



## Foster and Adoptive Parent Training Schedule



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

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

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

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

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

Highland County Children Services Board  
*Wendy Jacobs, Director*

Warren County Children Services Board  
*Patti 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](http://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.

**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.

**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.

**DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING SITES**

**WARREN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES**

416 South East St.  
Lebanon, Ohio 45036

From I-71, take Rt. 48 exit; go north on exit (towards Lebanon) for a couple of miles; turn left on Cook Road, turn right on Justice Drive, turn right on East Street; next driveway is the agency; park behind yellow brick building at the door on the left side of building (as one faces the building); take stairs up to second floor; conference room is first room to the left.

**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 COUNTY** – Brown County Children Services—775 Mt. Orab Pike, Georgetown, Ohio—Call Courtney Meder to register — (937) 378-6104 ext. 146  
**Trainer:** *Eugene Smiley*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section(s) Covered</u>
Saturday, April 3	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, April 10	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Saturday, April 17	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Saturday, May 1	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, May 8	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Saturday, May 15	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912

**BUTLER COUNTY**—300 North Fair Drive, Hamilton, OH  
 Call Deborah Camara to register — (513) 887-4324  
**Trainer:** *Beverly Morris*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section(s) Covered</u>
Tuesday, April 27	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	901
Thursday, April 29	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	902
Tuesday, May 4	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	903
Thursday, May 6	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	904
Tuesday, May 18	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	905
Thursday, May 20	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	906
Tuesday, May 25	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	907
Thursday, May 27	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	908
Tuesday, June 1	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	909
Thursday, June 3	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	910
Tuesday, June 8	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	911
Thursday, June 10	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	912

**DON'T BE A NO SHOW**

Please make sure you have the correct dates and locations of each workshop you want to attend. In the event you are unable to attend a workshop let us know so that we can plan accordingly.

**PRE-SERVICE TRAINING**

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

**ROUND ONE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sessions Covered</u>
Tuesday, May 4	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901
Thursday, May 6	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902
Saturday, May 8	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	903
Saturday, May 8	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	904
Tuesday, May 11	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905
Thursday, May 13	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906
Saturday, May 15	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	907
Saturday, May 15	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	908
Tuesday, May 18	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909
Thursday, May 20	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910
Saturday, May 22	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	911
Saturday, May 22	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	912
Tuesday, May 25	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, April 5	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901
Monday, April 12	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902
Monday, April 19	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	903
Monday, April 26	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	904
Monday, May 3	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905
Monday, May 10	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906
Monday, May 17	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	907
Monday, May 24	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	908
Wednesday, June 2	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909
Monday, June 7	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910
Saturday, June 12	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912

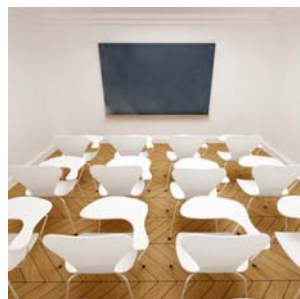
## PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

### WARREN COUNTY—416 South East Street, Lebanon, OH

Call Christy Clough to Register—513-695-1526

Trainer: Bev Morris

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>
Thursday, April 1	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901
Wednesday, April 7	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902
Wednesday, April 14	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	903
Wednesday, April 21	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	904
Wednesday, April 28	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905
Wednesday, May 5	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906
Wednesday, May 19	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	907
Wednesday, May 26	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	908
Wednesday, June 9	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909
Tuesday, June 15	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910
Monday, June 28	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	911
Wednesday, June 30	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	912



### 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, June 18	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902	Val Larkin
Saturday, June 19	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904	Val Larkin
Sunday, June 20	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906	Val Larkin
Friday, June 25	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908	Val Larkin
Saturday, June 26	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910	Val Larkin
Sunday, June 27	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912	Val Larkin

# 2010 Foster and Adoptive Parent Conference

*Friday, April 16 and  
Saturday, April 17*

*Holiday Inn,  
Eastgate*

*14 hours of training  
credit provided if you  
attend the entire  
conference*

*Meals Provided!!*

**REGISTER TODAY!!!**

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

**Space Is Limited"**

Participants will have the opportunity to attend a up to six workshops for a total of 14 hours on a variety of topics essential for foster and adoptive parents.

Presenters from all over Ohio will be on hand to provide practical training in your work with your children.

Conference brochures are enclosed with this training booklet.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU THERE!!!**

## Online Training Opportunity

# *Online Training Opportunity?*

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Pamphlet Training Opportunity

# Pamphlet/Booklet Training Opportunity



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. Cyber bullying: 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

**991**  
**The Art of Listening and Confronting Conflict**

Saturday, May 22  
 9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Location:**  
 Adams County Children Services

We will discuss practical applications that will help you:

- Restore and deepen stalled or conflictive relationships especially with your teen
- Ask helpful questions that yield fresh insight and deeper understanding.
- Obtain the tools to manage difficult change.
- Improve your ability to help others by becoming more genuine, focused, and confident in your confrontations with others.

You will also learn essential skills for handling emotionally charged teens, adults and circumstances gracefully.

**Competencies Addressed:** 991-01

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

Mr. 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

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

**991**  
**Difficult Conversations: Why Do I Have to Live With You & Not My Mom?**

Saturday, June 19  
 9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Location:**  
 Brown County Children Services

Reasons for foster care placement are often complicated, difficult to explain, and confusing to the child or adolescent placed in care. Children of all ages enter care with many questions, concerns, and anxiety. The child may ask direct questions, clam up, or speak very loudly by less than desirable attitudes and behaviors. This workshop will help foster parents become more effective in initiating and negotiating difficult conversations with children placed in their care. They will develop better listening skills, and gain expertise in implementing practical, age-appropriate approaches to opening conversation between themselves and their foster children. More ease and effectiveness in negotiating difficult conversations will lessen the incidents of disruptions in foster care placement.

**Competencies Addressed:** 991-01

**Presenter:** Dr. Eugene Smiley, LPC

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

**To Register Call**  
**Ashley Persohn**  
 937-378-6104 ext. 146

**945  
Heroin—Abuse and Addiction**

Monday, May 10  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

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

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

**Competencies Addressed:** 945-01

**Presenter:** Brent Laman, MA, LICDC

Mr. Laman is Deputy Chief for Hamilton County Juvenile Court. He has over 18 years experience working with adolescents in the field of juvenile justice and substance abuse. He is an independent trainer specializing in topics on adolescent addiction, behavior and juvenile delinquency.

**Participants:**

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

**942  
Interventions with ADD and ADHD**

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

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

Many children suffer from a pathology classified by the APA as Attention Deficit Disorder. The goal of this course is to provide foster parents with an understanding of what is going on in their child and how to manage it. The course covers practical skills and interventions at each stage of child development and applies methods throughout the life cycle. This class is short on theory and heavy on what to do now. This six-hour workshop will provide the students with an understanding of the origins of the pathology, family reactions, signs, symptoms and interventions.

**Competencies Addressed:** 942-01 & 994-01 & 02

**Presenter:** David Zidar, LISW

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.

**Participants:**

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

**To Register Call Kelly Sowder 513-887-4072**

**924**  
**Beyond the Bruises: Effects of Domestic Violence on Children**

Saturday, June 5  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Location:**  
Butler County Children’s Services

This workshop will cover a discussion of the tactics of power and control in violent relationships, as developed by the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project in Duluth, Minnesota. Likewise, a review of the cycle of violence will be exposed to the wide range of psychopathology that domestic violence may precipitate for children, including adjustment issues, impairment in cognitive and behavioral functioning, regressive behaviors and developmental concerns, anxiety reactions and mood disorders.

**Competencies Addressed:** 924-4, 925-4, 926-4, 927-4

**Presenter:** Brian Bethel, PCC, LCDC

Mr. Bethel is a professional clinical counselor with supervisory endorsement, as well as a licensed chemical dependency counselor who is currently employed as the outpatient services supervisor for Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center.

**Participants:**

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

**910**  
**Childhood Trauma**

Wednesday, June 15  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Butler County Children’s 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

Mrs. Boller is the Supervisor of Foster Care for Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services. She has over 15 years of experience in child welfare. She won the PCSAO supervisor of the year award in 2003.

**Participants:**

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

**To Register Call Kelly Sowder 513-887-4072**

922

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

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

**Location:**

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

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.

**Competencies Addressed:** 922-01

**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.

**Participants:**

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

942

**Interventions with ADD/ADHD**

Thursday, April 15  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**

Bethel United Methodist Church

Many children suffer from a pathology classified by the APA as Attention Deficit Disorder. The goal of this course is to provide foster parents with an understanding of what is going on in their child and how to manage it. The course covers practical skills and interventions. This class is short on theory and heavy on what to do now. This two-hour workshop will provide the students with an understanding of the origins of the pathology, family reactions, signs, symptoms and interventions.

**Competencies Addressed:** 942-01 & 994-01& 02

**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.

**Participants:**

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

**To Register Call Ashley Thompson (513) 732-7765**

**991  
Essential Parenting: Understanding  
and Managing Misbehavior in  
Children**

Thursday, May 20  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**  
Bethel United Methodist Church

This workshop considers reasons why children misbehave and three foundational awareness factors that make a child less likely to misbehave. Participants will understand that all behavior (including misbehavior) is purposeful, and, a “language” to be understood if one is to be able to effectively manage childhood and adolescent behavior; will understand the overriding purpose of behavior management, the different emotions created in the child who is disciplined vs. the child who is abused; and, better understand how to change one’s parenting approach from too harsh to supportive and nurturing. Participants will discover that behavior is manageable through the use of specific techniques.

**Competencies Addressed:** 991-01

**Presenter:** Dr. Eugene Smiley, LPC

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

**949  
Keeping Memories Alive: Creating a  
Life Book**

Thursday, June 17  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**  
Bethel United Methodist Church

Participants will learn how to effectively talk to placed or adoptive children about their histories with birth family.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- To identify ways to talk with adopted and placed children about their histories and birth family histories
- To help children understand the importance of connecting with their histories
- To understand that openness and honesty is critical to maintaining a placement
- To identify ways to help children search for their birth families
- To have knowledge of how creating a life book can be both uplifting and fun

**Competencies Addressed:** 949-03 - 949-05

**Presenter:** Debra McMullen

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

**Participants:**

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

**To Register Call Ashley Thompson (513) 732-7765**

**950  
How Caseworkers Make Decisions**

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

**Location:**  
Clinton County Children Services

Did you ever wonder why workers make the decisions they do? They are required to abide by laws, rules and regulations. Recently Ohio has adopted a new model (CAPMIS—Comprehensive Assessment and Planning Model-Interim Solution) that provides structure around every major decision regarding the safety and care of every child; including when to place in foster care and when to return home. Within this model, caseworkers have 8 different "tools". This training will provide you with an overview of these tools, along with exercises that allow you to apply the tools to case situations.

**Competencies Addressed:** 950-01

**Presenter:** Jill Sanders, M.S.W.

Mrs. Sanders has over 35 years of Child Welfare Experience. She was previously employed for over thirty two years with Franklin County Children Services. At that agency she served as a caseworker, supervisor, and associate director.

**Participants:**

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

**945  
Heroin—Abuse and Addiction**

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

**Location:**  
Clinton County Children Services

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

**Competencies Addressed:** 945-01-002

**Presenter:** Brent Laman, MA, LICDC

Mr. Laman is Deputy Chief for Hamilton County Juvenile Court. He has over 18 years experience working with adolescents in the field of juvenile justice and substance abuse. He is an independent trainer specializing in topics on adolescent addiction, behavior and juvenile delinquency.

**Participants:**

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

**983  
Autism Spectrum Disorders: Practical Help for the Child Diagnosed with Autism, Aspergers or Other PDD**

Thursday, April 8  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**

Hamilton County Job and Family Services  
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE401  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Caregivers will enter the world experienced daily by the child diagnosed with Autism, Aspergers Syndrome, or one of the other Pervasive Developmental Disorders. They will understand the symptoms of the various disorders making up the spectrum, and become more familiar with the most effective therapeutic treatments currently available. Participants will have the opportunity to consider the world of the autism from the child's perspective, and be reminded that the child *is a child – not a diagnosis*. Caregivers will come to understand the importance of self-soothing strategies for the child. They will know how to recognize triggers leading to explosive responses, and how to de-escalate a meltdown. Practical techniques, helpful websites, and other resources will be identified to further inform the caregiver beyond the training event.

**Competencies Addressed:** 983-01-004; 983-01-010; 983-01-011; 983-02-001, 002, 004

**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 pro-

**920  
Helping Children Heal**

Thursday, April 15  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**

College Hill Recreation Center  
5545 Belmont Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Separation from significant people can be one of the most traumatic events in a child's life. It is important that kinship and foster caregivers and adoptive parents understand the emotional impact of moving on the child. This **two** hour workshop will explore the losses children experience when they move. We will review the grief process and will try to understand the behaviors of children who have moved.

**Competencies Addressed:** 920-02-001; 926-01; 927-01 &02; 928-01

**Presenter:** Beverly Morris, LISW

Mrs. Morris has 10 years of experience in child welfare with Hamilton County Job and Family Services, including seven years in adoptions.

**Participants:**

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

942

**Road Map for Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention**

Tuesday, April 20  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**

Oakley Community Center  
3882 Paxton Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Attitudes and habits are formed at various ages about alcohol and other drugs. Caring adults have an impact on whether or not children and teens choose to use these substances. Learn skills necessary to lead youth in the direction of a drug free lifestyle.

**Competencies Addressed:**

988-01-001, 988-01-010, 988-03-006, 988-01-008, 988-03-001, 988-03-007

**Presenter:** Erica Boller LISW-S, LICDC, OCPSII, CAA

Mrs. Boller is the Supervisor of Foster Care for Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services. She has over 15 years of experience in child welfare. She won the PCSAO supervisor of the year award in 2003.

**Participants:**

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

995

**Working with the Traumatized Child**

Wednesday, April 28  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**

Hamilton County Job and Family Services  
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE401  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Foster Parents will explore the impact of childhood trauma from physical, emotional, sexual abuse and neglect on the developing child. A look at the impact of trauma on brain development, thought patterns, temperament, behavior and the child’s ability to bond with others. How to help foster parents understand the child’s ability to bond with others. How to help foster parents understand the child’s “frozen conclusions” about him/herself and others. Practical techniques to help parents manage problematic behaviors common to children of trauma.

**Competencies Addressed:** 995-01-002

**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

**981  
MEPA Training**

Thursday, May 13  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**  
Hamilton County Job and Family Services  
222 East Central Parkway  
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994 as Amended by the 1996 Interethnic Adoption Provisions (formerly referred to as MEPA/IEPA), prohibits delay or denial in adoption or foster home placement decisions based on race, color, or national origin. This workshop will educate caregivers on the importance of this Act.

Purpose of the law:

- To decrease the length of time that children wait to be adopted.
- To prevent discrimination in the placement of children on the basis of race, color or national origin.

**Competencies Addressed: 981-01**

**Presenter:** Shirley Norman M.S., L.S.W.—  
MEPA Monitor

Mrs. Norman is the MEPA Monitor for Hamilton County Job and Family Services.

**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**

Tuesday, May 18  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

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

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

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

**Participants:**

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

**993**  
**Victims of Domestic Violence**

Thursday, May 20  
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:** 993-01-001

**Presenter:** Patricia A McCollum, MS, LSW, MACe, CDVCII

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

**944**  
**Sexual Abuse: It's Effect on Day to Day Life**

Wednesday, May 26  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**  
Hamilton County Job and Family Services  
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE401  
Cincinnati, Ohio

This training examines issues about why there is a difference between what most people think is abusive and how the law defines abuse, and why some kids bounce back and some don't. Each member of the family where sexual abuse has happened will be discussed and myths dispelled. Special attention is given to effects of sexual abuse on a child, with special focus on how to intervene with concerning behaviors.

**Competencies Addressed:** 944-01

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

Mr. 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

**991  
Interventions with Lying and Stealing**

Thursday, June 10  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**  
Hamilton County Job and Family Services  
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE401  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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This course helps foster parents develop interventions with children who lie or steal. The central goal of this course is to provide a better understanding of the “function” of why foster children do these behaviors. The types of interventions that work best and development of empathy for these children is central to the discussion.

**Competencies Addressed:** 991-01-001

**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.

**Participants:**

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

**941  
Tips and Tricks for Tackling the Tough first Year of Adulthood a.k.a. Where’s Help When I Need It!**

Tuesday, June 15  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

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

Every young adult looks forward with both apprehension and excitement to the long awaited day that they strike it out on their own. Whether they move to a new apartment or a dorm room, things just won’t be the same now that mom or dad won’t be there to save the day. This class provides young adults with how-to and hands-on tips and tricks that will help them through the first year of being on their own.

**Competencies Addressed:** 941-01-001

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

Mr. 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

**Call 513-946-1145 for Voicemail Registration**

**950**  
**Understanding the Dependency Court Process for Foster Parents**

Thursday, June 17  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

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

Dependency courts are those courts that make judicial decisions that lead to permanency for children who are in the child welfare system. They follow a set of procedures and timetables that are specified in the Adoption and Safe Families Act, which is the current Federal child welfare legislation regarding children who have been removed from their parents. This training will offer a general overview of the dependency court, so foster parents can be better prepared for the process.

**Competencies Addressed:** 950-01-001

**Presenter:** Erica Boller, LISW, LICDC, OCP-SII, CAA

Mrs. Boller is the Supervisor of Foster Care for Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services. She has over 15 years of experience in child welfare. She won the PCSAO supervisor of the year award in 2003.

**Participants:**

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

**924**  
**When Life Isn't Fair: Childhood Loss, Separation and Grief**

Wednesday, June 30  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

**Location:**  
Hamilton County Job and Family Services  
222 East Central Parkway 6th Floor 6SE401  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Participants will consider various losses and their impact on the child and adolescent; will be able to recognize symptoms and behaviors related to separation, loss and grief in children; will look at the John Bowlby grief and recovery model; and, will be exposed to practical techniques useful in helping a child work through loss, separation and grief.

**Competencies Addressed:** 924-01-005

**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

**988  
Adolescent Substance Abuse**

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

**Location:**  
The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

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

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

Presenter: Erica Boller LISW-S, LICDC, OCPSII, CAA

Mrs. Boller is the Supervisor of Foster Care for Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services. She has over 15 years of experience in child welfare. She won the PCSAO supervisor of the year award in 2003.

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

**988  
Road Map for Alcohol and Other  
Drug Prevention**

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

**Location:**  
The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

Attitudes and habits are formed at various ages about alcohol and other drugs. Caring adults have an impact on whether or not children and teens choose to use these substances. Learn skills necessary to lead youth in the direction of a drug free lifestyle.

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

Presenter: Erica Boller LISW-S, LICDC, OCPSII, CAA

Mrs. Boller is the Supervisor of Foster Care for Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services. She has over 15 years of experience in child welfare. She won the PCSAO supervisor of the year award in 2003.

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

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

**945**  
**Heroin—Abuse and Addiction**

Monday, June 14  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

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

**Competencies Addressed:** 945-01-002

**Presenter:** Brent Laman, MA, LICDC

Mr. Laman is Deputy Chief for Hamilton County Juvenile Court. He has over 18 years experience working with adolescents in the field of juvenile justice and substance abuse. He is an independent trainer specializing in topics on adolescent addiction, behavior and juvenile delinquency.

**Participants:**

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

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

**916  
Iron Will Wellness**

Saturday, May 22  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Location:**  
Warren County Children 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

Mr. 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

**945  
Heroin—Abuse and Addiction**

Wednesday, June 23  
6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Location:**  
Warren County Children Services

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

**Competencies Addressed:** 945-01-002

**Presenter:** Brent Laman, MA, LICDC

Mr. Laman is Deputy Chief for Hamilton County Juvenile Court. He has over 18 years experience working with adolescents in the field of juvenile justice and substance abuse. He is an independent trainer specializing in topics on adolescent addiction, behavior and juvenile delinquency.

**Participants:**

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

To register call Christy Clough  
(513) 695-1526

**915**  
**Primary Family to Foster Family:  
 Understanding Challenges, Issues,  
 and Strategies for Success**

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

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

When a child enters foster care, that experience can be the most traumatic event of his or her young life, even more than the abuse that led to the removal. The transition from removal to reconnection to reunification (permanency) is a fragile process full of emotion for all who are part of that process. The goal of the workshop is to provide information about why the involvement of foster caregivers with primary families is critical for the child and for both families. This training will also enhance skills of foster caregivers in engaging primary families, managing conflict, diffusing issues, and developing strategies of support, expediting permanency for children.

**Competencies Addressed:** 915-01-001

**Presenter:** Melvin Gravely

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

**Participants:**

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

**921**  
**Diffusing Crisis Situations Safely and  
 Sanely**

Saturday, June 5  
 9:00AM to 4:00PM

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

This workshop helps participants understand anger as an unmet need, identify the stages of a developing crisis and build corresponding de-escalation skills. They will build their confidence about dealing with angry individuals. Participants will learn to recognize the role of body language and personal space in diffusing tense situations. They will assess how their own values, expectations, responses to anger and personal temperament can diffuse a situation or contribute to even greater escalation.

**Competencies Addressed:** 921-2

**Presenter:** Patricia A McCollum, MS, LSW, MACe, CDVCII

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

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## Frequently Asked Questions About Hamilton County Foster Care Realignment

**Q: Why is Hamilton County moving to a network-based foster care system?**

**A:** Moving to a network-based foster care system benefits children, foster families and the agency. For example:

- The foster homes can capitalize on improved support and pay offered by network systems.
- Children – who increasingly come into the child welfare system with complicated needs -- will receive advanced, “therapeutic care” in network foster homes. Those who need only basic care will receive care from organizations whose primary mission is to provide foster care.
- This frees up resources (money and personnel) to expend on upfront services that will help keep families intact and children out of more costly long-term care.
- This will allow workers now dedicated to foster care to move to investigating child abuse allegations and providing ongoing monitoring in abuse cases.
- The move to network foster care will help with foster care recruitment. Private networks have an easier path to recruiting families because they do not have the stigma or red tape of government.

**Q: When will this transition occur?**

**A:** All agency foster homes will transition to private networks by April 1. The agency will stop taking applications for new homes on Jan. 22.

**Q: How many homes will it impact?**

**A:** The agency has about 220 homes...but only about 100 of them have placements. JFS will notify them of a transition deadline, provide them with information on area networks, help them through the recertification process and work to make the transition as smooth as possible.

**Q: This is a big change for the agency?**

**A:** Not really. More than three quarters of the children in the agency’s foster care system are already in network homes. Only about 20% of foster children are in agency homes. Most children require the more advanced care only available in private, therapeutic homes.

**Q: Why are networks better?**

**A:** Most networks are able to offer foster families more support when it comes to raising foster children than Hamilton County provides. They have smaller caseloads and can provide more individualized attention. They often pay more, too. Additionally, network foster families are trained to provide the more advanced care that many abused and neglected children need. Therapeutic foster care offers lower caseloads, fewer placements, more case management and other advances over the traditional, more basic foster care offered through Hamilton County.

**Q: What will happen to the children?**

**A:** Children will not be disrupted from their placements. The families will move to new providers, children will not move from families. They will remain in the homes they have come to know as their own. The children will notice little change.

**Q: Is this move being made for budget reasons?**

**A:** Partially. But it is also being made because it will benefit children, foster families and the agency. There will be cost savings through reduced spending on support, transportation, child care, recruitment and training.

**Q: How else does this benefit the agency?**

**A:** The move to network foster care will allow workers now dedicated to foster care to move to investigating child abuse allegations and providing ongoing monitoring in abuse cases. These additional resources will allow the agency to provide more oversight and services to children before they enter the foster care system. Additionally, this frees up resources (money and personnel) to expend on upfront services that will help keep children out of costly long-term care. This allows the agency to focus on keeping children out of foster care. The ideal situation in abuse and neglect cases is to provide services to the biological family so that the children can remain safely in their own families, homes, neighborhoods and schools. Children almost always prefer to stay with their biological families. Providing services such as parenting classes, drug and alcohol treatment, mental health treatment, etc. are one way to keep the children safe in their own environments. And, in the long run, spending money up front to keep children out of more costly long-term care will save dollars overall. It is the ounce-of-prevention-beats-a-pound-of-cure theory.

## Frequently Asked Questions About Hamilton County Foster Care Realignment

**Q: Will children be safe in network homes?**

**A:** HCJFS has for many years purchased foster care services from the same private network agencies that will be working with the transitioning foster families. Oversight regulations and requirements for networks will remain the same as for agency homes. The agency will continue to require by contract network employees to make at least one visit per month to each home, seeing and interviewing the child to insure the child's safety and care. More such visits will be required as the level of care increases. This is already the norm. Case workers assigned to the children will also make visits in the home and other agency employees will be assigned to ensure networks' compliance.

**Q: What does this mean for foster families?**

**A:** Hopefully, the transition is easy. It is fairly simple....they must choose a provider and apply to that agency. Providers have different philosophies, pay different rates and have different requirements for certification. We will provide network information to our families and host a provider forum to let providers introduce themselves and discuss their agency with our families. This will help families choose the right fit.

Families may have to undergo additional training or perform additional duties to meet the requirements of certain new providers. We will work to ease the burden and make the transition as smooth as possible.

**Q: I am an agency foster parent. What should I do?**

**A:** We will work with you to make the transition as smooth as possible. You will need to determine which network you wish to transition to, and initiate the request to that network, but we will help support the transition.

- Research the network agencies and apply with the one that will best fit your needs. You may only apply to one network for transfer at a time.
- Please let us know if you intend to transfer or withdraw and provide us with a signed release of information so that we can respond to the network with whom you apply.

**Q: How long will this process take?**

**A:** The transfer process takes approximately 75 days from the date you apply to a network to transfer your license. Within 15 days of the date HCJFS receives your signed release of information and we are notified that you have applied, we will provide your Foster Care Record to the network. The network has 60 days to work with you and complete the transfer process.

**Q: Will I need to do anything to complete the transfer process after I apply for transfer?**

**A:** The network agency you have selected will contact you to:

- Schedule a home visit/meet with all members of your household,
- Arrange for new criminal background checks for all caretakers/adult members of you household,
- Solicit three new personal references (must not be related to you or live with you)
- Conduct a new Safety Audit

**Q: Will I still have a Foster Care Support worker?**

**A:** Foster Care staff will begin to be reassigned beginning February 1, 2010, so you will not continue to be supported by your foster care support worker. But, some staff will not be reassigned for a period of time to help support your transition. If you have a placement in your home, you will still be visited by the child's Children's Services worker at least monthly.

**Q: What if I want to adopt?**

**A:** Hamilton County will still handle adoptions. One of the benefits of this is it allows the agency to focus in on things that provide permanency to children. If you are seeking approval to adopt or have already adopted, you will continue working directly with Hamilton County. If you are approved as an adoptive home and certified as a foster parent but do not have a child placed in your home, you should transfer your foster care certification to a network provider as all foster care placements will be made through network providers.

**Q: Can I still receive foster care training through Hamilton County?**

**A:** Ongoing training will be available on a space-available basis for existing foster parents. Also, the county will continue to offer "lightning rounds" of training for prospective foster parents who want to quickly obtain their license. Please visit [www.ocwtp.com/swortc.htm](http://www.ocwtp.com/swortc.htm) and register as you have done in the past.

**Q: If we have more questions, whom do we call?**

**A:** Margie Weaver is the agency's contact person on this. She is available through at 946-1666.

Source: Hamilton County JFS  
<http://www.hcjfs.hamilton-co.org/TodayatHCJFS/2010/01/FosterCareTransfer100121.htm>

## Online Training Opportunity

# *Online Training Opportunity?*

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

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

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

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

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