

CONFERENCE

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The banquet this year was a Hawaiian Luau theme. The dinner consisted of tropical fruit, chicken cashew, Beef Hakka, fried rice, vegetable casserole and desserts. The stage was decorated to give the feel of being in Hawaii. The Entertainment was provided by Polynesian Review. All members were of Asian/Polynesian descent and the show lasted about an hour. The dances performed were representative of Tahiti, Hawaii, New Zealand, and Samoa. The Somoan dances were spectacular and included a dangerous knife and fire dance with one of the chiefs. Later on, members of the audience were invited up on stage to dance with the cast. It was quite a sight. When asked, many of the parents had a wonderful time and it was a great ending to a great conference!

We look forward to seeing you at Conference 2000! It promises to be a time well worth the effort!

You Know You're A Foster Parent When...

People approach your brown daughter & white son & say, "same daddy?" and you WINK & say, Nope, and they don't have the same mother EITHER!

The church you attend reserves a whole pew with your name on it, just in case.

The only chance you have to drink, and the only thing to drink is formula and you don't mind.

Someone says the word "sleep" and it dredges up far distant memories of when you last did.

The physician gives you two antidepressants and an anxiolytic to match the antihypertensives...and you know what those are!

You put names on the bedroom doors. We do this so we remember who we have and where we put them.

You are walking in your neighborhood and someone asks how much you charge for your daycare business.

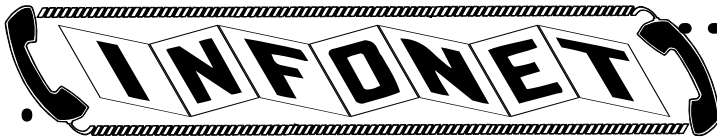
You have three Parent/Teacher conferences, all on the same day, all for the first grade, in two different grade schools.

You have more children than vehicle.

Your social scene is lawyer, court, probation and police.

Your heart is bigger than your brain!

You watch your 2 week placement go from crib to Jr. High.



WARNING:
My Disposition Changes Without Notice!

ADHD

Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common psychiatric disorders of children. Approximately 3-5% of children around the world have this disorder. About 50% have another psychiatric disorder with ADHD. In the past, it has been thought that this was only present in boys. However, we now know that many girls have it, too.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Inattention

1. Often fails to give close attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork, work, or other activities
2. Often has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks or play activities
3. Often does not seem to listen when spoken to directly
4. Often does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork, chores, or duties in the workplace (not due to failure to understand instructions)
5. Often has difficulty organizing tasks and activities
6. Often avoids, dislikes, or is reluctant to engage in tasks that require sustained mental effort (such as schoolwork or homework)

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