



Southwest Ohio
Regional Training Center

Ohio Child Welfare Training Program

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Foster and Adoptive Parent Training Schedule



Davontay

Birthdate: September, 2000

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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

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 Child Protection Unit is located in Wilmington. From I-71 take exit #50. Turn Right onto US 68 South. Travel approximately 5 miles into Wilmington. Stay on US 68 as it turns into Xenia Ave. Turn right onto N. South Street (US 68 South). Travel through downtown Wilmington and remain on S. South Street for approximately 5 blocks. Turn right into the Community Services Parking Lot. The Child Protection Unit is in the Community Services Building. Enter the Community Room B.

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, Jan. 3	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	901
Thursday, Jan. 5	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	902
Tuesday, Jan. 10	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	903
Thursday, Jan. 12	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	904
Tuesday, Jan. 17	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	905
Thursday, Jan. 19	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	906
Tuesday, Jan. 24	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	907
Thursday, Jan. 26	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	908
Tuesday, Jan. 31	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	909
Thursday, Feb. 2	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	910
Tuesday, Feb. 7	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	911
Thursday, Feb. 9	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	912
Thursday, Feb. 16	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, February 18	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, February 25	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Saturday, March 3	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Saturday, March 17	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, March 24	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Saturday, March 31	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

CLERMONT COUNTY—2400 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, OH

Call Shelly Chisman to register — (513) 732-7905

Trainer: *Eugene Smiley*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sessions Covered</u>
Tuesday, February 7	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901
Thursday, February 9	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902
Saturday, February 11	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Tuesday, February 14	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905
Thursday, February 16	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906
Saturday, February 18	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Tuesday, February 21	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909
Thursday, February 23	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910
Saturday, February 25	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912
Tuesday, February 28	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Educational Advocacy

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>
Tuesday, January 3	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	901
Tuesday, January 10	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	902
Tuesday, January 17	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	903
Tuesday, January 24	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	904
Tuesday, January 31	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	905
Tuesday, February 7	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	906
Tuesday, February 14	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	907
Tuesday, February 21	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	908
Tuesday, February 28	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	909
Tuesday, March 13	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	910
Tuesday, March 20	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	911
Tuesday, March 27	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	912

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

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

Trainer: *Beverly Morris*

Saturday, January 7	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, January 14	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Saturday, January 21	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Saturday, January 28	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, February 4	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Saturday, February 11	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 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

Trainers: *Debra McMullen & Gail Hite*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>
Saturday, March 17	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Sunday, March 18	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Saturday, March 24	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Sunday, March 25	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, March 31	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Sunday, April 1	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 -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!

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

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

925-93

Panda Parenting—Avoiding Conflicts and Resolving Problems

Monday, January 9
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Adams County Children Services

Pandas, those cute little creatures that make you just want to cuddle right up next to them. They're calm, cool and collected, going about their day with little or no chaos but when faced with a situation, their bear claws come out to bring order to their environment. Just like the panda, parents can learn peacemaking skills to resourcefully resolve problems and avoid conflicts that can cause disruptions in your child's placement. So get off the Pandemonium Express and use the "PANDA PARENTING" approach to becoming a problem-solving parent. **This workshop is CSWMFT Board approved for Social Work and Counselor CEU's.**

Competencies Addressed: 925-02-003; 925-02-009; 926-02-008; 926-02-009

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

947-13

Going Back Home: Perspectives on Family Reunification

Monday, March 12
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Adams County Children Services

Foster parents will explore the foster child's reunification with the birth family from several perspectives. They will grapple with the difficult process of saying good-bye to the child who has shared their heart and home; and ways to help the foster family deal with the loss of the child. They will consider what they can do to prepare the child for transition back to his/her family; and how foster parents, the caseworker, and the birth parent(s) can work together to assure a smooth and lasting transition back home. Participants will consider possible post-reunification roles they may be able to play in the life experience of the child. Special situations will be discussed including last minute changes in permanency plans when dreams of making an adoption plan are shattered by last minute, unexpected developments; and the professional and personal postures in foster care practice – how to handle decisions to reunify that appear to be questionable, and more.

Competencies Addressed: 947-01-001; 947-01-002; 947-01-003; 947-01-006; 947-01-007; 947-01-012; 947-01-013; 947-01-014; 947-01-016; 947-01-017; 947-01-018

Presenter: Dr. Eugene Smiley, LSW, PCC

Gene Smiley is the President of LifeSpan Solutions, Inc., a private corporation providing counseling, medication, 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

ADAMS COUNTY

950-2

Understanding the Dependency Court Process for Foster Parents

Thursday, February 9
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Registration Deadline: 02/01/12

Location:

Brown County Children Services

The law says that Dependency Court has to protect the public and the minors involved with Juvenile Court. Dependency courts are also those courts that make judicial decisions that lead to permanency for children who are in the child welfare system. Do you ever wonder how the court makes decisions to reach their goals? This training will offer a general overview of the dependency court, so foster parents can better understand this process.

Competencies Addressed: 950-01-001; 950-01-002; 950-01-003; 950-01-004; 950-01-005; 950-01-006; 950-02-001; 950-02-002; 950-02-003

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.

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

ONGOING TRAINING—BUTLER COUNTY

BUTLER COUNTY

**988-15
Substance Abuse: Its Effects on
Children and Families**

Saturday, January 21
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
Butler County Children Services

Substance use and abuse are epidemic. Drug use among families that are working with public child welfare is higher than non-public child welfare families. The goal of this class is to provide participants the language and understanding of the origins of substance use, treatment options, multi-generational patterns and outcomes. There will also be example of the development of alternative activities to drug use.

Competencies Addressed: 988-01-001; 988-01-002; 988-01-004; 988-01-005; 988-01-008; 988-02-001; 988-02-004; 988-02-006; 988-03-001; 988-03-004; 988-03-006

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

**950-7
Legal Aspects in Child Welfare for
Foster Parents**

Saturday, February 4
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
Butler County Children Services

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 (MSW, JD) brings more than twenty years of practical experience as a social worker and attorney to her present work, professional mediator, trainer, and conflict management consultant. She is an adoptive parent, has child welfare experience including caseworker (intake, protective and foster care), supervision, child advocacy (guardian ad litem), and adoption assessment.

Participants:

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

**983-PA20-S
Standing in the Gap: Becoming an
Effective Advocate for our Foster/
Adopted Child**

Monday, February 27
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:
Butler County Children Services

The workshop focuses on strategies to enhance the adoptive parent’s ability to advocate effectively for appropriate educational services for their children. The workshop also explores the parent’s role in accessing other special services (e.g. mental health or post-adoption services) for their children as well as the adoption subsidies to assist with paying for those services.

Competencies Addressed: 983-02-002; 983-02-003; 994-04-014; 983-02-004; 994-04-001; 994-04-008; 994-04-016

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

**925-41
Discipline for Foster Parents**

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

Location:
Butler County Children Services

This is a three hour course for foster parents. It teaches the difference between punishment and discipline. It helps give foster parents a foundation with techniques to be used with children. It also helps them to have ways in protecting their children. It is a wonderful way for foster parents to become knowledgeable of discipline and how it should be administered. There are exercises that suggest discipline for children that have been neglected and/or abused and how to use it effectively in the home.

Competencies Addressed: 925-02: 924-02-001, 925-02-002, 925-02-003, 925-02-008, 925-02-009, 925-02-015, 925-03-001, 925-03-002

Presenter: Sandra Prestino Ph.D

Sandy is an independent child welfare trainer. In the past, she has worked for Delaware County Children Services and the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

Participants:

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**923-41
Interventions with Children who
Suffer Trauma**

Thursday, January 19
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Registration Deadline: 01/10/12

Location:

Bethel United Methodist Church

Children in foster care have a vastly higher rate of trauma than their non-foster peers. Some estimates are that 51% of the children in care suffer Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. All adults in these children's lives must have an understanding of the role trauma plays in their behavior and achievement of developmental milestones. Participants need to understand that the impact of trauma is idiosyncratic. Each child will manifest it differently. Participants will learn ways to help improve functioning and how to work with the mental health system.

Competencies Addressed: 923-02-001; 923-02-002; 923-02-003; 923-02-004; 923-02-005; 925-01-001; 925-01-002; 995-02-008;

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:

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ONGOING TRAINING—CLERMONT COUNTY

925-97

Mouthy, Moody & Just Plain Mad

Thursday, February 16
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Registration Deadline: 02/08/12

Location:

Bethel United Methodist Church

CLERMONT COUNTY

It's a bird, it's a plane . . . it's . . . no, wait . . . it's just little Suzie spouting her mouth, Tommy throwing his temper tantrum and Sally with steam pouring out her ears. This workshop is geared towards helping parents "stop the show before the encore" with tips and techniques that will help to change your child's undesirable behavior into the desirable behavior we want for our children. **This workshop is CSWMFT Board approved for Social Work and Counselor CEU's.**

Competencies Addressed: 925-02-003; 925-02-007 – 925-02-009; 925-03-001 – 925-03-006; 925-03-008; 925-03-010; 926-04-001; 926-04-006; 926-02-008; 926-02-009

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

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948-1

Financial Resources for Foster Parents Considering Adoption: Adoption Subsidies, Tax Credits, Work place Benefits, College Tuition...

Saturday, March 10
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:

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

This workshop is for foster caregivers or others who are interested in adopting a child and would like to know more about the financial resources available. Participants will learn about the eligibility criteria and procedures to apply for each of the four types of subsidies available to families. This workshop will provide general information on adoption income tax credits, employment benefits and support for secondary education for older children who have been adopted.

Competencies Addressed: 948-01-002; 948-01-007

Presenter: Rhonda Abban, MSW, LISW

Rhonda Abban has worked in the field of child welfare for 30 years with primary focus on permanency for children. She has held positions including adoption caseworker at Franklin County Children Services, adoption supervisor and most recently Foster Care Licensing and Adoption Section Chief at Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Participants:

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989-14

**Building Ladders of Hope:
Skills to Prevent Burnout**

Thursday, March 15

6:00PM to 9:00PM

Registration Deadline: 03/07/12

Location:

Bethel United Methodist Church

The goal of this workshop is to help caregivers identify and relieve caregiving stress by gaining support and feedback from other caregivers, by brainstorming solutions to stress, and by learning stress relief techniques through guided meditation and other sources

Competencies Addressed: 989-02-001; 989-02-003

Presenter: Bonnie Bazill—Davis

Bonnie Bazill-Davis is an award winning speaker dedicated to delivering life-saving messages about child abuse. Her personal triumph over childhood sexual abuse combined with her past clinical training as a counselor offers a powerful dual perspective of both survivor and professional helper.

Participants:

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ONGOING TRAINING—CLINTON COUNTY

**926-7
Surviving the Placement Process**

Thursday, January 12
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:
Clinton County Children Services

This workshop looks at ways to assure that we are making a good decision for ourselves and the child when the agency offers us a placement. We will also look at other strategies to help everyone get through the transition and placement process.

Competencies Addressed: 926-01-002; 926-01-006; 926-02-002; 926-02-003; 926-02-004; 926-04-001; 926-04-005; 927-02-001

Presenter: Cheryl Reber

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Participants:

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**923-FF5-S
Healthy Sexual Development of
Children & Teens**

Saturday, February 11
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
Clinton County Children Services

Every day, families and those working with families and children are faced with situations similar to those above. Although many sexual behaviors are normal for children, such incidents frequently catch us off-guard and raise a number of questions such as, "Is this normal?" "Should I be worried?" "What should I do?" This training will introduce basic concepts of sexual development and introduce the Johnson continuum of childhood sexual behavior. Normal sexual behaviors for children from birth to adolescence will be outlined along with factors which may influence a child's sexual behaviors. The training will help foster parents know when a child's sexual expression is normative and developmentally appropriate; how to discuss sexual issues with children and adolescents in a way that is consistent with their developmental level; and how to maintain a supportive and safe environment with children and adolescents that encourages healthy sexual development.

Competencies Addressed: 923-04-001– 923-04-007

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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CLINTON COUNTY

923-9

Understanding Your Learning Style

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

Location:

Clinton County Job and Family Services

In this workshop, participants will explore the four learning styles and identify how learning and problem solving evolves through a process. This workshop will utilize a learning styles inventory to help the participant identify their method of processing information which will assist in future learning opportunities. Creativity and learning avenues will be discussed and explored so that the participants can help children who have been abused and neglected succeed in their school work, as well as in their personal life.

Competencies Addressed: 923-01-001; 923-01-002; 923-02-002; 994-02-005; 994-03-004

Presenter: Linda Davis, Ph.D

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 Service Aides and Homemakers as well as night intake.

Participants:

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ONGOING TRAINING—HIGHLAND COUNTY

995-28

Diagnosis Soup—What Do All These Mental Health Terms Mean Anyway?

Saturday, January 28
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:

The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

This workshop will look at the various labels and diagnosis that our kids pick up along the way. What are the origins and “symptoms” of ADHD/ADD, Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD), Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effect, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and normal grief issues? This workshop will look at similarities and differences in these and how they may impact our parental response to acting out behavior.

Competencies Addressed: 980-01-001, 981-01-008, 981-01-009, 942-01-001; 942-01-002; 942-01-003; 942-01-004; 942-01-005; 942-01-006, 942-01-007; 942-01-008; 942-01-010; 942-01-011; 942-01-012; 942-01-013, 942-01-014, 942-01-016, 942-01-017, 942-01-018; 942-01-019

Presenter: Cheryl Reber

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Participants:

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942-5

Dangerous Games Children Play

Monday, February 6
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

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

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:

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

HIGHLAND COUNTY

980-24
Preparing Foster Youth For Change:
Motivational Interviewing for
Resource Parents

Saturday, March 24
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:

The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

Caregivers are frequently challenged by youth's lack of motivation to change negative behaviors. Notwithstanding the application of behavior management strategies, some problems seem to persist. *Motivational Interviewing* is an evidence based approach which caregivers can use to strengthen youth intrinsic motivation to change. This class serves as an introduction to MI for resource parents and gives them the basic tools necessary to incorporate this intervention into their parenting practice.

Competencies Addressed: 980-02-004; 980-02-003; 980-02-001; 941.01.007; 941.01.008

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 from 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:

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ONGOING TRAINING—WARREN COUNTY

**950-13
Allegations Against Foster Parents...
What Do They Do?**

Monday, January 23
6:00PM to 9:00PM

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

One of the greatest traumatic incident for foster and adoptive parents occurs when an allegation has been made against them. Allegations can be made by an angry child, a frustrated birthparent, or they can be the result of a simple misunderstanding. When allegations occur, the local Children Service agencies are required by law to complete a third party investigation, also known as an Out-of-Home Investigation. This training will provide; a greater understanding of what constitutes allegation, an overview of the Ohio revised code, a working knowledge of the out of home care allegations process, how to prevent an allegation against your home, how to handle an allegation against your home.

Competencies Addressed: 923-05-010; 950-02-001; 950-02-004; 952-01-001; 952-01-004

Presenter: Patricia McCollum, L.S.W.
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**950-7
Legal Aspects of Child Welfare for
Foster Parents**

Thursday, February 2
6:00PM to 9:00PM

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 (MSW, JD) brings more than twenty years of practical experience as a social worker and attorney to her present work, professional mediator, trainer, and conflict management consultant. She is an adoptive parent, has child welfare experience including caseworker (intake, protective and foster care), supervision, child advocacy (guardian ad litem), and adoption assessment.

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WARREN COUNTY

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**941-1
Opening the Door to Independent
Living**

Thursday, March 22
6:00PM to 9:00PM

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

This workshop will introduce foster parents to the many challenges that adolescents face when leaving foster care, and moving toward independent living. Be prepared for an interactive, hands-on workshop that will enlighten and encourage foster parents in helping your adolescent have a more successful transition to independent living.

Competencies Addressed: 941-01-002, 941-01-003, 941-01-004, 941-01-006, 941-01-007, 941-01-009, 941-01-011, 941-01-0012, 941-03-009

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ONGOING TRAINING—REGIONAL TRAINING

950-8

**Foster Parents & Juvenile Court:
Understanding the Child Protection
Legal Process**

Thursday, January 12
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

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

Foster and adoptive parents sometimes feel that they are forced to watch from the sidelines as their children's lives are affected by the legal system. They do not realize the important role that foster parents can play in helping to prepare the case for court and actually being heard at court on behalf of their foster child. This three hour workshop is designed to familiarize foster parents with the workings of Juvenile Court, to prepare them to be effective participants in legal proceedings on behalf of their children and the vital role they can play in assisting the court in understanding the circumstances and needs of the children in their care.

Competencies Addressed: 950-01-001, 950-01-004, 950-01-005

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983-PA20-S

**Standing in the Gap: Becoming an
Effective Advocate for our Foster/
Adopted Child**

Monday, January 30
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

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

The workshop focuses on strategies to enhance the adoptive parent's ability to advocate effectively for appropriate educational services for their children. The workshop also explores the parent's role in accessing other special services (e.g. mental health or post-adoption services) for their children as well as the adoption subsidies to assist with paying for those services.

Competencies Addressed: 983-02-002; 983-02-003; 994-04-014; 983-02-004; 994-04-001; 994-04-008; 994-04-016

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REGIONAL TRAINING

**941-FF14-S
Fostering Self-Reliance in Children & Youth: Roots and Wings**

Saturday, February 25
9:00AM to 4:00PM

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

Parents must equip their children to survive on their own by the time they reach adulthood. The process of enhancing a child’s ability to be self-reliant begins around 18 months of age and continues into adulthood. Parents begin this process with the simplest learning opportunities in daily living skills; they increase the complexity of the activities and skills as the child matures. Building self-reliant adults is an intentional process. This workshop gives parents and caregivers specific tools to foster self-reliance in children of all ages and developmental levels.

Competencies Addressed: 941-01-001; 941-02-001; 927-02-001; 928-02-001

Presenter: Melvin Gravely

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

Participants:

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**925-51
“Almost” Frazzled Free Parenting**

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

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

Desiring less drama, less trauma, less frazzled nerves? Whether you are a new foster parent or you've been around the block a few times, come and discover fun and practical skills that will help you take the "frazzle" out of parenting.

Competencies Addressed: 925-02-001, 925-02-003, 925-02-008, 925-02-009, 925-03-001, 925-03-002, 925-03-003, 925-03-005, 925-03-010, 989-02-001, 989-02-007

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

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ONGOING TRAINING— REGIONAL TRAINING

922-1

The Role of the Foster Parent

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

Location:

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REGIONAL TRAINING

This is a three hour course designed to present preferred behaviors as professional foster parents. Many participants have not had the training and the mentoring to understand expected behaviors in this professional world. Therefore, they rely on behaviors that are from their personal world and behaviors that they have observed and have been reinforced during their childhood. Through exercises, group discussions and personal reflections, this course allows each participant to think about professional relationships in a new and more applicable way. It will challenge them to do self evaluations and may stimulate them to make changes in the way they interact with other people in the work world. Foster homes in today's world are needed to be more than a place to sleep and exist. Foster parents must have professional skills of observation, and application of child welfare practices.

Competencies Addressed: 922-01-001—922-01-006

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