



Taking ACTION

April 2007

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We put together this information for the State of Ohio and wanted to share these statistics with all of our families. As you know, ACTION, Inc. works nationally, where there are an estimated 150,000 children available for adoption. 46% of our placements are from the state of Oregon, 33% are children from Ohio, 12% are children from Texas, 6% from Washington, and 3% from Florida (Please note these are averages using the placements from 2006). 89% of our families are Caucasian, 8% are African-American and 3% are Hispanic (Again, these are averages, the percentage of families changes from year to year). Finally, 52% of the children we have placed are Caucasian, 30% Hispanic, 11% African-American, 5% Bi-racial, and 2% Asian.

Parents Night Out

Recently, ACTION staff offered a parents night out to our families. The staff opened the office and provided crafts, snacks, and a movie to the children, while parents took some much needed time away for rest and relaxation. This event was fun for all involved. ACTION staff will continue to offer these parents nights out and will seek to add a more educational piece for the children in attendance. Watch for more information about the next parents night out coming May 12, 2007, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

ACTION Garage Sale

ACTION will be holding a large garage sale on May 31, June 1 and 2, 2007 (Rain date June 7, 8, 9, 2007. ACTION would like to use proceeds from the sale for adoption support, to increase the children's program and bring in special guest speakers, art therapists, etc. for the kids.

- **Donations of items for the sale will be accepted now through May 31.**
- **Volunteers are needed to help in preparing and during the sale.**

Please call or email the office to let us know of your willingness and availability to help!

The ACTION family would like to welcome the following children into their new home: David and Michael; Alexandra, David, Dillan and Serenity; Gary; and Jason and Destiny

A Note About On-Going Training...

Many of our families do not plan to renew their foster care license after the initial approval and so they do not complete on-going training as required by the State of Ohio. However, it is necessary for many of our families to renew their license for any number of reasons. Please keep this in mind and continue to attend and complete on-going training, as each licensed person must have at least 40 hours of on-going training for each two year period. Training opportunities at ACTION are listed on the following pages. See you there!

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On-Going Training

April 20, 2007- Julie Berro, adoptive mother and public school teacher will share how to assess special needs in young children.

May 18, 2007-Julie Berro, returns with so much information to help us be advocates for our children, we invited her for another training.

June 15, 2007-Donny Marlow, an experienced psychologist and social worker will share his knowledge about *The Grieving Child*.

Don't miss these wonderful opportunities for on-going training hours. Also, Support Group every Friday is one of the most important activities we have at ACTION. Be a part of it!