







#### Dear Caregivers,

We would like to wish you all a happy holiday season! This time of year is filled with traditions and spending time with your loved ones. For our youth, this may be a sensitive time as many will not be spending their holidays with their families or even their siblings. As caregivers, lets come together to make their holidays special. Ask about their family traditions, family recipes, and if possible, incorporate parents and siblinas. siblings.

If you have any questions or need extra support this month, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team at youthservices@familypartnerships.org.

Warmly, Youth Services Team



# HOLIDAY MEAL PLANNING

Cooking and meal planning can be a great way to make connection, especially during the holiday season. Instead of making all the meals yourself, include your teens in meal prep, cooking, and cleanup. Share the cookbooks and online resources you use for recipes and meal ideas. Ask them to find a recipe they'd like to make, and coach them through making it.

# Why it matters:

Developing a cooking repertoire increases self-awareness, decision-making, and relationship building.

Learning these life skills allows youth to contribute to the household in personalized and independent ways.



## **RESOURCES**

How to Support Foster Youth During the Holidays https://www.kfh.org/foster-child-holidays/

12 Ideas for Supportive Adults

HTTPS://WWW.FOSTERCLUB.COM/SITES/DEFAULT/FIL
ES/DOCS/BLOGS/HOLIDAY SUPPORT%C6%92.PDF

## SEL CORNER

(SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING CORNER)

The holidays can take an emotional toll on all of us, but foster children may feel an increased sense of grief, stress, or anxiety. Your foster child may pull away or withdraw over the holiday season. Be sure to encourage youth to practice self-care and respect any boundaries they set. Below you will find a list of article resources on supporting our youth during the holiday season.



# LIFE SKILLS PROGRESS FORM CARE GIVER PORTAL:







# FREE HOLIDAY EVENTS

#### CHRISTMAS TREE STROLL

DISNEY SPRINGS

1486 E.BUENA VISTA DR. LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL. 32830

12/1-12/31

#### CASSELBERRY LIGHTS

LAKE CONCORD PARK
95 TRIPLET LAKE DR. CASSELBERRY, FL. 32707
12/1-1/4

#### **NIGHTLY SNOW FALL**

CELEBRATION
610 SYCAMORE ST. STE. 220 KISSIMMEE, FL.34747
12/1-12/31

#### DOWNTOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

LAKE EOLA PARK
512 E. WASHINGTON ST. ORLANDO, FL.32801
12/5-1/6
VARIOUS FREE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH
SCHEDULE:

#### DOWNTOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS PRESENTED BY ADVENTHEALTH DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

#### FAMILY CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA IN PALM BAY

FRED POPPE REGIONAL PARK
1951 MALABAR ROAD, PALM BAY, FL.32907
12/21 10:30AM-5PM

#### SURFING SANTAS IN COCOA BEACH

COCONUTS ON THE BEACH
2 MINUTEMEN CAUSEWAY COCOA BEACH, FL.32931
12/24 7:30AM





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