

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. You will be told the specific location upon registration. 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 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.

CAPS Parenting Classes

Parenting classes include both parents and children. Fee for the 9-week workshop is \$35 for a single parent and \$45 for two parents. To register, call Elizabeth Cruz at (574) 522-1998, ext. 71.

- Mondays, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
July 6-August 31
- Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
July 8-September 2
- Thursdays, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
July 9-September 3

New Handbook!

You can access the Indiana Foster Family Resource Guide online at: <http://www.in.gov/dcs/files/1003NewFosterGuide4Web.pdf> or go to www.in.gov/dcs, Programs/Services, Placement, Foster Care and Indiana Foster Family Resource Guide. The purpose of the guide is to provide insight into areas of parenting that will be most helpful to foster/adoptive parents. The information will be distributed to existing and prospective foster/adoptive parents as well as those who are seeking licensure.

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.

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 County

May 2, 9, 16, 30
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Elkhart

St. Joseph County

June 6, 13, 20, 27
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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—must be current at relicensure.

CPR

- Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., South Bend
- Saturday, May 16, 1:00–4:00 p.m., South Bend
- Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Elkhart
- Saturday, June 6, 1:00–4:00 p.m., Elkhart

Universal Precautions/ Bloodborne Pathogens

- Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 p.m., Elkhart

First Aid (immediately following Universal Precautions training)

- Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m., Elkhart

Inservice classes

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

Pre-adoption/Permanency

Part 1 - Thursday, May 7

Part 2 - Thursday, May 14

both in South Bend

Required for those wishing to adopt. The curriculum is session 11 & 12 of pre-service training for foster, adoptive and kinship parent/caregivers. 3 hours in-service credit.

Helping Traumatized Children

Monday, May 11, Elkhart

Understand what drives traumatized children's behaviors and how to effectively parent them.

Handbook Training

Tuesday, May 21, South Bend

Required of all foster parents. Covers DCS policies, financial resources, documentation, child development, educational needs, child health and many more important topics.

Child & Family Team Meetings

Monday, May 18, Elkhart

Department of Child Services case managers explain what is involved in child and family team meetings.

Wetting & Soiling & Childhood Anxiety

Thursday, May 28, South Bend

Gain insight into why children struggle with these two common problems as well as childhood anxiety. Learn how to help and when to seek professional help.

Managing Sexually Acting Out Behaviors

Thursday, June 4, South Bend

How to set up a safe environment for children & adolescents and learn techniques to deal with this behavior.

Temperament

Wednesday, June 10, Elkhart

Understanding the dimensions of temperament and how it influences children's ability to cope with change.

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