



CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES



CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO...  
**THE SPRING ADOPTION MIXER**



**Friday, May 18, 2012**

**11AM to 2PM**

**Registration at 10:30AM**

Catholic Charities Parmadale  
6753 State Rd  
Parma, Oh 441134  
The Parmadale Institute  
Directions on reverse side

**RSVP by May 11, 2012**

Sally Denman (216) 881-4047  
Saquetta Moore (216) 881-5325  
Ohio Relay Service 711

**Lunch, games and more...**

*This event is open to children in permanent custody only please.*

# GUIDELINES FOR THE MIXER

The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for waiting children and prospective adoptive parents to meet and get acquainted. We have found this to be one of the most successful methods of matching families with children. There will be both waiting children and children of the foster parents at the party. You will be able to tell the children apart by color coded name tags.

To help make this a positive experience for everyone, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

## DO's

- Do interact with the child!!! Talk with him/her about school, favorite activities, TV shows, foods, pets, etc.
- Do compliment and praise the child.
- Do have fun and talk with all the children!!!
- Do talk with the staff quietly and privately and ask questions
- Do express your interest, and complete and turn in family interest forms.
- Do sign in and wear your name tag.

## DO NOT's

- Don't ask the child if they want to be adopted by you or offer to adopt the child.
- Don't ask the child why they are in foster care.
- Don't hover over the child and monopolize their time.
- Don't talk about the child to staff with the child present.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE PARMADALE INSTITUTE CLEVELAND CATHOLIC CHARITIES 6753 State Road Parma, OH 44134

### From Downtown:

Take 77 South to the 480 West exit. Take 480 West to the State Road exit. Take a left (South) onto State Road. Follow State Road for approximately 4-5 miles. Parmadale will be on your left hand side.

### From the West:

Take 90 East to 77 South. Follow above directions.

OR

Take 480 East to the State Road Exit. Take a right (South) onto State Road. Follow above directions.

### From the East:

Take 480 West to the State Road exit. Take a left (South) onto State Road. Follow above directions.

### From the South:

Take 77 North to the Pleasant Valley exit. Take a left onto Pleasant Valley. Follow to State Road. Take a right (North) onto State Road. Parmadale will be on your right hand side.