

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, 5-8 p.m., Bashor Children's Home;

Wednesdays, July 23-September 17, 9:15 -11:45 a.m. Joy Rose Center; Thursdays, July 24-September 18, 5-8 p.m.

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

Depression touches all ages

Friday, June 20, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Living with depression at various life stages. Coping skills for families and caregivers. Call (574) 936-3784.

Health Works Kids Museum

Thursday, June 19, 6-8 p.m. Bring the whole family to 111 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, for training on summer safety. Light snacks available. Two credit hours toward foster training. RSVP to Lori at (574) 236-5386 by June 11.

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

June 7, 14, 21, 28
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Elkhart, Oaklawn

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

St. Joseph County

June 14, 21, 28, July 12
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
July 12 will end at 2:00 p.m.
United Way, South Bend

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

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

- Thursday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Elkhart, Oaklawn
- Saturday, July 12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Elkhart, Oaklawn
- Saturday, July 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Elkhart, Oaklawn
- Saturday, July 19, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mishawaka Public Library
- Saturday, July 19, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Mishawaka Public Library

**Universal Precautions/
Bloodborne Pathogens**

- Wednesday, June 18, 6:30—7:00 p.m., Elkhart, Oaklawn
- Monday, August 18, 6:00—6:30 p.m., South Bend, JCC

**First Aid (immediately following
Universal Precautions training)**

- Wednesday, June 18, Elkhart, Oaklawn
- Monday, August 18, South Bend, JCC

Inservice classes

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

**"Martian Child" video/discussion
Tuesday, June 3, South Bend, JCC**

Discipline (Part 1 of 2)

Monday, June 9, Elkhart, DCS
Jantha and Melissa will provide information on parenting children of all ages.

Discipline (Part 2 of 2)

Monday, June 16, Elkhart, DCS
Jantha and Melissa will provide information on parenting children of all ages.

Developmental Disabilities

Tuesday, June 17, South Bend, JCC
Logan Center presenting information.

**Parenting Tools, Attention &
Respect**

Tuesday, June 24, Elkhart, DCS
Information presented by Diane Cook from Families First.

**Pre-adoption/Permanency,
Part I & II**

Thursdays, July 17 & 24, Elkhart, location to be announced
Information on adoption subsidies and post adoption. Required of adoptive parents.

Handbook Training

Cancelled until a new handbook is published.

Address Service Requested
**Important information for
Foster Parents!**

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