

NYS Citizens' Coalition for Children  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Foster Care and Adoption Conference

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## Parent Group Cracker Barrel Ideas for Parent Group Events and Projects St. Lawrence County Foster/Adoptive Parent Association

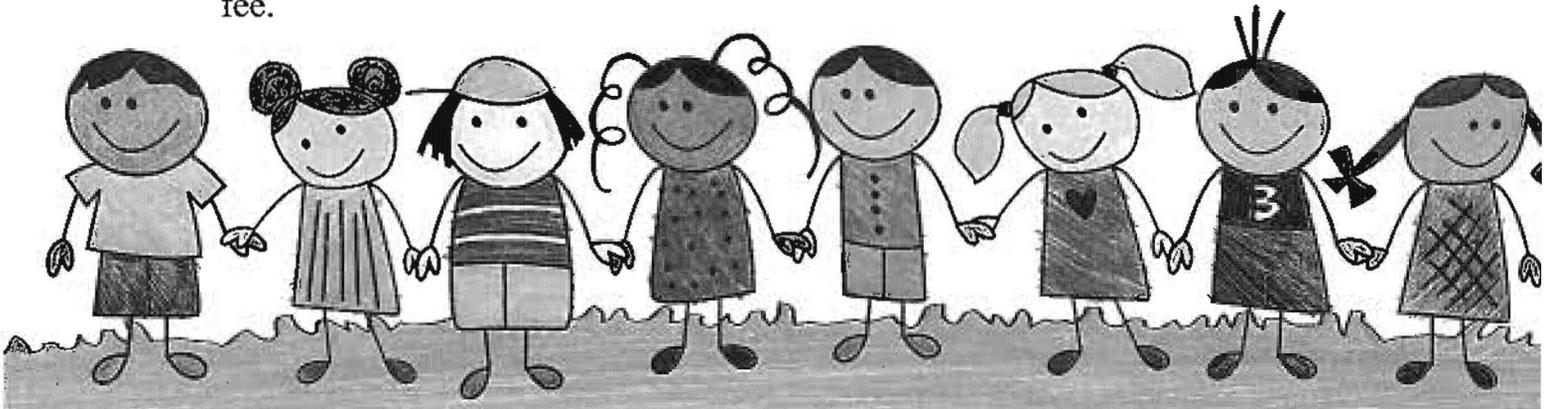
Movie theaters will give discounts to groups most of the time, they may even include a popcorn snack pack. We have even charged everyone \$2.00 a person for a movie and popcorn so we don't have to deplete our account. Most people don't mind paying a small price.

Most malls have an arcade that kids love and they're usually close to the food court, although this is an expensive activity, arcades usually have birthday party facilities and will throw in tokens for groups. Parents could visit in the food court while the children play.

There are Ice skating rinks that have skate rentals and sometimes a room available to use so you could bring in snacks.

Sleigh rides are also a good winter family activity. Could offer hot chocolate and cookies. Grocery stores might be willing to donate food.

Breakfast and a picture with Santa. Some of the service clubs offer this to members and would love to invite foster and adopted children for a small fee.





Families that belong to service clubs (example Moose club) can use the facility free of charge for parties and activities. Family karaoke night with pizza and soda. Clubs usually offer cheap food to its members.

Celebrate National Adoption Month in November and National Foster Care Month, Children's Mental Health month in May. Have an educational information family fun day. Open to the public. Games, prizes and simple food like Hot dogs, chips and soda.

Places like Boys and Girls Club may invite you to use their facility. They offer many activities for children while adults hold support group meetings and trainings. They may even use high school service clubs to play one on one with young and special needs children. They have well trained staff so you can relax. Many of our children are members. They run on grants and donations so they may benefit from having you use their facilities.

Bowling alleys may offer special prices for groups. They'll even put in the gutter pads. Some have disco lights and music while you bowl. You can bring in your own food and snacks.

