



**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

Dear Prospective Foster/Adoptive Parent:

The Department has received a foster/adoptive care inquiry or a kinship/relative home study request for your home. This letter is to invite you to PRIDE training, which is mandatory in order to become certified as a Foster/Adoptive Care Provider or Relative Provider through the WVDHHR.

PRIDE training is a nationally certified training curriculum used by West Virginia to prepare our foster and/or adoptive parents for their roles as providers. The three-hour orientation is mandatory in order to complete PRIDE training. The following is the schedule for the next **six (6)** Region III PRIDE trainings. To see the complete updated PRIDE training schedule for 2013, go to www.shepherd.edu/prideprogram.

Please register for one of the six trainings. **Seating is limited to 25 per class, so you must CALL TO CONFIRM your attendance with Christie Spahr, at (304)329-4340 ext. 79859.** If I am unavailable, please leave your name and anyone attending with you, your phone number, and the location of the PRIDE you are planning to attend.

SUMMER/FALL 2013 PRIDE SCHEDULE

Round 1- Martinsburg

MARTINSBURG	Date and Time	Location
DHHR Orientation	Monday June 24, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Berkeley County DHHR 433 Mid-Atlantic Pkwy, Martinsburg, WV 25402
PRIDE Sessions 1-8	Mondays 6:00pm-9:00pm Session 1-July 1 Session 2- July 8 Session 3- July 15 Session 4- July 22 Session 5- July 29 Session 6- August 5 Session 7- August 12 Session 8-August 19	St. Joseph School 110 East Stephen St. Martinsburg, WV 25401
Session 9	Monday August 26, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Berkeley County DHHR 433 Mid-Atlantic Pkwy, Martinsburg, WV 25402

Round 2- Philippi

PHILIPPI	Date and Time	Location
DHHR Orientation	Tuesday July 9, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Barbour Co. DHHR 271 Mattaliano Dr Philippi, WV 26416 (304) 457-4094
PRIDE Sessions 1-8	Four Saturdays 9:00am-4:00pm Sessions 1&2 -July 13 Sessions 3&4-July 20 Sessions 5&6- July 27 Sessions 7&8- August 3	Philippi 911 Exchange Center 111 Overlook Dr. Philippi, WV 26416 (304)457-5167 Directions: On Rte 250 take the road that runs in front of the McDonald's/Family Dollar Plaza. Turn left at the Silent Grove Church sign. Take the first hardtop road on the left, and come to the 911 Exchange Center.
Session 9	Tuesday August 6 , 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Philippi 911 Exchange Center 111 Overlook Dr. Philippi, WV 26416 (304)457-5167

Round 3- Burlington

BURLINGTON	Date and Time	Location
DHHR Orientation	Tuesday August 27, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Mineral County DHHR 18 N. Tornado Way Keyser, WV 26726
PRIDE Sessions 1-8	Four Saturdays 9:00am-4:00pm Sessions 1&2 -Sept 7 Sessions 3&4-Sept 14 Sessions 5&6 Sept 21 Sessions 7&8- Sept 28	Burlington Campus Residential Children's Home Administration Building One Rainbow Lane Burlington, WV 26710
PRIDE Session 9	Tuesday October 1, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Burlington Campus Residential Children's Home Administration Building One Rainbow Lane Burlington, WV 26710

Training will be held in the administration office. If you are looking at the building, participants will need to go to the far left of the building. There is a Pepsi machine outside under the roof there. That is the door to get into the building.

Round 4- Martinsburg

MARTINSBURG	Date and Time	Location
DHHR Orientation	Monday September 9, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Berkeley County DHHR 433 Mid-Atlantic Pkwy, Martinsburg, WV 25402
PRIDE Sessions 1-8	Mondays 6:00pm-9:00pm Session 1-September 16 Session 2-September 23 Session 3- September 30 Session 4- October 7 Session 5- October 14 Session6- October 21 Session 7- October 28 Session 8- November 4	St. Joseph School 110 East Stephen St. Martinsburg, WV 25401
Session 9	Thursday November 7, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Berkeley County DHHR 433 Mid-Atlantic Pkwy, Martinsburg, WV 25402

Round 5- Philippi

PHILIPPI	Date and Time	Location
DHHR Orientation	Thursday September 12, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Barbour Co. DHHR 271 Mattalano Dr Philippi, WV 26416 (304) 457-4094
PRIDE Sessions 1-8	Thursday 6:00pm-9:00pm Session 1-September 19 Session 2-September 26 Session 3- October 3 Session 4- October 10 Session 5- October 17 Session6- October 24 Session 7- October 31 Session 8- November 7 Session 9-November 14	Philippi 911 Exchange Center 111 Overlook Dr. Philippi, WV 26416 (304)457-5167 Directions: On Rte 250 take the road that runs in front of the McDonald's/Family Dollar Plaza. Turn left at the Silent Grove Church sign. Take the first hardtop road on the left, and come to the 911 Exchange Center.

Round 6- Martinsburg

MARTINSBURG	Date and Time	Location
DHHR Orientation	Tuesday October 22, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Berkeley County DHHR 433 Mid-Atlantic Pkwy, Martinsburg, WV 25402
PRIDE Sessions 1-8	Four Saturdays 9:00am-4:00pm Session 1&2- October 26 Sessions 3&4- November 2 Sessions 5&6- November 9 Sessions 7&8- November 16	St. Joseph School 110 East Stephen St. Martinsburg, WV 25401
PRIDE Session 9	Tuesday November 19, 2013 6:00pm-9:00pm	Berkeley County DHHR 433 Mid-Atlantic Pkwy, Martinsburg, WV 25402

Participation in PRIDE training is a two-way screening process. The Department is not obligated to certify a prospective applicant for foster care/adoption or relative placement and you are in no way obligated to accept a child or complete the training if you feel this is not the program for you.

****PLEASE NOTE****

There is no childcare available for this training. Please make your own arrangements for childcare in advance.

Relatives have up to six (6) months from the date the home study is initiated to attend PRIDE training.

Foster/Adoptive Care inquiries have up to six (6) months from the date of inquiry to register/attend PRIDE training. If after six months, you have not completed PRIDE, your intake will be closed. If you decide at a later date that you can attend PRIDE training, simply make a new inquiry with your Home Finding Specialist at your local DHHR office

If you have completed the orientation and all nine sessions of PRIDE, please call to confirm your completion.

Sincerely,

Christie Spahr LSW
Region III Home Finding Specialist
PRIDE Liaison
(304)329-4340 ext 79859