

If possible, please bring a dessert or healthy snack to share at the party.

For more information, call Eileen Griffin at 978-353-3629

DIRECTIONS: From **Route 290** in Worcester, take **Route 122 West**. Pay attention to signs as 122 twists and turns its way through Worcester. Once you enter Paxton, you'll pick up **Route 56**. When the two Routes diverge, **stay on 56**. Pass Crocker Hill Rd. on the right. Then look for **Streeter Rd.**, where you will take a right. At the other end of Streeter, take a left onto **Grove St.**, and Anna Maria will be just ahead on your left. (Fuller Center)

IF YOU ARE BRINGING A CHILD TO THE PARTY YOU MUST FILL OUT THE ATTACHED WAIVER & MAIL BACK YOUR RSVP TO DCF ADLU, SUITE 300 121 PROVIDENCE ST. WORCESTER, MA 01604.

OTHERWISE, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR RSVP TO MICHCUFF@YAHOO.COM.

PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR.

MANDATORY WAIVER FOR ADULTS BRINGING CHILDREN

Yes, I/we will attend the Adoption Party!

NAME(s):

NAMES & AGES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Please circle: Waiting Family
 Social Worker
 Foster Parent w/ child

Other: _____

CONFIRMATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARENTS/SOCIAL WORKERS/GUARDIANS:

(Must be signed by adults bringing children)

I understand and agree to the following:

While I am at this Adoption Party at Anna Maria College, I will be entirely responsible for knowing the whereabouts and providing for safety of all the children attending the party with me. Party staff will not be expected to watch the children who attend this party with me.

Signature

Date

Please mail this completed waiver to Michelle Cuff by Friday, March 6 at:

**DCF, Suite 300
121 Providence Street
Worcester, MA 01604**

What to do at an Adoption Party...

...**Take time to:** Look over the information tables, check out any photos or photolisting books, and learn how to identify waiting children and their corresponding Social Workers through name badge distinctions and photos.

...**Introduce yourself to Social Workers at the party.** Even if the worker did not bring a child you are looking to meet, they have other children in their caseload and know of others in their agency.

...**Get involved!** Help the kids join in the activities of the party. They may be shy and need encouragement. You can volunteer to help or join in the activities yourself.

...**Talk to the kids** about things they enjoy doing or compliment a nice shirt or a pretty smile...However...

Please do not: Ask them about adoption, foster care, or whether they want to be adopted. These are very personal things to share with a stranger. Please don't make any promises. If you are interested, talk to the child's worker, but not in the immediate presence of the child.

Adoption parties focus on sharing information, making friends, and becoming more familiar with adoption. Matches may happen or not; we hope they will. In any event, discovering new friends and acquaintances can further your adoption network!

**No one can change their past.
But you can change their future!**