

From all of us here at Family First Fostering,

*We hope you had an amazing Christmas and wish you
all the best for 2019!*

Events and Days Out:

Southend:

All of us here at Family First Fostering hope you all enjoyed our trip to Southend, Adventure Island. It was a lovely day and from what we could see we believe you all had a lovely time and we hope to organise more fun packed days like this in the future.

Christmas Party:

Our End of Year Christmas Party was one to remember. It was an amazing night organised by our Supervising Social Workers Paige Prescod and Noor Ali Jr. Thank you to them both for organising such an enjoyable night for us all and we hope you all had a fabulous time.

Please contact us if you would like the photos but we will also proceed to send them out.

At the party we gave out awards to recognise some of the hard work and dedication you, as foster carers, put in and it doesn't go unnoticed. Below listed is the awards won by foster carers for the amazing support and work they have done with us.

- ***Majeeda Zafar: Support to the agency.***
- ***Andrea Koci: Commitment to training and personal development.***
- ***Mumtaz Chohan: Outstanding commitment for working with foster children with disabilities.***
- ***Ardijan and Florida Bica: A special thank you for their ongoing support.***
- ***Marie Ologbosere: For support as agency decision maker.***

Five-Year Recognition:

- ***Razia and Jamil Badul***
- ***Andrea and Horace Powell***
- ***Anne and Candice Martin***
- ***Denise Bourerha***
- ***Rochel Miguel***
- ***Ancia Andrews***

New Staff

We would like to welcome the new members of staff who have joined our team here at Family First Fostering.



Bayley Lawrence

Administrator



Jacqui Lawrence

Social Care Director



Antony Dennis

Supervising Social Worker



Bethany Andrews

Supervising Social Worker

General Updates

Training

For next year Family First Fostering have decided on a new online training provider which has courses specifically aimed at foster carers. We are hoping for this to be up and running by February as a safeguarding officer is specifically adapting the course to fit our criteria.

To add we have also organised a schedule for the in-house training taking place next year, we hope to see many of you attending to progress and develop in your skills as foster carers

Activities

We are starting to plan some fun trips/activities for both foster carers and young people. We will keep you up to date with this. If anyone has any activity suggestions please do not hesitate to get in touch with Bayley.

Young Person Achievement

We also would like to congratulate EN on her new adventure at London South bank University studying Clinical Psychology. We wish you all the best with your degree. If there are any achievements yourself or young people in your care have achieved, please let us know.

Staying Put

When a young person turns 18, they can either move onto independence or remain in placement under a staying put arrangement. If you would like to consider this with one of your yp please speak to your SSW when your yp turns 17 and a half. It is very important this is planned with management authorisation. Carers are paid for staying put however payment varies between local authorities and decreases as they get older.

All in all, we have had a truly brilliant 2018 here at Family First Fostering and we look forward to heading in the new year with you all and wish you the best for 2019!