



Hello pumpkin season

**Childrens Network of
Southwest Florida - Post
Adoption Newsletter
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Post Adoption Support

Some parents immediately bond with their child the first time they meet, while other times, it can take longer. As with any relationship, it takes time and commitment to establish a connection. Children thrive in environments where they receive consistent, loving care; with time and effort, interactions will improve. The best way to nurture a healthy relationship is by observing closely to their needs and determine how to make them feel safe, supported and loved in any given scenario. It is recommended to inquire about the child's environment and routine before the child enters your home, to ensure a smooth transition. For any new parent, it is not uncommon to feel overwhelmed when faced with the demands parenting entails; be sure to rely on familial and community supports for assistance, and post adoption case managers will support you wherever they can.



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Announcements & EVENTS

Post Adoption Support Meeting

All parents welcome!

Location: Zoom, link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6752493649?pwd=U0o5NTdERCTpQW9NVWRoa2F3VFVSUT09TBD>

Date: November 7 at 6pm

RSVP to neil.purvis@cnswfl.org

Fall events
[www.empowermentfarm.org/
fall-festival](http://www.empowermentfarm.org/fall-festival)

www.fun4fortmyerskids.com

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Helpful Resources

Sunshine Health

<https://www.sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan/adoptive-families.html>

This website provides resources to help you navigate your child's health insurance, find a provider, and manage your child's account and find resources for adoptive families such as education and trainings. Take advantage of the database of resources.

AdoptUSKids

<https://www.adoptuskids.org/adoption-and-foster-care/parenting-support/for-adoptive-parents>

This website provides families with helpful resources. Subsidies, services, and training are available to help you during the adoption process and throughout your family's journey.

National Center for Effective Mental Health Consultation

https://www.ecmhc.org/materials_families.html

This website provides families with practical guidance on ways to promote young children's healthy social and emotional development and reduce challenging behaviors.

Agency Links

Adoption Reunion Registry

<http://www.adoptflorida.org/reunionregistry.shtml>

Choosing a Child Care Provider

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/choosing-a-daycare.shtml>

Adoption Competent Mental Health Providers Near You

<http://www.adoptflorida.org/contactMHProfessionals.shtml>

Adoption Videos, Podcasts and Articles by Topic

Adoption Podcast Episodes by Topic <http://adoptuskids.org>

Adoption.org Articles by Topic

<https://adopting.org/>

A Trust Based Relational Intervention Portrait Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4CK7b-a2H0>

Halloween Cookie Pizza



INGREDIENTS

- 1 roll (16.5 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Sugar Cookie Dough
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup candy corn
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips or raisins
- 1/4 cup vanilla ready-to-spread frosting (from 1-lb can)

DIRECTIONS

Step 1

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 12-inch pizza pan with cooking spray. Break up cookie dough in pan; press dough evenly in bottom of pan to within 1/2 inch of edge.

Step 2

Bake 16 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely on cooling rack, about 30 minutes.

Step 3

Spread peanut butter over crust. Sprinkle candy corn and chocolate chips evenly over top.

Step 4

In small microwavable bowl, microwave frosting on High 10 to 15 seconds or until thin and drizzling consistency. Drizzle frosting over cookie pizza. Cut into wedges or squares.

**Send in your Favorite
Family Recipe!**

