

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, October 20-December 15, 5-8 p.m., Bashor Children's Home; Wednesdays, October 22-

December 17, 9:15 -11:45 a.m., Joy Rose Center; Thursdays, 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.

Michiana Behavioral Health Center

Emotional Intelligence: How it affects your life

Friday, October 17, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Includes lunch. Seating is limited; call to reserve a place at (574) 936-3784.

Pathways from Childhood Aggression to Adolescent Violence

Friday, November 7, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Matterhorn Conference Center, 2041 Cassopolis St., Elkhart. Featuring James Garbarino, Ph.D. Cost: \$60; 5.0 CEUs. Sponsored by Oaklawn. For a brochure call (574) 537-2680.

Elkhart

October 25, November 1, 8, 15 Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Oaklawn, Elkhart

St. Joseph County

November 8, 15, 22, December 6 Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. *December 6 will end at 2:00 p.m.* United Way, South Bend

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.

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, October 18, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Kern Road Mennonite Church, South Bend
- Saturday, October 18, 1:00–4:00 p.m., Kern Road Mennonite Church, South Bend
- Saturday, November 1, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Oaklawn, Elkhart
- Saturday, October 18, 1:00–4:00 p.m., Oaklawn, Elkhart

Universal Precautions/ Bloodborne Pathogens

- Wednesday, November 19, 6:00–p.m., United Way, South Bend

First Aid (immediately following Universal Precautions training)

- Wednesday, November 19, United Way, South Bend

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.

Effective Communication with DCS

Monday, October 20, JJC, South Bend

Monday, November 10, Oaklawn, Elkhart

"Pictures of Hollis Woods" Movie & Discussion

Tuesday, October 21, Plymouth library

Lying: How do I handle this?

Thursday, October 30, Oaklawn, Elkhart

Effective strategies in working with children and teens who lie.

Educational Surrogate

Monday, November 17, 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.

Working with Sexually Abused Children

Friday, November 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Oaklawn, Elkhart

A therapist will discuss the most effective ways to work with sexually abused children, noting what behaviors are healthy and of concern.

Pre-adoption/Permanency

Part 1 - Thursday, November 6, Oaklawn, Elkhart

Part 2 - Thursday, November 13, Oaklawn, Elkhart

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.

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