



Southwest Ohio
Regional Training Center

Ohio Child Welfare Training Program

WINTER

January/February/March 2010



Foster and Adoptive Parent Training Schedule



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Adams County Children Services Board
Jill Wright, Executive Director

Brown County Job and Family Services
David M. Sharp, Director

Butler County Children Services Board
Jeff Centers, Executive Director

Clermont County Job and Family Services
Tim McCartney, Director

Clinton County Job and Family Services
John Hosler, Director

Hamilton County Job and Family Services
Moira Weir, Director

Highland County Children Services Board
Wendy Jacobs, Director

Warren County Children Services Board
Patty Jacobs, Executive Director

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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
513-946-2163

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 CHILDREN SERVICES

(937-544-2511)

West Union, OH

Training will take place at new location at 923 Sunrise Avenue. 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). West Union Community Building is located directly behind Children's Home.

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

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) 887-4044

Hamilton, OH

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

Wilmington, OH

(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.

COLLEGE HILL CENTER

5545 Belmont Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio

From I-71 Merge onto Ronald Regan Cross County HWY / OH-126 W via EXIT 14.

Take the Galbraith Rd. exit toward Winton Rd.

Turn left onto W Galbraith Rd.

Turn left onto Daly Rd.

Turn right onto W. North Bend Rd.

left onto Hamilton Ave./ US-127.

Turn right onto Belmont Ave.

From I-75

Start out going West on North Ave. toward Maple Ave.

Turn left onto Springfield Pike / OH-4.

Turn right onto Fleming Rd.

Turn left onto Winton Rd.

Turn right onto W. Northbend Rd.

Turn left onto Hamilton Ave. / US-127.

Turn right onto Belmont Ave.

HAMILTON COUNTY

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

(513-946-2163)

Alms and Doepke Building (downtown)

Cincinnati

Located at 222 East Central Parkway in downtown Cincinnati. Take I-71 South; get off at Reading Road, exit #2. Follow Reading Road several blocks to a fork in the road and bear to the right of the large beige building. Paid parking will be ahead on the right. The light brown building to the left is HCJFS. Go to the front of the building on Central Parkway to enter. Sign in at the front desk and take the elevator to the sixth floor.

HAMILTON COUNTY
JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

(513-946-2163)

Neighborhood Center

Clifton

Located at 237 William Howard Taft. From I-71 South, take the Taft Road exit, #3. Hamilton County JFS Neighborhood Center will be on the left. Pull in the entrance and drive around to the back of the building (on the McMillan Road side of the building) to park. From I-75 South, take the OH-562 exit towards Norwood, exit #7 Merge on OH-562 EAST. Take the I-71 SOUTH exit towards CINCINNATI. Merge on I-71 SOUTH. Take the TAFT RD exit, exit #3, then follow the directions above off of Taft Rd.

THE FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER,
HILLSBORO

111 Crestwood Drive
Hillsboro, OH

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.

OAKLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Hamilton County

From I-75 take the Norwood Lateral (St. Rt. 562) to Ridge Ave Exit. Turn Right onto Ridge Ave. and continue on Ridge Ave. (which becomes Marburg for about a mile. Turn Right at Paxton Ave. and continue till you reach Hyde Park Plaza. Turn into the first entrance (McDonald's is there). Oakley Community Center is located straight ahead on the left side of Thriftway.
--From I-71 S take the Ridge Ave/Kennedy Ave. exit—turn left off the exit (which is Highland Ave.), turn left at the next light onto Ridge Ave. and follow the directions to Paxton Above.

--From I-71 North take the Ridge Ave. south exit and follow the directions to Paxton Ave. Above.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING SITES

SWORTC REGIONAL SITE

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

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 ONE STOP

300 East Silver St.
Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Interstate 71 to S.R. 48 by-pass exit (marked Lebanon Raceway). Take the 48 by-pass north to the S.R. 123 exit (this is also Main St.). Turn left on S.R. 123/Main St.; go to the intersection of Main St. and East St. and turn right. The parking lot is one-half block past Silver St., on your right. The Center is in the Old Courthouse on the northeast corner of East and Silver. Parking is behind the building.

**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 Orientation and Overview (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 Teambuilding (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 Child Development and the Impact of Abuse and Neglect (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 Attachment and Separation (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 Discipline (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.

906 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 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 Working with 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 Caring for 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 Effects of Caregiving on the 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 Permanency Issues 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 Permanency Issues 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 – 300 North Wilson Drive, West Union, OH
 Call Dawn Grooms to register — (937) 544-2511 ext. 43
 Trainer: *Nancy Crothers*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section(s) Covered</u>
Tuesday, Jan. 5	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	901
Thursday, Jan. 7	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	902
Tuesday, Jan. 12	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	903
Thursday, Jan. 14	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	904
Tuesday, Jan. 19	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	905
Thursday, Jan. 21	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	906
Tuesday, Jan. 26	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	907
Thursday, Jan. 28	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	908
Tuesday, Feb. 2	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	909
Thursday, Feb. 4	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	910
Tuesday, Feb. 9	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	911
Thursday, Feb. 11	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	912
Tuesday, Feb. 16	6:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Make-up date

BUTLER COUNTY—300 North Fair Drive, Hamilton, OH
 To register call — (513) 887-4324
 Trainer: *Eugene Smiley*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section(s) Covered</u>
Saturday, Jan. 30	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, Feb. 6	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Saturday, Feb. 13	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Saturday, Feb. 20	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, Feb. 27	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Saturday, Mar. 6	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

CLERMONT COUNTY—2400 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, OH
 Call Ashley Thompson to register — (513) 732-7765
 Trainer: *Gail Hite*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sessions Covered</u>
Tuesday, Feb. 9	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901
Thursday, Feb. 11	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902
Saturday, Feb. 13	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	903
Saturday, Feb. 13	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	904
Tuesday, Feb. 16	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905
Thursday, Feb. 18	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906
Saturday, Feb. 20	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	907
Saturday, Feb. 20	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	908
Tuesday, Feb. 23	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909
Thursday, Feb. 25	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910
Saturday, Feb. 27	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	911
Saturday, Feb. 27	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	912
Tuesday, Mar. 2	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	913

CLINTON/HIGHLAND/FAYETTE—Clinton County JFS, Wilmington, OH
 Call Lisa Massie to register — (937) 382-5935, ext. 1313
 Trainer: *Bev Morris*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section(s) Covered</u>
Monday, Jan. 4	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901
Monday, Jan. 11	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902
Tuesday, Jan. 19	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	903
Monday, Jan. 25	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	904
Monday, Feb. 1	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905
Monday, Feb. 8	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906
Tuesday, Feb. 16	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	907
Monday, Feb. 22	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	908
Monday, Mar. 1	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909
Monday, Mar. 8	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910
Monday, Mar. 15	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	911
Monday, Mar. 22	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	912

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

HAMILTON COUNTY - Hamilton County Job And Family Services –222 East Central Parkway, 6SE601; Cincinnati, Ohio—To Register Call—513-632-6366

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
Tuesday, Jan. 5	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902	T. Williams
Thursday, Jan. 7	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	903	T. Williams
Tuesday, Jan. 12	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	904	T. Williams
Thursday, Jan. 14	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905	T. Williams
Tuesday, Jan. 19	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906	T. Williams
Thursday, Jan. 21	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	907	T. Williams
Tuesday, Jan. 26	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	908	T. Williams
Thursday, Jan. 28	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909	T. Williams
Tuesday, Feb. 2	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910	T. Williams
Thursday, Feb. 4	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	911	T. Williams
Tuesday, Feb. 9	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	912	T. Williams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
<i>Open House</i>			
Wednesday, Jan. 13	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901	P. McCollum
Wednesday, Jan. 27	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901	P. McCollum

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
Saturday, Jan. 9	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	902 & 903	Debra McMullen
Saturday, Jan. 23	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	904 & 905	Debra McMullen
Saturday, Jan. 30	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	906 & 907	Debra McMullen
Saturday, Feb. 6	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	908 & 909	Debra McMullen
Saturday, Feb. 20	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	910 & 911	Debra McMullen
Saturday, Feb. 27	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	912	Debra McMullen

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
<i>Open House</i>			
Wednesday, Feb. 3	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901	Val Larkin
Wednesday, Feb. 17	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901	Val Larkin

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

HAMILTON COUNTY - Hamilton County Job And Family Services –222 E. Central Parkway, 6th Floor 6SE601; Cincinnati, Ohio—To Register Call—513-632-6366

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
Saturday, Feb. 20	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	902 & 903	P. McCollum
Saturday, Feb. 27	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	904 & 905	P. McCollum
Saturday, Mar. 6	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	906 & 907	P. McCollum
Saturday, Mar. 13	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	908 & 909	P. McCollum
Saturday, Mar. 20	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	910 & 911	P. McCollum
Saturday, Mar. 27	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	912	P. McCollum

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
Tuesday, Mar. 2	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902	Val Larkin
Thursday, Mar. 4	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	903	Val Larkin
Tuesday, Mar. 9	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	904	Val Larkin
Thursday, Mar. 11	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905	Val Larkin
Tuesday, Mar. 16	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906	Val Larkin
Thursday, Mar. 18	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	907	Val Larkin
Tuesday, Mar. 23	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	908	Val Larkin
Thursday, Mar. 25	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909	Val Larkin
Tuesday, Mar. 30	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910	Val Larkin
Thursday, Apr. 1	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	911	Val Larkin
Tuesday, Apr. 6	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	912	Val Larkin

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
<i>Open House</i>			
Wednesday, Mar. 10	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901	D. McMullen
Wednesday, Mar. 17	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901	D. McMullen

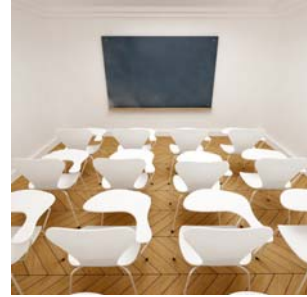
WARREN COUNTY—One Stop, 300 East Silver Road; Lebanon, OH

Call Christy Clough to Register—513-695-1526 or (513)479-0626

Trainer: Bev Morris

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>
Saturday, Jan. 9	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, Jan. 16	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Saturday, Jan. 23	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Saturday, Jan. 30	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, Feb. 6	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Saturday, Feb. 13	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—513-946-1145

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
Friday, March 19	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902	Bev Morris
Saturday, March 20	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904	Bev Morris
Sunday, March 21	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906	Bev Morris
Friday, March 26	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908	Bev Morris
Saturday, March 27	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910	Bev Morris
Sunday, March 28	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912	Bev Morris

Online Training Opportunity

Online Training Opportunity? For Currently Licensed Foster Parents (Only)

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

Pamphlet Training Opportunity

Pamphlet/Booklet Training Opportunity—For Currently Licensed Foster Parents (Only)



Interested in earning training credit hours in the convenience of your home? In addition to online training, Foster Parents can earn training credit through approved reading materials. Pamphlet/Booklet Trainings are considered “outside offered” trainings. This means the credit hours obtained from the pamphlet readings must not exceed one third of the overall training credit. ***For example: If you are interested in taking courses online and pamphlet trainings, you must not exceed thirteen hours (1/3) of total training credit, for your two year recertification period.***

Each reading pamphlet is worth (one) credit hour. It’s easy as 1-2-3! Complete the reading, fill out a questionnaire form and return the materials to your licensing agency. Below you will find a listing of all available pamphlets. ***Please contact (513) 946-1263 for more details.***

1. Cyberbullying: Keeping your child safe
2. About Child Safety
3. Teen Behavior: What parents should know
4. What to Do in an Emergency
5. About Emotional Abuse and Neglect of Children
6. From Boy to Man: What boys should know about growing up
7. From Girl to Woman: What girls should know about growing up
8. Parenting Children with Disabilities
9. When Your Teenagers Act Their Age
10. Firm, Fair, and Loving: Raising good Kids
11. Help Me Overcome my Fears
12. Helping children’s developing brains
13. Staying COOL When Baby Cries
14. About Temper Tantrums
15. Helping Your child Learn Through Play: A guide for parents of preschoolers
16. Helping Your Teen Succeed: In high school and beyond
17. About Disciplining Your Child
18. The Way Back

ONGOING TRAINING—ADAMS COUNTY

**921
Interventions With Children Who
Have Suffered Trauma**

Saturday, March 6
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:
Adams County Children’s Services

This class provides the foster parent with a set of skills to help children manage trauma. The child who has suffered trauma often will be labeled as depressed, antisocial, etc., until a caring adult develops a supporting relationship with these children, nothing will change. This class looks at the issues of removal from the birth home as the most basic trauma to manage.

Competencies Addressed: 921-08

Presenter: David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

Mr. Zidar has worked in child welfare for over twenty years. He started his career in Cleveland working in residential settings for severely troubled children and was the director of social services for Trumbull County . He has been a trainer and consultant since 1989.

Intended Participants:

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

**To Register Call
Dawn Grooms
937-544-2511 ext. 43**

ONGOING TRAINING—BROWN COUNTY

**942
Interventions with Reactive
Attachment Disorder**

Saturday, January 16
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:
Brown County Children’s Services

Some of the children in foster care and adoption struggle with behavior that is hard to understand. Much of this behavior is rooted in attachments that are poor. Parenting these children takes a special touch. This class will provide the origin and interventions that can help these troubled children. This class takes the diagnostic criteria and develops interventions for each behavior. The class emphasis is heavy on practical interventions.

Competencies Addressed: 942-01 to 04

Presenter: David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

Mr. Zidar has worked in child welfare for over twenty years. He started his career in Cleveland working in residential settings for severely troubled children and was the director of social services for Trumbull County . He has been a trainer and consultant since 1989.

Intended Participants:

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

**To Register Call
Courtney Meder
937-378-6104 ext. 146**

ONGOING TRAINING—BUTLER COUNTY

**916
Iron Will Wellness**

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

Location:
Butler County Children’s Services

The economic crisis is casting a negative shadow on all our lives. Each day the threat of job loss, talk of inflation, and new wars can cause even the best of us to become stressed and depressed. Although we face many challenges, this is not the time to be weak. We must find the strength to carry on and care for ourselves so that we can care for our children. Learn the 7 secrets to thriving in times of despair and practical strategies to overcome the adversities in your life. This is one workshop your family cannot afford for you to miss.

Competencies Addressed: 916-5

Presenter: Anthony President

Anthony 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

Intended Participants:

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

**925
Parenting a Child Who Has Been Sexually Abused: A Journey of Understanding**

Saturday, January 16
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
Butler County Children’s Services

This workshop is designed for foster caregivers and adoptive parents who are caring for children who have been sexually abused. The workshop is offered with the understanding that many children in care, or who have been adopted, have not yet disclosed sexual abuse they have experienced. This workshop examines the definition and dynamics of sexual abuse of children. The training will examine the pervasive pathology existing within the sexually abusing home. The workshop develops understanding of the characteristics of caregivers that can best adjust to the needs children who have been sexually abused. Extensive parenting strategies, including strategies to prepare the home to receive children who have been sexually abused as well as strategies to enhance their ongoing care, will be presented.

Competencies Addressed: 925-01

Presenter: Jayne Schooler

Mrs. Schooler is an author and adoption educator and has been training for the OCWTP for nearly 15 years. She serves as a faculty member for the Master’s Graduate School of Divinity in Evansville, IN.

Intended Participants:

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

To Register Call Kelly Sowder 513-887-4072

**914 (E)
Boundaries For Foster Parents**

Saturday, January 23
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:
Butler County Children’s Services

Foster parents will learn how to set limits on themselves and others to prevent boundary violations. Foster parents will be able to identify common boundary violations. Foster parents will learn what to do to set limits on birth parents. Foster parents will learn how to manage common “awkward” situations (I.E., how to introduce their foster children to inquisitive individuals).

Competencies Addressed: 914-1, 914-2

Presenter: David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

Mr. 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.

Intended Participants:

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

**941
Moving Youth Toward
Self-Sufficiency**

Thursday, February 4
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:
Butler County Children’s Services

This workshop will give participants a clearer understanding of the challenges facing youth as they age out of foster care. Participants will learn specific strategies for teaching self-sufficiency skills as well as existing transition programs in SW Ohio.

Competencies Addressed: 941-01

Presenter: Mark Kroner, LISW

Mark directed the Lighthouse Independent Living Program in Cincinnati for 21 years and has conducted life skills trainings for thousands of youth since 1988.

Intended Participants:

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

To Register Call Kelly Sowder 513-887-4072

**991
Behavior Management I: Managing
Surface Behaviors with Acting-Out
Children**

Saturday, February 27
9:00AM to 12:00PM

Location:
Butler County Children's Services

This program explores major pre-placement dynamics, including separation, and how they influences behavior. It also gives substitute caregivers a model for structuring a supportive and therapeutic setting for behaviorally challenged children. Further, it reviews fundamental social learning theory; and finally examines ten *tried and true* techniques for handling surface behaviors and their application in a culturally sensitive milieu.

Competencies Addressed: 991-01 to 991-06, 009, 011, 013, 019

Presenter: Brian Lowery, MPA, LSA

Mr. Lowery has served as the Director of In-Service Training for the largest private child caring agency in Ohio and the Director of Child Care at a Northeast Ohio residential treatment center.

Intended Participants:

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

**923
Behavior Management 2**

Saturday, February 27
1:00 PM to 4:00PM

Location:
Butler County Children's Services

This class will examine how pre-placement experiences and current stressors may affect a foster child's behavior. The skills of active listening, non-violent communication and de-escalation will be reviewed. Levels of crisis development and the conflict cycle are discussed, emphasizing appropriate foster parent response. Trainees will participate in exercises and demonstrations concerning personal space, body posture and motion and their cultural implications.

Competencies Addressed: 923-01 to 923-04, 009 to 013, 922-02, 05

Presenter: Brian Lowery, MPA, LSA

Mr. Lowery has served as the Director of In-Service Training for the largest private child caring agency in Ohio and the Director of Child Care at a Northeast Ohio residential treatment center.

Intended Participants:

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

To Register Call Kelly Sowder 513-887-4072

**920
Interventions with Reactive
Attachment Disorder**

Thursday, March 4
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location:
Butler County Children's Services

Some of the children in foster care and adoption struggle with behavior that is hard to understand. Much of this behavior is rooted in attachments that are poor. Parenting these children takes a special touch. This class will provide the origin and interventions that can help these troubled children. This class takes the diagnostic criteria and develops interventions for each behavior. The class emphasis is heavy on practical interventions.

Competencies Addressed: 920-01 to 04

Presenter: David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

Mr. Zidar has worked in child welfare for over twenty years. He started his career in Cleveland working in residential settings for severely troubled children and was the director of social services for Trumbull County . He has been a trainer and consultant since 1989.

Intended Participants:

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

**943
Educated, Engaged and Empowered:
Becoming a Lifesaver for Maltreated
Children**

Saturday, March 6
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:
Butler County Children's Services

This course is a valuable refresher in child abuse recognition for foster parents and others in the helping fields. Bonnie uses her own story of recovery from incest to bring awareness to both the mind and heart for a presentation that is not soon forgotten.

Competencies Addressed: 943-03

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.

Intended Participants:

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

To Register Call Kelly Sowder 513-887-4072

**942
Interventions with Reactive
Attachment Disorder**

Thursday, January 21
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:
Bethel United Methodist Church

Some of the children in foster care and adoption struggle with behavior that is hard to understand. Much of this behavior is rooted in attachments that are poor. Parenting these children takes a special touch. This class will provide the origin and interventions that can help these troubled children. This class takes the diagnostic criteria and develops interventions for each behavior. The class emphasis is heavy on practical interventions.

Competencies Addressed: 942-01

Presenter: David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

Mr. 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.

Intended Participants:

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

**994
Oh No, Not Again: Learning to Advocate and Navigate through the Educational System**

Thursday, February 18
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:
Bethel United Methodist Church

Learning Objectives:

- * understand how important it is to work collaboratively with school personnel
- * understand the impact of encouraging a foster/adoptive child to do well in school
- * gain knowledge of school policies and procedures
- * ensure that both the school and caregivers understand the difficulties faced by children in care who have been abused and neglected

Competencies Addressed: 994-01-002, 003, 004, 005, 008, 009

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.

Intended Participants:

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

942

Embracing Love Like No Other: Gaining Understanding on the Impact of Parenting Traumatized Children

Saturday, March 6
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:

Clermont County Job and Family Services
Suite 103

So often we do focus, and understandably so on the needs of the traumatized children. These children may come to us domestically through the child welfare system or from institutional care in other countries. What has been missing in the training room and also in practice is a look at what happens to adoptive parents who pour all their energies into parenting traumatized and victimized children. They are often blamed and left without support or understanding. What does life feel like to them? How do they survive personally and as a family? What happens when nothing works? What can we do?

Competencies Addressed: 942-01

Presenter: Jayne Schooler

Jayne Schooler is an independent trainer and author of several well-received books on adoption. Previously, she was the Post Adoption Services Coordinator for Warren County Children Services.

Intended Participants:

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

991

Confronting Conflict

Thursday, March 18
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

Bethel United Methodist Church

Specially designed to help you gain insight into how to change the way you react and manage conflict when it occurs. This class will help you:

- Examine emotional triggers and relational habits that perpetuate and deepen conflict.
- Learn the essential processes and practical skills needed to gracefully manage and resolve most conflicts.
- What to do when facing tense situations and angry people
- Examine emotional triggers and relational habits that perpetuate and deepen conflict

Competencies Addressed: 991-01

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

John 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.

Intended Participants:

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

To Register Call Ashley Thompson (513) 732-7765

983
**Anxiety Disorders Among Children
And Adolescents: Recognition and
Interventions**

Saturday, January 23rd
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location:
Clinton County Children Services

The purpose of this course is to educate foster and adoptive parents 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: 983-01-014

Presenter: Stacy Simera, MSSA, LISW-S,
SAP

Stacy Simera is an independent social worker, certified Substance Abuse Professional, and is certified in mediation. She obtained her master's degree from Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. Stacy provides outpatient psychotherapy at Gary Robinson and Associates in Kent and facilitates a depression management group at the Oak Clinic for Multiple Sclerosis in Canton. Stacy is an adjunct instructor for social work practice courses at Stark State College of Technology.

Intended Participants:

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

942
**Psychotropic Medications: The
Who, What, How, When, and Why
of kids on Meds.**

Saturday, January 23rd
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location:
Clinton County Children Services

The purpose of this workshop 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: 942-01-001 to
942-01-008

Presenter: Stacy Simera, MSSA, LISW-S,
SAP

Stacy Simera is an independent social worker, certified Substance Abuse Professional, and is certified in mediation. She obtained her master's degree from Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. Stacy provides outpatient psychotherapy at Gary Robinson and Associates in Kent and facilitates a depression management group at the Oak Clinic for Multiple Sclerosis in Canton. Stacy is an adjunct instructor for social work practice courses at Stark State College of Technology.

Intended Participants:

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

To Register Call Lisa Massie (937) 382-5935 ext. 1313

995 (B)
Impact of Childhood Trauma

Tuesday, March 16
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location:

Clinton County Children Services

People live with dangers every day. As children and adolescents grow up they continually learn about different types of dangers. Looking for ways to be safe on a daily basis is a way of life for most. However, terrible things can and do happen within and outside the family. These can occur suddenly and without warning, or occur consistently over time. Children and adolescents can experience different traumas over the course of childhood. Some traumas, such as witnessing domestic violence or being the victim of child abuse are common to children in foster/adoptive care. The effects of trauma on children and adolescents will be taught in this course. The protective factors needed to assist in recovery will be discussed as well as how to assist those in our care who have been traumatized.

Competencies Addressed:

Presenter: Erica Boller, LISW, CCDC III-E, OCPSII, CAA

Erica Boller is the Adoption Program Director with Adoption Connection. Previously, she was the Permanency Planning Unit Supervisor for Children's Service in Clermont County and earned the PCSAO Supervisor of the Year for 2003.

Participants:

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

CLINTON COUNTY

To Register Call Lisa Massie (937) 382-5935 ext. 1313

980
Effectively Navigating the Education System for your Foster or Adoptive Child

Mt. Auburn-Corryville Group

Thursday, January 14
 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

Mt. Auburn –Corryville Group
 Hamilton County Job and Family Services
 222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE601
 Cincinnati, Ohio

This workshop explores the emotional development domain of child development. We will discuss normal emotional development and emotional development that has been hindered by abuse, neglect and multiple placements of children. Foster parents will have the opportunity to have some fun with an adult emotional traits quiz and will be given information to better understand to better understand and assess emotional growth and area o immature tendencies in their children.

Competencies Addressed: 980-01

Presenter: Norma Ginther, MSW, LISW

Norma Ginther, MSW, LISW, is a Project Manager, Trainer, and Consultant for the Institute for Human Services. Mrs. Ginther has provided consultation and technical assistance to numerous state and local agencies.

Participants:

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

943
The Sexualized Child: Dealing with the Loss of Innocence

East Oakley Group

Tuesday, January 19
 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

East Oakley Group
 Oakley Community Center
 3882 Paxton Avenue
 Cincinnati, Ohio

This workshop will discuss how all children in our society are prematurely impacted with sexual messages, and how many are being overtly and traumatically sexualized in our culture. Caregivers will consider four categories of child sexual abuse, and understand the prevalence of the problem. Participants will learn, which children are more at risk, and be introduced to the signs/symptoms/behaviors exhibited by the child who has been abused. Small groups will discuss practical techniques caregivers can use to prevent their child(ren) from becoming victims of child sexual abuse.

Competencies Addressed: 943-03—943-05 & 944-01

Presenter: Dr. Eugene Smiley, LSW, PCC

Dr. 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

Call 513-946-1145 for Voicemail Registration

990

Chronic Illness

College Hill Group

Thursday, January 21
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

College Hill Recreation Center
5545 Belmont Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

This workshop will assist caregivers on identifying medical terminology, symptoms and treatment of chronic illness, and follow up with children in their care. Attention will also be on, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, and medical resources in the community. It will assist with identifying when, how to seek professional help and how to maintain a healthy child in the home.

Competencies Addressed: 990-01—990-03

Presenter: Patricia A. McCollum, MS, LSW, MACe, CDVCIII

Ms. McCollum is a licensed social worker, a certified domestic violent counselor and a licensed foster parent for Hamilton County. She is adjunct instructor for the University of Cincinnati, Union Institute University and has worked in the medical field for over twenty years.

Participants:

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

941

Moving You Towards Self-Sufficiency

Mt. Auburn-Corryville Group

Wednesday, January 27
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

Mt. Auburn-Corryville Group
Hamilton County Job and Family Services
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE601
Cincinnati, Ohio

This workshop will give participants a clearer understanding of the challenges facing youth as they age out of foster care. Participants will learn specific strategies for teaching self-sufficiency skills as well as existing transition programs in SW Ohio.

Competencies Addressed: 941-01

Presenter: Mark Kroner, LISW

Mark directed the Lighthouse Independent Living Program in Cincinnati for 21 years and has conducted life skills trainings for thousands of youth since 1988.

Participants:

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

HAMILTON COUNTY

925
The Oppositional Behaviors: A Look at ADD/ADHD, ODD, and Other Defiant Behaviors in Children and Adolescents

Mt. Auburn-Corryville Group

Thursday, Feb. 11
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:
Mt. Auburn –Corryville Group
Hamilton County Job and Family Services
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE601
Cincinnati, Ohio

Participants will understand the characteristics and behaviors common to these childhood disorders; will understand the implications for the child and family relative to home, community and school settings; will realize that some oppositional behaviors can be attributed to inconsistent parenting and factors other than one of these specific mental health disorders; and will become more aware of interventional approaches and resources.

Competencies Addressed: 925-01, 925-03, 995-01—995-03

Presenter: Dr. Eugene Smiley, LSW, PCC

Dr. 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

995
The Self-Injurious Child: A Look at Mutilation, Embedding, and other Harmful Behaviors

East Oakley Group

Tuesday, Feb. 16
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:
East Oakley Group
Oakley Community Center
3882 Paxton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

This workshop takes a beginning look at a growing phenomenon recently called “the new age anorexia” – intentional self-injury: “the act of deliberately harming one’s body, such as cutting or burning oneself.” This workshop will explore reasons why a child would want to intentionally hurt themselves. Participants will become more aware of the forms or expressions of SI, learn how to recognize the signs, symptoms, and indicators that a child in their care may be self-injurious; and first steps toward intervention.

Competencies Addressed: 995-01—995-03

Presenter: Dr. Eugene Smiley, LSW, PCC

Dr. 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

994

What is an IEP? Advocating for the Education Needs of the Children in Your Home

Thursday, Feb. 18
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

College Hill Recreation Center
5545 Belmont Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

Many caregivers are academically challenged and are in need of system support and experience working with the learning community. The lack of school success is a significant issue for children in out of home care and youth with disabilities. Caring for a child with learning disabilities can be overwhelming for the caregiver. Caregivers must become knowledgeable of the terminology and the current educational laws in order to advocate for children who need additional support to be successful in the academic settings. This training will educate parent of the “team player” approach related to advocating.

Competencies Addressed: 994-02 & 994-04

Presenter: Patricia A. McCollum, MS, LSW, MACe, CDVCIII

Ms. McCollum is a licensed social worker, a certified domestic violent counselor and a licensed foster parent for Hamilton County. She is adjunct instructor for the University of Cincinnati, Union Institute University and has worked in the medical field for over twenty years.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents and Caseworkers

942

Verbal De-escalation

Mt. Auburn-Corryville Group

Wednesday, Feb. 24
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

Mt. Auburn-Corryville Group
Hamilton County Job and Family Services
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE601
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

This class will review the skills of active listening, non-violent communication and verbal de-escalation. Levels of crisis development and the conflict cycle are discussed, emphasizing a culturally appropriate staff response. Trainees will participate in exercises and demonstrations concerning personal space, body posture and motion.

Competencies Addressed: 942-01

Presenter: Brian Lowery

Mr. Lowery has served as the Director of In-Service Training for the largest private child caring agency in Ohio and the Director of Child Care at a Northeast Ohio residential treatment center.

Participants:

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

HAMILTON COUNTY

947

Courageous Choices: The Benefits of Adoption from Three Perspectives

Mt. Auburn-Corryville Group

Thursday, Mar. 11
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

Mt. Auburn –Corryville Group
Hamilton County Job and Family Services
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE601
Cincinnati, Ohio

Making the choice to develop an adoption plan is both a courageous one and one beneficial to the birth parent, the child, and the adoptive parents. This workshop explores the path, the pain, and the celebrating of adoption from the perspective of the parents, the child, and the adopting parents. It looks specifically at the roles played by the case manager and the foster caregiver who is providing care without the intent to adopt. It considers how the foster caregiver and the case worker work together in understanding the feelings, concerns, issues of all parties involved in the transition from birth family to adoption.

Competencies Addressed: 947-03-001, 947-03-003-900

Presenter: Dr. Eugene Smiley, LSW, PCC

Dr. 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

947

Family Dynamics: Family Systems Theory Explored

East Oakley Group

Tuesday, Mar. 16
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

East Oakley Group
Oakley Community Center
3882 Paxton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

This course explores families and the roles that members play in the overall dynamics of the family. Areas such as communication, subtle social cues and inter play are explained. How does the absence of a family member effect the rest of the family? How does this apply to parenting a foster child? This workshop will explore these questions and give foster parents some ideas on how to utilize this knowledge to provide an emotionally healthy environment for their foster children.

Competencies Addressed: 947-01

Presenter: Sandra Priestino, 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:

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

**933
Victims of Domestic Violence**

Thursday, Mar. 18
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:
College Hill Recreation Center
5545 Belmont Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

Many children entering foster care has witness and/or experience some form of domestic violence. In this training participants will be able to know and understand the factors and issue that contribute to domestic violence, sign and cycle of domestic violence, how domestic violence in the home can affect children entering care. Participants will learn the key elements of breaking through the barriers of silence and denial.

Competencies Addressed: 933-01-001—993-01-016

Presenter: Patricia A. McCollum, MS, LSW, MACe, CDVCIII

Ms. McCollum is a licensed social worker, a certified domestic violent counselor and a licensed foster parent for Hamilton County. She is adjunct instructor for the University of Cincinnati, Union Institute University and has worked in the medical field for over twenty years.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents and Caseworkers

**925
Rebuilding Trust and Affectional Bonds**

Mt. Auburn-Corryville Group

Wednesday, Mar. 24
6:30PM to 8:30PM



Location:
Mt. Auburn –Corryville Group
Hamilton County Job and Family Services
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE601
Cincinnati, Ohio

Participants will understand the characteristics and behaviors common to these childhood disorders; will understand the implications for the child and family relative to home, community and school settings; will realize that some oppositional behaviors can be attributed to inconsistent parenting and factors other than one of these specific mental health disorders; and will become more aware of interventional approaches and resources.

Competencies Addressed: 925-01, 925-03, 995-01—995-03

Presenter: Dr. Eugene Smiley, LSW, PCC

Dr. 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

948 (B)
Zebras don't get Ulcers.....Ways to Manage Stress

Saturday, February 6
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:
The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

This workshop will help foster parents/kinship providers identify ways to manage stress in their personal life as well as when they are caring for traumatized children. The trainees will learn ways to identify stressors and how those stressors affect daily living. The trainees will develop strategies to reduce the stressors identified during the workshop. Group and individual work will be done and trainees will leave the workshop with a plan to help identify and re-direct stressors.

Location:
The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

Competencies Addressed:

Presenter: Linda Davis, Ph. D.

Linda Davis 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:
Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed

921
Interventions With Children Who Have Suffered Trauma

Wednesday, March 3
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:
The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

This class provides the foster parent with a set of skills to help children manage trauma. The child who has suffered trauma often will be labeled as depressed, antisocial, etc., until a caring adult develops a supporting relationship with these children, nothing will change. This class looks at the issues of removal from the birth home as the most basic trauma to manage.

Competencies Addressed: 921-08

Presenter: David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

Mr. Zidar has worked in child welfare for over twenty years. He started his career in Cleveland working in residential settings for severely troubled children and was the director of social services for Trumbull County . He has been a trainer and consultant since 1989.

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

**To Register call Nicole Knisley
(937) 393-3111**

ONGOING TRAINING—HIGHLAND COUNTY

**995 (B)
Impact of Childhood Trauma**

Tuesday, March 23
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location:
The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

People live with dangers every day. As children and adolescents grow up they continually learn about different types of dangers. Looking for ways to be safe on a daily basis is a way of life for most. However, terrible things can and do happen within and outside the family. These can occur suddenly and without warning, or occur consistently over time. Children and adolescents can experience different traumas over the course of childhood. Some traumas, such as witnessing domestic violence or being the victim of child abuse are common to children in foster/adoptive care. The effects of trauma on children and adolescents will be taught in this course. The protective factors needed to assist in recovery will be discussed as well as how to assist those in our care who have been traumatized.

Competencies Addressed:

Presenter: Erica Boller, LISW, CCDC III-E, OCPSII, CAA

Erica Boller is the Adoption Program Director with Adoption Connection. Previously, she was the Permanency Planning Unit Supervisor for Children's Service in Clermont County and

**To Register call Nicole Knisley
(937) 393-3111**

ONGOING TRAINING—WARREN COUNTY

**941
Moving Youth Toward
Self-Sufficiency**

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

Location:
Warren County Children Services

This workshop will give participants a clearer understanding of the challenges facing youth as they age out of foster care. Participants will learn specific strategies for teaching self-sufficiency skills as well as existing transition programs in SW Ohio.

Competencies Addressed: 941-01

Presenter: Mark Kroner, LISW

Mark directed the Lighthouse Independent Living Program in Cincinnati for 21 years and has conducted life skills trainings for thousands of youth since 1988.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents and Caseworkers

**To register call Christy Clough
(513) 695-1526**

WARREN COUNTY

ONGOING TRAINING—WARREN COUNTY

**985
Creative Play**

Saturday, March 6
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:
Warren County Children Services

This workshop will present materials to assist participants in understanding the importance of play in child development. The workshop will outline the importance of the work of play for children and identify the problems that occur when they can not play appropriately due to issues of abuse and/or neglect. Participants will learn how to create a therapeutic toy room that will help children express their emotions related to abuse and/or neglect. This will help foster parents/kinship providers report concrete behaviors to social workers and therapist so the child can effectively deal with the trauma experienced. This workshop will also help foster parents/kinship providers work with the social worker and therapist to help the child to play appropriately.

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Participants:
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ONGOING TRAINING—REGIONAL TRAINING

**949
When Worlds Collide, Teaming with
the Hostile Parent**

Wednesday, January 13
6:00PM to 9:00PM



Location:
Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J
Loveland, Ohio 45140

Hostile Birth Parents, who view Foster Parents as the enemy, may be experiencing intense anger. Aggression is anger in action. The angry Birth Parent may resort to aggression as a means to respond to the stress of the separation and placement of their children. One approach to diffusing a client's aggression is communicating synergy (the willingness and desire to work with them) for the benefit of their child. This workshop deals with the concept of using synergy and goal centric teamwork between Birth Parents and Foster Parents. Foster Parents will learn the root cause of client's aggression, why clients may feel they need to use aggression, and useful strategies to help clients transform the energy from aggression into energy for case plan completion.

Competencies Addressed: 949-02-002

Presenter: Anthony President

Anthony 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

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942

**From Bullying to Befriending,
Helping Youth Change the Culture
of Bullying**

Saturday, February 27
9:00AM to 4:00PM



Location:

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J
Loveland, Ohio 45140

90% of Children in grades 4 through 8 and 80% of youth in grades 8 through 12 have been victimized by Bullies. (Hoover, Oliver & Hazler, 1992, Hoover, Oliver, Thompson, 1993). As bullying continues to increase, new methods of bullying such as Cyber Bullying have emerged. This workshop takes an exploratory view of the culture of bullying, the various types of bullying and useful strategies parents can use to help both bully and victim.

Competencies Addressed: 942-02-003

Presenter: Anthony President

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Participants:

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ONGOING TRAINING—REGIONAL SITE

921

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Have Suffered Trauma**

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Participants:

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