

Reservations for training sessions can be made by calling (574) 533-1234 or 800-282-0809, ext. 243. Classes may be cancelled if not enough persons register. Alternative training is available through books, audio and video. A web site at www.fosterparents.com lists approved foster parent trainings. For a list of pre-approved materials as well as the training verification form, go to www.oaklawn.org, click on Services and Programs, then Services for Children and Adolescents, then Collaborative Programs. Look for Traditional Foster Care to find the forms. Remember, traditional homes can receive up to four hours and special needs or therapeutic homes can receive up to eight training hours annually through books, audio, video or internet. Certification of the training hours are dependent upon approval from the training coordinator. Please note that child care is NOT provided during trainings.

Both Elkhart County and St. Joseph County trainings are held at various locations. Check individual trainings for location. You **MUST** register for classes in advance so that we can prepare for the number attending.

Please note: Foster parents of children with disabilities can receive financial support through the Family Involvement Fund for expenses for conferences, training events, and other activities. Currently this rate is up to \$250 per person, per program year and up to \$500 per family. Applications must be received at least 30 days prior to the first day of the event. For more information, call Cindy Bard at 1-800-825-4733 or email fif@indiana.edu.

Area Inservices

Support Groups

Elkhart County, contact Jody Richards at (574) 533-1234, ext. 218.

St. Joseph County group meets the 1st Thursday of each month. Contact Tom & Linda Cleveland at (574) 232-3404.

Marshall/Starke County group meets the 3rd Monday of every other month at the Plymouth Library (May 19, 6-7:30 p.m.). Contact Melissa Bachtel at (574) 935-3052.

Grandparents as Parents

- 1st Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m., at 3609 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend.

- 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Living Stones Church, 718 East Don Moyer Ave, South Bend. For more information, call (574) 232-6890.

Parenting Classes/Elkhart

Mondays, July 21-September 22 & October 20-December 14, 5-8 p.m., Bashor Children's Home; Wednesdays, July 23-September 17 & October 22-December 17, 9:15 -11:45 a.m., Joy Rose Center; Thursdays, July 24-September 18 & October 23-December 18, 5-8 p.m., Joy Rose Center

To register, contact Elizabeth Cruz at (574) 522-1998, ext. 71. Fee for the 9-week workshop is \$35 for one parent or \$45 for two.

Community Education Calendar, Michiana Behavioral Health Center

Why Self-esteem is so Darn Important

Friday, August 15, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Seating is limited; call to reserve a place at (574) 936-3784.

Preservice

Required training: 20 hours for foster parents or 26 hours for adoptive parents. Day one of each training session must be taken first. All pre-service classes include Universal Precautions and First Aid Training; you do not need to sign up for these classes separately.

Elkhart

July 26, August 2, 9, 16
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Elkhart, Oaklawn

September 13, 20, 27, October 4
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Oaklawn, Elkhart

St. Joseph County

August 2, 9, 16, 23
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
August 23 will end at 2:00 p.m.
United Way, South Bend

September 20, 27, October 4, 11
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
October 11 will end at 2:00 p.m.
United Way, South Bend

First Aid & Safety

Meets criteria for certification and State requirements for Foster Parents. CPR—due before certification expires; First Aid—due every three years; Universal Precautions—due at each relicensure.

CPR

- Saturday, August 23, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Oaklawn, Elkhart
- Saturday, August 23, 1:00–4:00 p.m., Oaklawn, Elkhart
- Saturday, August 30, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., South Bend
- Saturday, August 30, 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Kern Road Mennonite Church, South Bend
- Saturday, September 27, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Oaklawn, Elkhart
- Saturday, September 27, 1:00–4:00 p.m., Oaklawn, Elkhart

Universal Precautions/ Bloodborne Pathogens

- Monday, August 18, 6:00–6:30 p.m., JJC, South Bend
- Wednesday, September 10, Oaklawn, Elkhart, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

First Aid (immediately following Universal Precautions training)

- Monday, August 18, JJC, South Bend
- Wednesday, September 10, Oaklawn, Elkhart

Inservice classes

10–20 hours of training required each year. **Classes are 6:00–9:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.**

Handbook Training

Cancelled until a new handbook is published.

Grief, Trauma and Loss

**Tuesday, July 29, Oaklawn,
Goshen**

Understanding grief Issues experienced by foster children.

Medication Management and Foster Children

Tuesday, August 5, DCS, Elkhart

A nurse practitioner will discuss the importance of following medication guidelines.

Family Team Meetings: What Foster Parents Need to Know

**Monday, August 11, JJC, South
Bend**

Department of Child Services case managers will explain what is involved in team meetings.

Addictions & Your Foster Child

**Tuesday, August 26, JJC, South
Bend**

Ken Norman, Oaklawn manager of addictions services, will discuss addiction and its impact on the family.

Life as a Foster Parent

**Tuesday, September 2, DCS,
Elkhart**

A discussion of the realities of foster parenting and how to work through those challenges.

Educational Surrogate

**Tuesday, September 9, JJC,
South Bend**

Educational surrogates are appointed to represent the educational interests of a child with disabilities when the parent is unable or unwilling to do so.

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