

Foster and Adoptive Care Preservice Training



Preservice (Level I) Brochure

2016 - 2017

Why be a Foster/Adoptive Parent?

There are so many children who need your help. There are many reasons why children need to live with foster or adoptive families. They may be victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment, emotional mistreatment, or their parents may be unable to care for them because of their own disabilities, illness, death, or because they are overwhelmed by the child's special needs. Poverty, homelessness, or alcohol and other drug abuse are also frequently factors. All of these tragedies are compounded by the separation of children from their parents and are very difficult for children.

To work effectively with children and youth who have experienced these tragedies and separation from their parents, foster and adoptive parents should have certain knowledge and skills called competencies. Foster and adoptive parents work in partnership with social workers in the child welfare agency and an array of other professionals in the community. Additionally, foster parents and sometimes adoptive parents, also work with the families of children in their care.

If you are interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent, training is provided to assist you. Twenty-one hours of training is provided using a curriculum developed by the Child Welfare League of America, referred to as PRIDE (Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education). When you have successfully completed PRIDE training you will have taken the first step to becoming a foster or adoptive parent.

What is Level One, or Preservice?

The Level One, or Preservice, component of the Foster and Adoptive Care training is for the recruitment, preparation, assessment, and selection of prospective foster parents and adoptive parents.

The five essential competency categories for foster and adoptive parents are:

1. Protecting and nurturing children;
2. Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing developmental delays;
3. Supporting relationships between children and their families;
4. Connecting children to safe, nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime; and
5. Working as a member of a professional team.

Important Information Regarding Level One (Preservice) Trainings

Department of Health and Human Resources families must attend a mandatory Orientation Session exactly one week before each Level One (Preservice) round. Please contact the local office to confirm the time and place of the Orientation Session. Families working with other foster care agencies are not required to attend the DHHR Orientation Session.

Participants may call their contact at the local Department of Health and Human Resources, the local Therapeutic/Specialized Family Foster Care Agency, or the Social Work Department at Concord University at 1-304-716-4998 to verify that the session the participant wishes to attend is being offered. It is possible that a session could be canceled or rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. The intent is that the schedule will not be changed.

Please note that if county schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no training in that county. Trainers and participants will work together to reschedule the training.

For more information and training updates, please visit us at <http://www.wvfact.com> or email wvfact@concord.edu.

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Therapeutic/Specialized Family Foster Care Agencies

Braley and Thompson	(304) 744-2155
Try Again Homes	(304) 363-5863
Pressley Ridge of Southern WV	(304) 252-1106
Kanawha Valley Center	(304) 347-9818
Children's Home Society (Princeton)	(304) 425-8738
Children's Home Society (Lewisburg)	(304) 645-1302
Children's Home Society (Summersville)	(304) 872-8190
Children's Home Society (Beckley)	(304) 255-0408
Children's Home Society (Northfork)	(304) 862-4237
Burlington United Methodist Family Services	(304) 788-2342
West Virginia Center for Excellence in Disabilities	(304) 720-3200
Appalachian Community Health	(304) 636-3232
WV Youth Advocate Program	(800) 836-9894



Level One (Preservice) Schedule

For weekday training rounds, Sessions 2-7 will be scheduled at Session 1. Please do not assume all sessions will be on the same week day evenings. Once the group decides upon the complete schedule, it will be posted on www.wvfact.com. This schedule is organized by location, so please be sure to pay close attention to training dates.

Beckley

Kinship Orientation	9/10/2016	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Northgate Baptist Church
Session 1	9/17/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 2	9/17/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 3	9/24/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 4	9/24/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 5	10/1/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 6	10/1/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 7	10/8/2016	9:00 AM	

Kinship Orientation	11/3/2016	6:00 PM
Session 1	11/10/2016	6:00 PM

Kinship Orientation	1/12/2017	6:00 PM
Session 1	1/19/2017	6:00 PM

Kinship Orientation	5/6/2017	9:00 AM
Session 1	5/13/2017	9:00 AM
Session 2	5/13/2017	1:00 PM
Session 3	5/20/2017	9:00 AM
Session 4	5/20/2017	1:00 PM
Session 5	6/3/2017	9:00 AM
Session 6	6/3/2017	1:00 PM
Session 7	6/10/2017	9:00 AM

Due to a scheduling conflict, the 11-3-2016 Kinship Orientation will be held at Raleigh County DHHR

Braxton

Kinship Orientation	10/29/2016	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Braxton County DHHR
Session 1	11/5/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 2	11/5/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 3	11/12/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 4	11/12/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 5	11/19/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 6	11/19/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 7	12/3/2016	9:00 AM	
Kinship Orientation	4/27/2017	6:00 PM	
Session 1	5/4/2017	6:00 PM	

Lewisburg

Kinship Orientation	9/15/2016	6:00 PM	Sessions will be held at Greenbrier County DHHR
Session 1	9/22/2016	6:00 PM	
Kinship Orientation	1/5/2017	6:00 PM	
Session 1	1/12/2017	6:00 PM	
Kinship Orientation	4/29/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 1	5/6/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 2	5/6/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 3	5/13/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 4	5/13/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 5	5/20/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 6	5/20/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 7	6/3/2017	9:00 AM	

The provision of this training is contingent upon continued support from the Office of Social Services, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Funding for this training is provided through Title IV-E grant support from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

Princeton

Kinship Orientation

	8/13/2016	9:00 AM
Session 1	8/20/2016	9:00 AM
Session 2	8/20/2016	1:00 PM
Session 3	8/27/2016	9:00 AM
Session 4	8/27/2016	1:00 PM
Session 5	9/10/2016	9:00 AM
Session 6	9/10/2016	1:00 PM
Session 7	9/17/2016	9:00 AM

**Sessions will
be held at
Mercer County
DHHR**

Kinship Orientation

	9/24/2016	9:00 AM
Session 1	10/1/2016	9:00 AM
Session 2	10/1/2016	1:00 PM
Session 3	10/8/2016	9:00 AM
Session 4	10/8/2016	1:00 PM
Session 5	10/15/2016	9:00 AM
Session 6	10/15/2016	1:00 PM
Session 7	10/22/2016	9:00 AM

Kinship Orientation

	2/11/2017	9:00 AM
Session 1	2/18/2017	9:00 AM
Session 2	2/18/2017	1:00 PM
Session 3	2/25/2017	9:00 AM
Session 4	2/25/2017	1:00 PM
Session 5	3/4/2017	9:00 AM
Session 6	3/4/2017	1:00 PM
Session 7	3/11/2017	9:00 AM



Pineville

Kinship Orientation	8/20/2016	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Wyoming County DHHR
Session 1	8/27/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 2	8/27/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 3	9/10/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 4	9/10/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 5	9/17/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 6	9/17/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 7	9/24/2016	9:00 AM	

Kinship Orientation	1/26/2017	6:00 PM
Session 1	2/2/2017	6:00 PM

Summersville

Kinship Orientation	8/6/2016	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Summersville Hospital
Session 1	8/20/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 2	8/20/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 3	8/27/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 4	8/27/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 5	9/10/2016	9:00 AM	
Session 6	9/10/2016	1:00 PM	
Session 7	9/17/2016	9:00 AM	

Kinship Orientation	2/25/2017	9:00 AM
Session 1	3/4/2017	9:00 AM
Session 2	3/4/2017	1:00 PM
Session 3	3/11/2017	9:00 AM
Session 4	3/11/2017	1:00 PM
Session 5	3/18/2017	9:00 AM
Session 6	3/18/2017	1:00 PM
Session 7	4/1/2017	9:00 AM

Welch

Kinship Orientation	9/27/2016	6:00 PM	Sessions will be held at McDowell County DHHR
Session 1	10/4/2016	6:00 PM	
Kinship Orientation	5/25/2017	6:00 PM	
Session 1	6/1/2017	6:00 PM	

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