

Frequently Asked Questions: PLEASE READ

Is Child Care Provided?

Child Care is NOT provided.

Children will NOT be permitted at the conference in any workshop as subject matter may not be appropriate for their developmental level. Foster teens 15 years and older are encouraged to attend the evening keynote session but will NOT be permitted to be onsite during the daytime workshops.

Can I attend any of the workshops I want?

Yes you may. Please register using the form included in this brochure. Choose the workshops you wish to attend by checking the appropriate box. If you decide to change your workshop choice upon arriving at the conference please let the SWORTC staff person who is checking you in know about the change. The SWORTC staff will know which workshops are full and which have space.

What do I do about meals?

Meals will be provided for you if you have registered to participate in those meals. In order to be included in a meal count you MUST mark on the registration sheet that you intend to be at that specific meal. The regional training center must give the conference personnel an accurate count so enough meals can be prepared.

Do I have to participate in the entire conference for a certificate?

No. You will receive individual certificates for each workshop that is fully completed.

How many can attend the conference?

Registration is open to the first 200 participants.. First priority will be given to foster/adoptive parents licensed through the public agencies. **Private agency foster/adoptive parents can attend on a space available basis provided their agency has a "Letter of Agreement" on file at the Southwest Regional Training Center.**



Oasis Conference Center

902 Loveland-Miamiville Road
Loveland, Ohio 45140
Phone: (513) 583-8383

Directions

Take I-275 to Wards Corner Road, Exit #54. Turn north onto Wards Corner (the opposite direction of the SWORTC). Get into the right hand lane. Immediately turn right on Loveland-Miamiville Road next to Aquarian Pools and Spas. Go through the 4-way traffic light. At the following 4-way stop sign, turn left. (Loveland-Miamiville takes a hard left turn at Epiphany Church). The entrance to the Oasis is the second drive on the left.

Trainer Bios

Ann Anzalone

Ms. Anzalone is a nationally known speaker and trainer specializing in communication skills, learning styles, cooperative learning, study skills and stress management. She has multiple teaching certificates which allow her to address the learning needs of children with Learning Disabilities and Behavior Disorders.

Lisa Dickson

Lisa Dickson (MLIS, BA in Human Development and Family Studies) "aged out" of foster care in 1989. She was a founding member of Foster Care Alumni of America and cofounded the Ohio chapter of FCAA, for which she currently serves as Communications Chair.

Mark Kroner

Mark Kroner, LISW, directed the Lighthouse Independent Living Program in Cincinnati for 21 years and has conducted life skills trainings for thousands of youth since 1988. Mr. Kroner has written numerous books and articles on independent and transitional living issues.

Jody Johnston-Pawel

Jody Johnson Pawel is a Licensed Social Worker, Certified Family Life Educator and second-generation parent educator. She has nearly 30 years' experience in the child protective service field, including training parents, foster parents and caseworkers.

Jayne Schooler

Jayne Schooler, author and adoption educator, has been training for the OCWTP for nearly 15 years. She is the author of five books in related fields. Besides her training responsibilities, Jayne also serves as a faculty member for the Master's Graduate School of Divinity in Evansville, Indiana.

Kathleen Terry

Kathleen Terry, LISW, has a Masters in Social Work, with a Clinical Concentration and a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education. She has 10 years experience in child welfare working in intake, foster care, adoption, home assessment and quality assurance.

John Ward

John has a Master's Degree in Counseling (LCDC III) and has been practicing since 1998. He also received his Master's Degree in Life Issues Counseling in 2004. John and his wife have been foster parents for a therapeutic foster care network since 1993. Additionally, Mr. Ward is currently a supervisor at a private foster care network.

*Southwest Ohio
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**Foster and
Adoptive
Parent
Conference**



November 5, 2011

**Oasis Conference
Center**

Loveland, OH

**Register using the form enclosed or
online at**

www.ocwtp.com/swortc.htm

420 Wards Corner Road, Suite J
Loveland, OH 45140
FAX: 513-248-0335 Phone: 513-946-2163

Keynote Session: *Aspects of Positive Foster Care Placement*

The Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center is excited to bring to you the 2011 Foster and Adoptive Parent Conference. This is a one-day conference that has a little twist at the end of the day.

For the evening Keynote Session and dinner, your *foster teens who are 15 years and older are invited to attend*. They will not be permitted to be onsite during the morning and afternoon workshops, but they are invited to attend in the evening. Please sign them up when you register.



Lisa Dickson, former foster child, will facilitate a discussion with several youth who have emancipated from the foster care system. Foster parents and teens will have the opportunity to ask questions of both Ms. Dickson and the panel.

Conference Agenda:

- 8:00 to 9:00..... Registration and Breakfast (provided)
- 9:00 to 12:00..... Morning Workshops
- 12:00 to 1:00..... Lunch (Provided)
- 1:00 to 4:00..... Afternoon Workshops
- 4:00 to 5:30..... Break
- 5:30 to 6:00..... Dinner (Provided)
- 6:00 to 8:00..... Keynote Session (Foster teens 15 yrs and older invited to attend)

Workshops

Texting, Sexting and the World of the Internet

The average American teenager sends and receives more than 3,000 text messages per month; not to mention the hours they spend on the computer socializing with their friends. By educating yourself with the digital technology of today's teen, you can learn to equip your children and assist them in being safe and responsible in a world where nothing is ever private.

John Ward

Preventing and Solving Sibling Conflict

This informative workshop offers tips for introducing new children into the foster family, preventing sibling rivalry, and resolving sibling/peer conflicts in ways that teach children how to resolve future conflicts independently and peacefully. These techniques result in LESS competing, comparing, complaining, arguing, fighting and tattling and MORE sharing, cooperating, listening, communicating, respect, peace, and independent conflict resolution.

Jody Johnston-Pawel

Toolbox For Change: Advocating For Children with Mental Health Concerns

This three hour training highlights ways to effectively advocate for a child with mental health issues, and ways to collaborate in his/her care of psychotropic medications. It highlights issues involved with assessment and treatments of various mental health disorders for children and teenagers, as well as foster parents' crucial role in documentation.

Kathleen Terry

Developing Self-Sufficiency Skills in Youth in Transition

Youth aging out of foster care need to develop life skills and acquire basic information related to self-sufficiency to prepare for their adult lives. Care providers need to understand the developmental needs of these youth, the realities of the transitional process in modern America, and the resources that are available to help them learn these needed skills.

Mark Kroner

Wounded Child, Healing Homes: Parenting Traumatized Children

This interactive workshop addresses key issues: what does a traumatized child look like? What are behavioral challenges most often felt by parents? What does happen to the foster/adoptive family? How can workers be prepared to support and guide families from the pain to the other side. This workshop tackles tough and realistic issues faced by families but not often recognized by the professionals who work with them.

Jayne Schooler

Attention, Focus, Remember

Memory, attention and focusing skills are keys to long term learning. When learning doesn't work for students it is important for them to know how to learn. Memory affects students' ability to communicate, read, and carry on conversations. This session is designed to develop memory skills, to define three kinds of memory and how to use them effectively, to explain brain function as it relates to memory, and to identify activities to develop students' ability to remember.

Ann Anzalone

Registration Form

Please fill-in the names of those who will be attending and which meals they would like to participate in:

Names of Those Attending	Brkfst Y/N	Lunch Y/N	Dinner Y/N
1.			
2.			

Will you have a foster teen (15 yrs old or older) participating in dinner and the Keynote Session? Yes No

If "Yes", what is the name and birthdate of your foster teen?
Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Morning Workshops: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Select ONE workshop for the Morning session by putting the initials of the person who wishes to attend that workshop (a couple could choose to attend together or separate.)

#1 Texting, Sexting and the World of the Internet

#2 Preventing and Solving Sibling Conflict

#3 Toolbox for Change: Advocating For Children

#4 Developing Self-Sufficiency In Youth in Transition

#5 Wounded Child, Healing Homes: Parenting Traumatized Children

#6 Attention, Focus, Remember

Afternoon Workshops: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Select ONE workshop for the Afternoon session by putting the initials of the person who wishes to attend that workshop (a couple could choose to attend together or separate.)

#7 Texting, Sexting and the World of the Internet

#8 Preventing and Solving Sibling Conflict

#9 Toolbox for Change: Advocating For Children

#10 Developing Self-Sufficiency In Youth in Transition

#11 Wounded Child, Healing Homes: Parenting Traumatized Children

#12 Attention, Focus, Remember

Place Your INITIALS in the box if you plan on attending the evening Keynote session.

Keynote Session: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

13 Aspects of Positive Foster Care Placement: Youth Panel

Foster Parent Information (Please Fill Out Completely)

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Licensing Agency: _____