

## Foster and Adoptive Parent Training Schedule



Chris  
(15 yrs old)

To learn more about making Chris a part of your family,  
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*David M. Sharp, Director*

Butler County Children Services Board  
*Jeff B. Centers, Executive Director*

Clermont County Job and Family Services  
*Michael Pride, Director*

Clinton County Job and Family Services  
*Larry McGuire, Children Services Manager*

Hamilton County Job and Family Services  
*Moira Weir, Director*

Highland County Children Services Board  
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## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **REGISTRATION AND CONFIRMATION**

#### **FOSTER, ADOPTIVE AND KINSHIP CAREPROVIDERS OF PUBLIC CHILDREN SERVICES AGENCIES**

Register via the SWORTC  
website:

[www.ocwtp.com/swortc.htm](http://www.ocwtp.com/swortc.htm)

If you have difficulty  
registering for training  
contact the RTC at  
**513-946-1263**

#### **PRIVATE AGENCY CARE PROVIDERS**

Foster, Adoptive and Kinship  
Parents licensed through a  
private agency must register  
through their agency's  
training liaison. That agency  
must have a current contract  
in place with the Southwest  
Ohio Regional Training  
Center.

**Agency Training Liaisons  
can call  
513-946-1263**

### **WAITING LISTS**

Once the registration limit for a workshop is reached, that session is closed. If you register after this point, your name is placed on a waiting list and you'll be contacted as cancellations allow. If we receive 10 extra registrations for a workshop, we will repeat it the next quarter.

### **ATTENTION! NO CHILD CARE PROVIDED!**

Due to the sensitive nature of the training workshops, children are not permitted into training. Please make child care arrangements for your children prior to attending training. Thank you in advance for your help.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### TRAINING CREDIT

The Southwest RTC, as part of the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, is an Approved Provider of continuing professional education for licensed social workers (**RSX 0088728**) and for licensed counselors (**RCX 039201**). Training certificates for workshops designated for continuing education hours for counselors will carry both approval numbers. Participants may not use the same workshop to satisfy renewal requirements for both licenses.

To receive credit for training and a certificate, **you must be present for the entire workshop** and complete the evaluation form provided at the end.

### CULTURAL COMPETENCE

All training products and activities of the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program are designed to promote culturally competent child welfare practice throughout Ohio.

Cultural competence is the understanding of how values, beliefs, attitudes and traditions influence one's own and other people's behaviors; the understanding of the content and dynamics of specific cultures, including one's own; and the ability to use this knowledge to work productively with people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

We believe that a comprehensive initiative through in-service training can help our service system meet the multiple and diverse needs of our clients.



**QUESTIONS???** If you are in doubt about the content of a workshop, directions to a training site, training requirements or any training matter, call **513-946-1263**.

## **DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING SITES**

### **ADAMS COUNTY WILSON CHILDREN'S HOME**

(937-544-2511)  
300 North Wilson Drive,  
West Union, OH 45693

Training will take place at new location at 300 North Wilson Drive. Take I-275 toward Oh-32. Take exit #63B/Batavia to Oh-32E. Turn R on OH-247. Turn L on W. Main Street (Oh-125).

### **BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Clermont County*  
402 W. Plane Street

Take 275 to the Beechmont/Amelia exit. Travel East on SR 125 (Beechmont Ave.) through Amelia and continue to Bethel. Go straight at the first light in Bethel. The church is about ½ mile on the left. The address is 402 W. Plane Street.

### **BROWN COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

*Georgetown, OH 45121*  
(937) 378-6104 ext. 146

**Brown County Job and Family Services** is located at 775 Mt. Orab Pike. Heading east on OH 125 to left on South Main Street. Continue on South Main Street, bear to the right after approximately 1 mile. JFS will be on the right.

### **BUTLER COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES**

(513) 887-4351  
*Hamilton, OH 45011*

**Butler County Children Services** is located at 300 North Fair Avenue in Hamilton. From I-275, take the Hamilton/Fairfield (Route 4) exit and turn right (north). Go north on Route 4 about three miles to the Route 4 Bypass. Take the Bypass to Tylersville Road. Go left on Tylersville Road for three miles to Fair Avenue. Go right on Fair Avenue three blocks to Children's Services..

### **CLERMONT COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

(513) 732-7765  
*Batavia, OH 45103*

**Clermont County DJFS** is located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. From I-275, take Route 32 exit and go east. Stay on Route 32 for about 7 miles and then turn left onto Bauer Road (light with McDonalds on right). About 1/4 mile on Bauer, turn right onto Clermont Center Drive and go to the Medical/Social Services building for parking. Enter the front door near the flagpole and go to Room 103 on the ground floor. Suite 204-A is on the second floor. Go left when exiting the elevator.

### **CLINTON COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

*1025 S. South Street, Suite 300*  
*Wilmington, OH 45177*  
(937) 382-5935, ext. 1313

Clinton County Children's Services is located in Wilmington. From I-71, take Wilmington exit #45. Go east on State Route 73. Stay on 73 as it will turn into Main Street. Continue on Main Street until you find South Street (Center of Downtown). Turn right onto South Street and go approximately 5 blocks. Turn right into the Community Services Parking Lot. Children's Services is in the Social Services Building. Enter the Video Conference Center.

### **THE FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER, HILLSBORO**

*111 Crestwood Drive*  
*Hillsboro, OH 45133*

The Family Advocacy Center is located at 111 Crestwood Drive, Hillsboro, OH. Coming from Cincinnati: 50 East to Hillsboro, Turn right on S. East Street to 5 way stop light. Go straight on State Route 247. Crestwood is 3rd street on left. Family Advocacy Center is at the end of Crestwood Drive. Parking in back.

## DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING SITES

### **SWORTC REGIONAL SITE**

*SWORTC*

*Northeast Commerce Center  
420 Wards Corner Road—Suite J  
Loveland, OH 45140*

From the West: Take I-275 East (northern portion of I-275) to the Wards Corner Road Exit (#54). Go south on Wards Corner. Turn right into the Northeast Commerce Center (420 Wards Corner Rd). The SWORTC is at the rear corner of the building.

From the East: Take I-275 West (northern portion of I-275) to the Wards Corner Road Exit (#54). Go south on Wards Corner. Turn right into the Northeast Commerce Center (420 Wards Corner Rd). The SWORTC is at the rear corner of the building.

### **WARREN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES**

***NOTE: All training for Warren County will be held at the Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center:***

*SWORTC*

*Northeast Commerce Center  
420 Wards Corner Road—Suite J  
Loveland, OH 45140*

From the West: Take I-275 East (northern portion of I-275) to the Wards Corner Road Exit (#54). Go south on Wards Corner. Turn right into the Northeast Commerce Center (420 Wards Corner Rd). The SWORTC is at the rear corner of the building.

From the East: Take I-275 West (northern portion of I-275) to the Wards Corner Road Exit (#54). Go south on Wards Corner. Turn right into the Northeast Commerce Center (420 Wards Corner Rd). The SWORTC is at the rear corner of the building.

## PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

### OCWTP Preservice/PrePlacement Curriculum 36 Hours—Required for Foster Care Certification

*Effective January 1, 2009 a person seeking certification to operate a family foster home shall complete a minimum of thirty-six hours of pre-placement training prior to the agency recommending the home for certification.*

901-PS1-S:      Orientation to Foster Care, Adoption & Kinship Care      (3 Hours)

This workshop provides an overview of the child welfare system and examines the differences between foster care, adoption, and kinship care. Participants receive information about the needs of waiting children as well as the process of becoming a caregiver.

902-PS2-S:      The Child Protection Team      (3 Hours)

This workshop discusses the history of foster care/adoption and examines the role of the foster/ adoptive/ kinship caregiver within that system. Information is shared about the effective use of teams to serve children.

903-PS3-S:      The Effects of Child Abuse or Neglect on Child Development      (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the dynamics of child maltreatment. The trainer also seeks to develop empathy for the birthparent or caregiver who has abused or neglected a child. Participants view a video about an abusive birthparent, and they view a set of slides which depicts the signs of child maltreatment. This workshop gives participants an overview of normal child development and examines the impact of abuse and neglect on child development.

904-PS4-S:      Attachment, Separation & Placement      (3 Hours)

This workshop demonstrates normal, healthy attachment and the impact on attachment of separation from primary parents, siblings, and other attachment figures. Participants also learn methods to reduce the trauma to children who have experienced separations from significant others.

905-PS5-S      Managing Behavior      (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the reasons for behavioral problems among foster and adopted children. The workshop also explains the agency policy regarding corporal punishment and the underlying reasons for that policy. Finally, participants receive information on positive ways to manage behavior including natural and logical consequences, contracting, and rewards.

## PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

906-PS6-S: Preventing and De-escalating Crisis (3 Hours)

This workshop explores the triggers that might generate feelings of anger or fear in the caregiver or the child, resulting in family conflict. Techniques to resolve conflict through win/win, rather than win/lose, negotiation, will be presented and practiced. Participants will learn strategies to prevent crisis from developing and will learn methods to de-escalate crisis, if necessary, while keeping all family members safe.

907-PS7-S: Cultural Issues in Placement (3 Hours)

This workshop presents an overview of culture and the ways in which our values and codes of conduct are impacted by culture. Participants learn to separate culture from race and learn to identify the many and complex ingredients of cultural identity. Caregivers will also learn methods to more successfully parent a child from a culture different than their own.

908-PS8-S: Understanding Primary Families (3 Hours)

This workshop provides information about the losses experienced by birth families, expected behaviors of grieving birth parents, and ways to work effectively with birth families along a continuum of contact. A birth parent speaks to the training group about his/her experiences with foster care.

909-PS9-S: Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the definition and dynamics of sexual abuse of children. The workshop also prepares prospective parents to develop an awareness of the characteristics of caregivers that lead to success in parenting children who have been sexually abused.

910-PS10-S: Effects of Caregiving on the Caregiver's Family (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the impact of foster care/ adoption/ kinship care on the family system. The workshop also enables prospective parents to develop effective coping strategies and survival plans.

911-PS11-S: Permanency for Children (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the effect of long-term separation from the birth family (either by adoption or long term foster care) on children. The workshop will explain some "triggers" that may exacerbate difficulties of children experiencing these long-term separations.

912 -PS12-S: Permanency for Families (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the impact of adoption issues for adoptive parents on the family system. The workshop also explores techniques of talking with the child(ren) about their adoptive status and difficult birth histories. This workshop will present the typical stages of adoptive family adjustment following placement. Finally, information about post adoption services is shared with prospective parents.

**PRE-SERVICE TRAINING**

**ADAMS & BROWN COUNTY** – Adams County Children Services—300 N. Wilson Drive; West Union, OH—Call Dawn Groom to register — (937) 544-2511 ext.43  
**Trainer:** *Nancy Crothers*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section(s) Covered</u>
Tuesday, Oct. 4	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	911
Thursday, Oct. 6	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	912
Tuesday, Oct. 11	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Makeup Date

**BUTLER COUNTY**—300 North Fair Drive, Hamilton, OH  
 Call Carrie Jones to register at (513) 785-5920  
**Trainer:** *Beverly Morris*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section(s) Covered</u>
Saturday, Oct. 1	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, Oct. 8	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Saturday, Oct. 15	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Saturday, Oct. 22	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, Oct. 29	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Saturday, Nov. 5	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912

**CLERMONT COUNTY**—2400 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, OH  
 Call Leslie Fehlinger to register — (513) 732-7765  
**Trainer:** *Eugene Smiley*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sessions Covered</u>
Tuesday, Nov. 1	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901
Thursday, Nov. 3	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902
Saturday, Nov. 5	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	903
Saturday, Nov. 5	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	904
Tuesday, Nov. 8	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905
Thursday, Nov. 10	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906
Saturday, Nov. 12	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	907
Saturday, Nov. 12	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	908
Tuesday, Nov. 15	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909
Thursday, Nov. 17	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910
Saturday, Nov. 19	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	911
Saturday, Nov. 19	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	912
Tuesday, Nov. 22	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Standing in the Gap: Educational Advocacy

**PRE-SERVICE TRAINING**

**CLINTON/HIGHLAND/FAYETTE**—Clinton County JFS, Wilmington, OH

Call Lisa Massie to register — (937) 382-5935. ext. 1313

Trainer: *Beverly Morris*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session (s) Covered</u>
Monday, Oct. 3	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	904
Tuesday, Oct. 11	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	905
Monday, Oct. 17	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	906
Monday, Oct. 24	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	907
Tuesday, Nov. 1	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	908
Monday, Nov. 7	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	909
Monday, Nov. 14	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	910
Saturday, Nov. 19	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	911
Saturday, Nov. 19	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	912

**WARREN COUNTY**—Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center —420 Wards Corner,

Loveland, Ohio Suite J —To Register Call—513-513-225-4378 or email:

[pross@choicesfostercare.com](mailto:pross@choicesfostercare.com)

Trainer: *Beverly Morris*

Wednesday, Oct. 5	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	905
Wednesday, Oct. 12	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	906
Wednesday, Oct. 19	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	907
Wednesday, Oct. 26	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	908
Wednesday, Nov. 2	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	909
Wednesday, Nov. 9	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	910
Saturday, Nov. 12	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	911
Saturday, Nov. 12	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	912

**REGIONAL TRAINING**—Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center —420 Wards

Corner, Loveland, Ohio Suite J —To Register Call—513-513-225-4378 or email:

[pross@choicesfostercare.com](mailto:pross@choicesfostercare.com)

Trainers: *Debra McMullen, Val Larkin & Patricia McCollum*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>
Friday, Sept. 30	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, Oct. 1	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Sunday, Oct. 2	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Friday, Oct. 7	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, Oct. 8	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Sunday, Oct. 9	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912

## PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

**REGIONAL TRAINING**—Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center —420 Wards  
Corner, Loveland, Ohio Suite J —To Register Call—513-225-4378 or send an email to  
[pross@choicesfostercare.com](mailto:pross@choicesfostercare.com)

**Trainers:** *Val Larkin & Gene Smiley*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>
Friday, Dec. 2	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, Dec. 3	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Sunday, Dec. 4	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Friday, Dec. 9	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, Dec. 10	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Sunday, Dec. 11	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912

## *Online Training Opportunity?*

Interested in earning training credit hours in the convenience of your home? Foster Parents can use “outside” offered trainings as one third of their overall training credit. Online Training is a great way to accomplish this. Below you will find three commonly used foster parent training websites.

[www.fosterparentcollege.com](http://www.fosterparentcollege.com) -online training for foster, adoptive, kinship, and birth parents. These interactive courses provide valuable information, insights and advice from experts on dealing with serious child behavior problems. There are two types of courses that are available:

1. ***Instructor Led***—this course is more in-depth and allows for interaction between online participants and the instructor. The length of this course is several hours over the period of 3 weeks. Completion of this workshop is worth (six) training hours. During this workshop, participants will use a discussion board and at the end they will complete a questionnaire, complete assigned exercises and email their final completed assignment.
2. ***Self Directed***—this course focuses on a specific behavioral problem or emotional disorder. This is self-directed which means participants can complete the course at their own pace as long as it is completed in 30 days. The length of the course will take about (two) hours and will provide (two) hours of training credit. The discussion board is optional in this course.

***The OCWTP is now offering “free” classes. Please contact SWORTC at 513-946-1263 to become registered to take a class today!***

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[www.fosterclub.org](http://www.fosterclub.org) - The FosterClub Training Library is designed to offer free CEUs (continuing education units) in a convenient manner that fits your own schedule. Free to registered participants

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[www.fosterparents.com](http://www.fosterparents.com) - FCAC Online Training offers 95 courses (2 interactive) with new topics added continuously. Each course is available for a fee - fees start at \$4.00 and up

**ONGOING TRAINING—ADAMS COUNTY**

**995**

**Self-Injury: Assessment and Interventions**

Thursday, October 27  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Adams County Children Services

Mutilating, cutting, burning and other forms of self-injurious behavior by youth are often perceived by professionals and others as suicide related behaviors. This workshop will help foster parents to understand that such behaviors are often the result of past trauma or abuse. Participants will explore the causes and scope of these behaviors and learn ways to intervene.

**Competencies Addressed:** 995-01-001; 995-01-002; 995-01-003

**Presenter:** David Zidar, LISW-S

David Zidar has been working in child welfare since 1982 as an administrator, trainer, and therapist. He worked in Cleveland for 13 years before moving to Kentucky, where he served as vice president for residential services at PCWA, one of the largest providers of residential treatment services in Kentucky. He also has worked in public agencies at the executive level.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**923**

**Developmental Stages and Effects of CAN**

Monday, November 21  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Adams County Children Services

Understand the developmental stages children typically follow and the effects that child abuse and neglect can have on children's development. Recognize when developmental delays or misbehaviors are a result of the child's developmental "style," past upbringing or a true developmental delay.

**Competencies Addressed:** 923-01-001; 923-01-002; 923-01-004; 923-01-005; 923-02-003; 923-02-004; 923-02-005; 923-02-003

**Presenter:** Jody Johnston Pawel, LSW, CFLE

Jody Johnston Pawel is president of Parent's Toolshop Consulting and a second-generation parent educator with almost 30 years' experience in the field of child protective services. For over 25 years, she has provided training for parents, foster parents, child-care professionals, family-service professionals and parent educators.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**ADAMS COUNTY**

**926**

**926-FF9-S: Foster Families and How They Grow: Understanding the Effects of Fostering**

Saturday, October 29  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Registration Deadline: 10/21/11**

**Location:**

Brown County Children Services

This workshop, specifically designed for licensed foster caregivers in the early years of their foster care development, will assist foster caregivers in understanding and dealing with the challenges unique to fostering. New foster caregivers will learn about emerging roles and barriers to fulfilling those roles. The workshop will present stages of foster family adjustment and will explore the changing family relationships for everyone touched by the challenge of foster care. Finally, the workshop will identify stressors and assist foster caregivers in developing strategies to build a healthy fostering experience.

**Competencies Addressed:** 922-02-006; 926-01-001—926-01-005

**Presenter:** Melvin Gravely

Mel Gravely has had over twenty years of experience in training and consulting work. He is also a foster parent.

**Note:** Training is held based upon the number of registrations received. Please register early.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**949**

**Relax It’s Time to Empathize**

Saturday, December 3  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Registration Deadline: 11/25/11**

**Location:**

Brown County Children Services

When Birth Parents and Foster Parents raise children in partnership, children exhibit less disruptive behavior and experience high levels of well being (Casey Foundation). This workshop borrows the concept of empathy from the study of Psychology and shows how it can be applied to cooperative relationships between Birth Parents and Foster Parents. Empathy is a tool that can reduce conflicts and power struggles through understanding. Foster Parents will gain insight and awareness into the distraught mental/emotional state of parents who lose custody of their children. The workshop will present useful communication techniques to convey synergy with Birth Parents.

**Competencies Addressed:** 949-02-001; 949-02-002; 949-02-006; 980-02-006

**Presenter:** Anthony President, B.A., LLC

Anthony President is president of Presidential Consultants, LLC a consortium of training professionals serving both the private and public sector on foster parent and staff development issues. He served as a senior training officer and social service worker for Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services.

**Note:** Training is held based upon the number of registrations received. Please register early.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**995  
Anxiety Disorders Among Children  
and Adolescents: Recognition and  
Interventions**

Thursday, October 13  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Butler County Children Services

The purpose of this three hour course is to educate foster parents and other caregivers on the diagnosis and treatment of child and adolescent anxiety disorders. DSM IV diagnostic criteria and evidence-based treatment practices will be of primary focus.

**Competencies Addressed:** 995-01-001; 995-01-004; 995-01-005; 995-02-008; 995-02-011; 995-03-001; 995-03-002

**Presenter:** Stacy Simera, LISW

Stacy Simera is a Licensed Independent Social Worker with a Master of Science in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University (1996). She received her Master's degree in 1996 and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University in 1991. She is also a certified Substance Abuse Professional, and certified in Mediation.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**927  
Culture Issues and Diversity in Foster  
Care**

Tuesday, October 25  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Butler County Children Services

This class will introduce caregivers to the concept of cultural sensitivity: moving toward the ability to understand and work with people from different backgrounds. By examining our own values and codes of conduct, making an effort to learn more about other cultures and people and by talking to our foster children about these issues, caregivers will begin to recognize the unique opportunities and blessings inherent in a diverse foster family experience.

**Competencies Addressed:** 927-01-001; 927-01-003; 927-01-004; 927-02-002; 927-02-005; 927-03-003; 927-03-001; 981-01-001, 981-01-002, 981-01-008, 981-01-009.

**Presenter:** Brian D. Lowery MPA, LSW

Brian Lowery has been an instructor on the child welfare field for the 25 years. He is a State Licensed Social Worker and recipient of the prestigious "Rising Star Award" for 2008 form OCWTP and Trainer of the Year for the Northeast Region in 2009. Brian is a sought after consultant and trainer with child welfare organizations though the Midwest

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**988**

**Heroin Use, Drug Treatment & Prevention**

Tuesday, November 15  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Butler County Children Services

This course will provide participants with information about the identification and impact of heroin use. Patterns of use among adolescents, the physical effects of the drug, and symptoms of use will be presented.

**Competencies Addressed:** 988-01-001, 988-01-002, 099-01-005, 988-01-007, 988-01-010, 988-02-001, 988-02-003, 988-03-003, 988-03-004

**Presenter:** Brent Laman, MA, CCDC-IIIIE

Brent Laman is Deputy Chief Probation Officer with the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. He has over 15 years experience working with adolescents in the field of juvenile justice and substance abuse.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**925**

**What’s the Foundation of Your Parenting**

Monday, November 28  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Butler County Children Services

See a parenting “style show” that reveals which parenting practices will get the long-term results *you* want. Discover the secrets for building healthy parenting habits and working together as a team with your parenting partners, including caseworkers and birth parents.

**Competencies Addressed:** 925-02-005; 925-02-006; 925-02-007; 925-02-009

**Presenter:** Jody Johnston Pawel, LSW, CFLE

Jody Johnston Pawel is president of Parent’s Toolshop Consulting and a second-generation parent educator with almost 30 years’ experience in the field of child protective services. For over 25 years, she has provided training for parents, foster parents, child-care professionals, family-service professionals and parent educators.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**ONGOING TRAINING—BUTLER COUNTY**

**941  
Motivating & Managing Teen  
Behaviors**

Saturday, December 3  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Location:**  
Butler County Children Services

The teen years can be a time of great challenges and growth. Caregivers can help these young adults with these challenges. The goal of this class is to reduce some of the discomfort of this normal stage of development. Caregivers will learn ways to provide supervision, support and training to help the teens in their care.

**Competencies Addressed:** 941-01-001, 941-01-002, 941-01-003, 941-01-004, 941-01-005,941-01-006, 941-01-007

**Presenter:** David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

David Zidar has been working in child welfare since 1982 as an administrator, trainer, and therapist. He worked in Cleveland for 13 years before moving to Kentucky, where he served as vice president for residential services at PCWA, one of the largest providers of residential treatment services in Kentucky. He also has worked in public agencies at the executive level.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**BUTLER COUNTY**

**994**

**Dangerous Games Children Play**

Saturday, October 1  
9:00AM to 12:00PM

**Location:**

Clermont County Job and Family Services

The "Happy Slap", "Trunking", "Eyeballing", "Rainbow Party", "Pharm Parties" and the "Choking Game" all are seen as fun activities by today's youth. The fact is that these are all dangerous games that can have deadly consequences. These games can involve violence, risky stunts, sexual activity or drug and alcohol abuse in the name of fun and fitting in. In this workshop we will explore the nature of these games, the motivation to play with peers, and how Caregivers can help keep children safe.

**Competencies Addressed:** 942-02-003; 994-02-005; 994-03-007

**Presenter:** Anthony President, B.A., LLC

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**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents licensed by a Public Children Services Agency

**925**

**Hard Target, Keeping Them Safe in Cyber Space**

Saturday, October 1  
1:00PM to 4:00PM

**Location:**

Clermont County Job and Family Services

It is estimated that over 30 million children under the age of 18 use the internet (U.S. Department of Justice). Generation Y is the largest segment of the U.S. population with internet access. Although the internet is a great educational & social networking tool, there are very real dangers that lurk in the virtual world.

This workshop deals with internet maladies in the form of sexting, internet predators, cyber bullying, and youth internet addiction and what Caregivers can do to help keep youth safe and protect themselves in cyber space.

**Competencies Addressed:** 925-03-006  
941-01-002

**Presenter:** Anthony President, B.A., LLC

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**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents licensed by a Public Children Services Agency

**ONGOING TRAINING—CLERMONT COUNTY**

**924**

**Rebuilding Trust & Affectional Bonds: A Look at Insecure & Reactive Attachment Disorders**

Thursday, October 20  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Registration Deadline: 10/13/11**

**Location:**

Bethel United Methodist Church

Participants will understand how positive attachments are formed from the womb through childhood and how abuse, neglect, and/or separation from primary caregivers and familiar surroundings can negatively impact normal development. They will look at the importance of parent-child bonding to the development of a healthy and strong personality and how the loss of such connections impacts the child's sense of trust, security, and self-identity. The characteristics of children with "trust" disorders will be presented ranging from stressed attachment through Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD). The workshop will present ideas and activities that caregiver can use in the home to rebuild trust and affectional bonds with RAD children. Consideration will be given to how a parent can determine when it is time to seek professional intervention.

**Competencies Addressed:** 924-01-001 through 924-01-007; 924-03-001 and 924-03-002; 925-02-008; 995-02-007

**Presenter:** Dr. Eugene Smiley, LSW, PCC  
Gene Smiley is the President of LifeSpan Solutions, Inc., a private corporation providing counseling, mediation, consultation, and educational services to individuals, families and professional groups and organizations.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**925**

**How to Become an Even Better Parent**

Thursday, November 17  
7:00PM to 9:00PM

**Registration Deadline: 11/10/11**

**Location:**

Bethel United Methodist Church

This class covers the most troublesome aspects of parenthood. We will discuss real, sensible, down-to-earth guidance. Come, and discover how to restore your confidence in yourself, which will enable you to raise your foster children in a way that is better for them . . . and better for you!

This is a class that is guaranteed to make you laugh, and learn how to become a more relaxed, easy-going parent. This class is based off the work of Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D, a clinical psychologist who specializes in parenting solutions.

**Competencies Addressed:** 925-01-001—925-01-003; 925-01-005; 925-02-001—925-02-003; 925-02-005; 925-02-007—925-02-009

**Presenter:** John Ward, M.A., C.C.D.C.I.

John Ward is a social worker and therapeutic foster parent. He and his wife have foster children and two biological children in his home at this time.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**CLERMONT COUNTY**

**To Register Call Leslie Fehlinger (513) 732-7765**

**943**  
**Managing “Sneaky” Behavior**

Saturday, December 10  
 9:00AM to 12:00PM

**Location:**  
 Clermont County Job and Family Services

One of the major challenges for foster parents and adoptive parents is dealing with the range of covert behaviors displayed by the young people in their care. Many foster parents have not experienced such a wide variety or intensity of dishonest, covert or sneaky behavior. Dealing with these behaviors can be very challenging and may serve to undermine a youth’s placement and his/her life beyond the foster home. This workshop will explore the range of behaviors observed and experienced, the challenges presented by covert behaviors, the motivation for covert behaviors, addressing the behaviors, helping the young person make changes to eliminate problematic covert behaviors and encouraging honesty.

**Competencies Addressed:** 943-01-001, 943-01-002, 943-01-003, 943-02-001, 943-02-002, 943-02-003, 943-03-008, 943-03-010, 952-01-001, 952-01-002, 952-01-005, 952-03-002

**Presenter:** Janie Rhoads, LSW

Janie Rhoads was the founder and Executive Director of New Horizon Care Network from 2001 until 2009, when the agency merged with Sojourners Care Network, where she currently serves as the Associate Director of Foster Care. Ms. Rhoads has been in the field of child welfare since 1987 and has been a caseworker and a supervisor at the county level.

**Participants:**  
 Foster and Adoptive Parents licensed by a Public Children Services Agency

**925**  
**Verbal De-escalation**

Saturday, December 10  
 1:00PM to 4:00PM

**Location:**  
 Clermont County Job and Family Services

Substitute caregivers often bear the brunt of out-of-control children placed in their care. Children in substitute care experience an enormous amount of change, uncertainty and trauma in their lives. Out-of-home placement needs to be as stable and consistent as possible. However, when children are stressed, anxious, depressed, fearful or homesick, their behavior may escalate to a difficult to manage level. Behavioral outbursts are a contributor to placement disruptions. This workshop will explore the reasons for out of control behavior, interrupting the cycle of out-of-control behavior and verbal de-escalation techniques during behavioral outbursts.

**Competencies Addressed:** 925-01-001, 925-01-002, 925-01-003, 925-03-008, 925-03-009, 926-05-004, 926-05-005, 926-05-006, 926-05-007

**Presenter:** Janie Rhoads, LSW

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**Participants:**  
 Foster and Adoptive Parents licensed by a Public Children Services Agency

**ONGOING TRAINING—CLINTON COUNTY**

**980  
Professional Boundaries**

Wednesday, October 26  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Clinton County Children Services

This workshop provides caregivers the skills to improve communication with all stakeholders. It provides the caregiver with an understanding of the limits that they must put upon themselves in their helping relationships. This training provides actual case examples and poses ethical relationship situations. Both the new and more mature parents can benefit from this core skill of all professional “helpers.”

**Competencies Addressed:** 980-02-001; 980-02-002; 980-02-003; 950-02-001; 950-02-002; 950-02-003; 950-02-004; 950-02-005

**Presenter:** David Zidar, LISW-S

David Zidar has been working in child welfare since 1982 as an administrator, trainer, and therapist. He worked in Cleveland for 13 years before moving to Kentucky, where he served as vice president for residential services at PCWA, one of the largest providers of residential treatment services in Kentucky. He also has worked in public agencies at the executive level.

**Participants:**  
Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**988  
Adolescent Substance Abuse  
Knowledge Base**

Tuesday, November 8  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Clinton County Job and Family Services

Drug use by American teenagers is a rapidly and continually changing phenomenon. Teenagers and their caregivers often do not see the signs and symptoms of their drug use. This workshop will highlight these signs and symptoms and discuss ways to offer assistance.

**Competencies Addressed:** 988-01-001, 988-01-008, 988-01-010; 988-03-001, 988-03-006, 988-03-007

**Presenter:** Erica Boller, LISW, CCDC II-E, OCPSII, CAA

Erica Boller is a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor. This over fifteen years of professional experience has allowed her to accumulate relative and current research in the field of addictions. She does currently teach at the University of Cincinnati in the Health and Human Services Technology Department.

**Participants:**  
Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**CLINTON COUNTY**

**931  
Building a Bridge to a Healthy  
Relationship with Parents/  
Caseworkers**

Monday, December 5  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Clinton County Children Services

Face the fears and bust through barriers that commonly arise in relationships between foster parent, biological parents, caseworkers and teachers. See a “style show” that reveals the secrets for communicating effectively in each relationship. Learn and practice practical skills that will build trust and cooperative working relationships at every stage of contact. This workshop focuses on foster/adoptive parents working with birth parents and caseworkers.

**Competencies Addressed:** 931-01-001; 931-01-003; 931-01-005; 931-01-006; 931-01-007; 931-01-008; 931-01-010; 931-01-012; 931-01-013; 931-01-015; 931-01-016; 927-01-001; 927-01-002; 927-01-003; 927-01-004; 927-01-005; 927-02-001

**Presenter:** Jody Johnston Pawel, LSW, CFLE

Jody Johnston Pawel is president of Parent’s Toolshop Consulting and a second-generation parent educator with almost 30 years’ experience in the field of child protective services. For over 25 years, she has provided training for parents, foster parents, child-care professionals, family-service professionals and parent educators.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents licensed by a Public Children Services Agency

**ONGOING TRAINING—HIGHLAND COUNTY**

**988  
Substance Use & Abuse Among  
Children and Teens: Prevention,  
Recognition and Intervention**

Saturday, October 15  
9:00AM to 12:00PM

**Location:**  
The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

The purpose of this course is to educate foster parents and other caregivers on the prevention, recognition, and treatment of substance use, abuse and dependence among children and adolescents. Research-supported prevention and treatment techniques will be of primary focus.

**Competencies Addressed:** 988-01-001, 988-01-002, 988-01-004, 988-01-005, 988-03-001, 988-03-006

**Presenter:** Stacy Simera, LISW

Stacy Simera is a Licensed Independent Social Worker with a Master of Science in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University (1996). She received her Master's degree in 1996 and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University in 1991. She is also a certified Substance Abuse Professional, and certified in Mediation.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**995  
Psychotropic Medication Questions to  
Ask: The Who, What When and Why  
of Kids on Meds.**

Saturday, October 15  
1:00PM to 4:00PM

**Location:**  
The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

The purpose of this course is to educate foster parents and other caregivers on psychotropic medication use in the treatment of mental disorders among children and adolescents. Specific attention will be paid to answering the questions most people ask, or should ask, regarding psychotropic medication.

**Competencies Addressed:** 995-01-001, 995-01-004, 995-01-005

**Presenter:** Stacy Simera, LISW

Stacy Simera is a Licensed Independent Social Worker with a Master of Science in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University (1996). She received her Master's degree in 1996 and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University in 1991. She is also a certified Substance Abuse Professional, and certified in Mediation.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**902**

**How Caseworkers Make Decisions**

Saturday, November 12  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Location:**

The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

This training will teach the critical guidelines that child welfare caseworkers are using in assessing for child safety, family strengths/needs, future risk and all factors needed to be assessed when planning a reunification from placement to home. It will experientially follow a family through the child welfare system to include: initial intake safety assessment, the family assessment, the 90-day case review and the reunification assessment processes.

**Competencies Addressed:** 902-01-002; 902-01-008; 945-01-005

**Presenter:** Jill Sanders

Jill Sanders resume contains evidence of child welfare related experience. She has over 35 years of child welfare experience. She has worked in the Intake/Investigations department for 17 years and in the Ongoing department for 15 years. Her employment has always been in direct service. Following her retirement from FCCS, she has worked as an OCWTP trainer for 5 years.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents licensed by a Public Children Services Agency

**926**

**Surviving the Holidays**

Monday, December 5  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

Holiday time is usually stressful for all of us. However, children who are in foster care or who have been adopted often face additional challenges during these times. How can we identify the issues and feelings behind their behaviors and help them better cope? This workshop will also look at strategies to help the caregiver survive the children's emotional and behavioral roller coaster.

**Competencies Addressed:** 926-02-002; 926-02-008; 927-02-003; 948-03-002

**Presenter:** Cheryl Reber

Cheryl Reber was employed at a county children services agency for more than 14 years. While there, she worked with hundreds of birth parents whose children were in out-of-home care.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents licensed by a Public Children Services Agency

**ONGOING TRAINING—WARREN COUNTY**

**WARREN COUNTY**

**950**

**Legal Aspects of Child Welfare for Foster Parents**

Saturday, October 8  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Location:**

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

Participants will learn the primary sources of child welfare law, Ohio's child abuse, neglect, and dependency statutes, the rules regarding removing children from their homes, and the juvenile court process from beginning to end.

**Competencies Addressed:** 950-01-001, 950-01-002, 950-01-003, 950-01-004, 950-01-005

**Presenter:** Victoria Solomon, MSW, JD

Victoria Solomon has had her law practice for 5 years with significant experience representing clients in child protective action. She also had extensive involvement with the National Center for Adoption Law & Policy doing research and was responsible for coordinating a comprehensive study of Ohio's Child Welfare laws.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**925**

**Hard Target, Keeping them Safe in Cyberspace**

Saturday, October 29  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Location:**

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

It is estimated that over 30 million children under the age of 18 use the internet (U.S. Department of Justice). Generation Y is the largest segment of the U.S. population with internet access. Although the internet is a great educational & social networking tool, there are very real dangers that lurk in the virtual world.

This workshop deals with internet maladies in the form of sexting, internet predators, cyber bullying, and youth internet addiction and what Care-givers can do to help keep youth safe and protect themselves in cyber space.

**Competencies Addressed:** 925-03-006  
941-01-002

**Presenter:** Anthony President, B.A., LLC

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**Participants:**

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**983**

**Impact of Substance Abuse on Infants and Children**

Tuesday, November 15  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

Drug abuse patterns can interfere with and influence the outcome of a pregnancy even if the use occurred before the woman became pregnant. If substances are used during pregnancy they can directly affect the fetus and alter the growth and development of the child later in life. Learn how to offer an infant or a child the best beginning to a life affected by alcohol/other drug use.

**Competencies Addressed:** 983-01-008; 983-01-009; 988-01-001; 988-01-10

**Presenter:** Erica Boller, LISW, CCDC II-E, OCPSII, CAA

Erica Boller is a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor. This over fifteen years of professional experience has allowed her to accumulate relative and current research in the field of addictions. She does currently teach at the University of Cincinnati in the Health and Human Services Technology Department.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**980**

**Teamwork for Case workers and Foster Parents**

Thursday, December 8  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

This workshop provides caregivers the skills to improve communication with all stakeholders. Participants will gain skills to prevent children from playing caregivers against each other, the birth family or the county worker. It will also help plan for cooperation with hot button issues such as visits and the holidays. It will also help children, caseworkers and foster parents be able to communicate effectively so that the children in their care will grow into healthy adulthood.

**Competencies Addressed:** 980-02-001; 980-02-002; 980-02-003; 980-02-004; 980-02-005; 980-02-006

**Presenter:** David Zidar, LISW-S

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**Participants:**

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## ONGOING TRAINING—REGIONAL TRAINING

**928**  
**I'm Lovable & I Like Myself! Twenty Tips for Building Self Esteem in Children**

Monday, October 3  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

This informative workshop uses fun games and activities to teach foster parents at least twenty practical language and action skills for building children's self esteem. Parents learn the difference between praise and encouragement and how to build self-esteem without creating "praise junkies or egotistical self-centered children. These techniques also increase children's confidence and resistance to peer pressure and can prevent and diffuse sibling rivalry and competition .

**Competencies Addressed:** 928-02-004; 927-02-005; 949-01-003; 923-03-007; 923-03-008

**Presenter:** Jody Johnston Pawel, LSW, CFLE

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**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**951**  
**Pro-Social Skills**

Saturday, October 15  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Location:**  
Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

This class asks and answers the question, "What do I do with a child who just does not get it?". The "it" is the skills based training in all areas of the life domains: Social skills, problem solving, anger management, and perceptual skills. This class looks at what the child should be doing at each stage of development and what to teach. This is a very practical way for foster parents to be empowered to "train their children up".

**Competencies Addressed:** 951-01-001, 951-01-002, 951-01-003, 951-01-004, 951-01-005, 951-01-006, 951-01-007, 951-01-008, 951-01-009, 951-01-010, 951-01-011, 951-01-012, 951-01-013

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**Participants:**

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**TRAUMA SERIES—REGIONAL TRAINING**

**991**

**Module I & II: Trauma 101**

Tuesday, November 15  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

This workshop introduces the concept of trauma as an underlying factor in some foster children’s problems. It provides an overview for the Essential Elements of trauma informed parenting and provides real world example for trauma in children. Trainees are introduced to factors that influence a child’s response to potentially traumatic experiences and to the concept of resilience.

**Competencies Addressed:** 991-01-001; 991-01-002; 991-01-003

**Presenter:** Debra McMullen

Debra McMullen is an Independent Trainer from Cincinnati, OH. Her many years of experience as a birth, foster and adoptive parent supports her knowledge in the field of adult/child relationships.

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**TRAUMA SERIES—REGIONAL TRAINING**

**991**

**Module III & IV: Understanding Trauma’s Effects and Building a Safe Place**

Tuesday, November 22  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

This workshop will help trainees understand how trauma can interfere with children’s development and functioning and how children of different ages may respond to trauma. Trainees will be introduced to the concept of the “invisible suitcase” and how trauma-informed parenting can “repack” the suitcase. This workshop will also help trainees understand the difference between physical and psychological safety. It will introduce the key components of a safety message and how to deliver an effective safety message to children who have experienced trauma. Trainees will also learn techniques to help children cope with trauma reminders.

**Competencies Addressed:** 991-01-004; 991-01-005; 991-02-001; 991-02-002; 991-02-003

**Presenter:** Patricia McCollum, LSW

Patricia McCollum is a certified Domestic Violence Counselor, a Forensic Counselor and licensed foster parent. She is an Adjunct Instructor for the University of Cincinnati and has worked in the medical field for over twenty years.

**Participants:**

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**TRAUMA SERIES— REGIONAL TRAINING**

**991  
Module V & VI: Dealing with Feelings  
and Behaviors & Connections and  
Healing**

Tuesday, November 29  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

This workshop introduces trainees to the Cognitive Triangle and the impact of trauma on children’s thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. Trainees learn techniques for helping traumatized children understand and control their emotional and behavioral reactions. This workshop also explains how children form their identity through connections. It explores trauma’s impact on the child’s family and how family members can respond differently. Caregivers will understand why it is important for children to talk about their traumatic experiences and how they can make the child feel safe while sharing.

**Competencies Addressed:** 991-02-005; 991-03-001; 991-03-002; 991-03-004; 991-03-005

**Presenter:** Debra McMullen

Debra McMullen is an Independent Trainer from Cincinnati, OH. Her many years of experience as a birth, foster and adoptive parent supports her knowledge in the field of adult/child

**Participants:**

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**TRAUMA SERIES— REGIONAL TRAINING**

**991  
Module VII & VIII: Becoming an  
Advocate & Taking Care of Yourself**

Tuesday, December 6  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

This workshop will help caregivers feel empowered as trauma-informed care providers and as advocates for the children in their care. They will understand the need for, and the role of, trauma-informed professionals on the child’s treatment team. This workshop will also explore definitions and warning signs of compassion fatigue and secondary traumatic stress. Trainees will identify specific self-care techniques and develop a self-care plan for preventing secondary traumatic stress.

**Competencies Addressed:** 991-05-001; 991-05-003; 991-05-004

**Presenter:** Patricia McCollum, LSW

Patricia McCollum is a certified Domestic Violence Counselor, a Forensic Counselor and licensed foster parent. She is an Adjunct Instructor for the University of Cincinnati and has worked in the medical field for over twenty years.

**Participants:**

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**ONGOING—REGIONAL TRAINING**

**924**

**Using Nemo & Pinocchio to Build Attachment During Visits**

Tuesday, November 19  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

This workshop will present materials to assist participants in understanding the importance of promoting attachment during the visitation process. The workshop will outline the key factors and the theory of Bowlby's Attachment Theory. Different Hollywood films will be utilized to provide examples of appropriate and inappropriate attachment styles. The participants will learn the different types of attachment styles.

**Competencies Addressed:** 924-01-002; 924-01-003; 924-01-005; 924-01-006; 924-01-007; 924-01-008; 924-01-009; 928-01-002; 928-01-003; 928-01-004; 928-01-005; 995-02-007

**Presenter:** Linda Davis, Phd.

Linda Davis (Ph.D) is currently the Educational Resources Supervisor at Summit County Children Services and is a part time instructor at the University of Akron. She has also supervised Social Services Aides and Homemakers as well as night intake.

**Participants:**

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**ONGOING—REGIONAL TRAINING**

**950**

**Pathways to Delinquency**

Thursday, December 1  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

This workshop will highlight the current approaches to identifying risk factors associated with adolescent delinquent behavior. Participants will develop an understanding of delinquency and ways that they may work with a child involved with the Juvenile Court.

**Competencies Addressed:** 950-01-005, 925-01-001; 925-01-009

**Presenter:** Brent Laman, MA, CCDC-IIIIE

Brent Laman is Deputy Chief Probation Officer with the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. He has over 15 years experience working with adolescents in the field of juvenile justice and substance abuse.

**Participants:**

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**ONGOING—REGIONAL TRAINING**

**981**

**Tattoo Youth, Sporting Ink May Mean More Than you Think!**

Wednesday, December 14  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center  
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J  
Loveland, Ohio

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It is estimated that upwards of 5% of the U.S. population or 1.5 million people have at least one tattoo and the number of new tattoos is ever increasing (Journal of Health) The reasons young people get tattoos vary as much as the different types of tattoos they choose to wear. Should there be concern over tattoos in general? Are there certain types of tattoos that indicate cult, gang, or hate group involvement and if so, what do they look like? Can Tattoos be therapeutic to youth? Should Caregivers be culturally relative about tattoos? These and other provocative questions will be answered in this workshop as we explore the world of Generation Y and tattoos.

**Competencies Addressed:** 981-01-005; 984-01-001; 984-01-002

**Presenter:** Anthony President, B.A., LLC

Anthony President is president of Presidential Consultants, LLC a consortium of training professionals serving both the private and public sector on foster parent and staff development issues. He served as a senior training officer and social service worker for Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services.

**Participants:**

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[www.fosterparentcollege.com](http://www.fosterparentcollege.com) -online training for foster, adoptive, kinship, and birth parents. These interactive courses provide valuable information, insights and advice from experts on dealing with serious child behavior problems. There are two types of courses that are available:

1. **Instructor Led**—this course is more in-depth and allows for interaction between online participants and the instructor. The length of this course is several hours over the period of 3 weeks. Completion of this workshop is worth (six) training hours. During this workshop, participants will use a discussion board and at the end they will complete a questionnaire, complete assigned exercises and email their final completed assignment.
2. **Self Directed**—this course focuses on a specific behavioral problem or emotional disorder. This is self-directed which means participants can complete the course at their own pace as long as it is completed in 30 days. The length of the course will take about (two) hours and will provide (two) hours of training credit. The discussion board is optional in this course.

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