

Foster/Adoptive Care
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Foster and Adoptive Care



Preservice (Level I)
Brochure
2017 - 2018

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 frequent 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, without any cost to you. Twenty-one (21) hours of training is provided. The training is referred to as PRIDE (Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education). When you have successfully completed WVPRIDE 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.

Summersville

Address of Summersville Hospital:

400 Fairview Heights Rd., Summersville, WV 26651

Trainings will take place in the white building behind the hospital.

Welch

Kinship Orientation	8/19/2017	9:00 AM	Sessions will Be held at Welch Community Hospital
Session 1	8/26/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 2	8/26/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 3	9/9/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 4	9/9/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 5	9/16/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 6	9/16/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 7	9/23/2017	9:00 AM	
Kinship Orientation	3/27/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 1*	4/3/2018	6:00 PM	

Address of Welch Locations:

Trainings will be held at Welch Community Hospital - Located at 454 McDowell Street, Welch, WV

* Weeknight sessions will meet for session 1 on the date indicated, and the trainer and participants will decide what future dates work best for them. The training dates will then be posted on the wvfact.com as well as the Facebook page.

Summersville

Kinship Orientation	7/29/2017	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Summersville Hospital
Session 1	8/5/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 2	8/5/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 3	8/12/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 4	8/12/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 5	8/19/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 6	8/19/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 7	8/26/2017	9:00 AM	

Kinship Orientation	11/11/2017	9:00 AM
Session 1	11/18/2017	9:00 AM
Session 2	11/18/2017	1:00 PM
Session 3	12/2/2017	9:00 AM
Session 4	12/2/2017	1:00 PM
Session 5	12/9/2017	9:00 AM
Session 6	12/9/2017	1:00 PM
Session 7	12/16/2017	9:00 AM

Kinship Orientation	2/24/2018	11:00 AM
Session 1	3/3/2018	9:00 AM
Session 2	3/3/2018	1:00 PM
Session 3	3/10/2018	9:00 AM
Session 4	3/10/2018	1:00 PM
Session 5	3/17/2018	9:00 AM
Session 6	3/17/2018	1:00 PM
Session 7	3/24/2018	9:00 AM

Kinship Orientation	5/19/2018	9:00 AM
Session 1	6/2/2018	9:00 AM
Session 2	6/2/2018	1:00 PM
Session 3	6/9/2018	9:00 AM
Session 4	6/9/2018	1:00 PM
Session 5	6/16/2018	9:00 AM
Session 6	6/16/2018	1:00 PM
Session 7	6/23/2018	9:00 AM

Important Information Regarding Level One (Preservice) Trainings

Department of Health and Human Resources families must attend a mandatory Orientation Session prior to each Level One (Preservice) round. You may find the dates and locations in this Brochure listed as Kinship Orientation. Families working with private foster care agencies are not required to attend the DHHR Orientation Session, but should check with their agency regarding orientation requirements.

Registration is strongly advised for all WVPRIDE trainings. Participants may contact the Social Work Department at Concord University by phone 304-716-4998, or email wvfact@concord.edu, to register and verify that the session(s) the participant wishes to attend are being offered. It is possible that a session could be cancelled or rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances, if so, we can contact you if you are registered. The intent is that the schedule will not be changed.

- 1) Due to the sensitive nature of topics covered, no one is permitted to bring children to any WVPRIDE trainings.
- 2) If county schools are closed due to inclement weather, training for that county will be cancelled also. The trainer and participants will work together to make up any cancelled trainings.
- 3) Participant Registration for training is vital to ensure that the correct amount of materials will be available for orientation and training purposes.

For more information and training updates, including registering & cancellations, please visit us at <http://www.wvfact.com> or email wvfact@concord.edu. You may also call us at 304-716-4998.

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**WVDHHR Foster/Adoptive Care
Home Finding Specialists**

Debbie Totten Home Finding Supervisor	304-647-7476 ext. 76359
Angela McCray Regional Home Finding Supervisor	304-256-6930 ext. 78930
Allen Hunter Back Up Supervisor/ Conflict /Monroe Counties	304-772-3013 ext. 20
Kasey Adkins Nicholas/Pocahontas/Webster Counties	304-872-0803 ext. 71736
Patti Harold Backup Supervisor/ASO trainer	304-425-8738 ext. 2115
Wendi Frost Mercer County	304-425-8738 ext. 2103
Andrea Harvey Mercer and Wyoming Counties	304-425-8738 ext. 2105
Malinda Mitchem ICPC	304-425-8738 ext. 2102
Marsha Phillips McDowell County	304-436-8302 ext. 78194
Autumn Herndon Greenbrier County	304-647-7476 ext. 76386
Keyota Jarvis Braxton County	304-587-4268 ext. 215
Melanie Curry Mingo/Wyoming Counties	304-235-4680 ext. 2031
Garrett Lester Raleigh	304-465-9613 ext. 207
Stephanie Lacy Fayette/Summers Counties	304-466-2807 ext. 217
Heather Hanshaw Fayette County	304-465-9613

Princeton

Kinship Orientation	2/3/2018 11:00 AM
Session 1	2/10/2018 9:00 AM
Session 2	2/10/2018 1:00 PM
Session 3	2/17/2018 9:00 AM
Session 4	2/17/2018 1:00 PM
Session 5	2/24/2018 9:00 AM
Session 6	2/24/2018 1:00 PM
Session 7	3/3/2018 9:00 AM

**Saturday
Sessions will be
Held at Mercer
County DHHR**

Kinship Orientation	4/14/2018 9:00 AM
Session 1	4/21/2018 9:00 AM
Session 2	4/21/2018 1:00 PM
Session 3	4/28/2018 9:00 AM
Session 4	4/28/2018 1:00 PM
Session 5	5/5/2018 9:00 AM
Session 6	5/5/2018 1:00 PM
Session 7	5/12/2018 9:00 AM

Kinship Orientation	6/2/2018 11:00 AM
Session 1	6/9/2018 9:00 AM
Session 2	6/9/2018 1:00 PM
Session 3	6/16/2018 9:00 AM
Session 4	6/16/2018 1:00 PM
Session 5	6/23/2018 9:00 AM
Session 6	6/23/2018 1:00 PM
Session 7	6/30/2018 9:00 AM

Address of Children's Home Society:

205 Center Street, Princeton, WV 24740

Address of Mercer County DHHR

350 Davis Street, Princeton, WV 24740

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Pineville

Kinship Orientation	9/30/2017	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Wyoming County DHHR
Session 1	10/7/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 2	10/7/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 3	10/14/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 4	10/14/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 5	10/21/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 6	10/21/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 7	10/28/2017	9:00 AM	

Kinship Orientation	1/23/2018	6:00 PM
Session 1 *	1/30/2018	6:00 PM

Address of Wyoming County DHHR:

1767 Bearhold Road, Pineville, WV 24874

Princeton

Kinship Orientation	8/5/2017	9:00 AM	Saturday Sessions will be Held at Mercer County DHHR
Session 1	8/12/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 2	8/12/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 3	8/19/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 4	8/19/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 5	8/26/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 6	8/26/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 7	9/9/2017	9:00 AM	

Kinship Orientation	10/3/2017	6:00 PM	Weeknight Sessions will be Held at Children's
Session 1*	10/10/2017	6:00 PM	

Kinship Orientation	11/30/2017	6:00 PM	Home Society
Session 1 *	12/7/2017	6:00 PM	

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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 (Northfork)	(304) 862-4237
Burlington United Methodist Family Services	(304) 788-2342
WV Center for Excellence in Disabilities	(304) 720-3200
Appalachian Community Health	(304) 636-3232
WV Youth Advocate Program	(800) 836-9894

WVFACT Contact Information:

Phone: 304-716-4998

Email: wvfact@concord.edu

Helpful Links:

www.wvfact.com

www.facebook.com/WVFACT

www.missionwv.org

www.adoptionstrong.com

www.adoptuskids.org

www.childwelfare.gov

Level One (Preservice) Schedule

Beckley

Kinship Orientation	7/1/2017	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Northgate Baptist Church
Session 1	7/8/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 2	7/8/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 3	7/15/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 4	7/15/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 5	7/22/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 6	7/22/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 7	7/29/2017	9:00 AM	
Kinship Orientation	8/31/2017	6:00 PM	
Session 1 *	9/7/2017	6:00 PM	
Kinship Orientation	11/4/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 1	11/11/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 2	11/11/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 3	11/18/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 4	11/18/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 5	12/2/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 6	12/2/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 7	12/9/2017	9:00 AM	
Kinship Orientation	1/6/2018	11:00 AM	
Session 1	1/13/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 2	1/13/2018	1:00 AM	
Session 3	1/20/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 4	1/20/2018	1:00 AM	
Session 5	1/27/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 6	1/27/2018	1:00 AM	
Session 7	2/3/2018	9:00 AM	

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Lewisburg

Kinship Orientation	9/9/2017	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Greenbrier County DHHR
Session 1	9/16/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 2	9/16/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 3	9/23/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 4	9/23/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 5	9/30/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 6	9/30/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 7	10/7/2017	9:00 AM	
Kinship Orientation	1/18/2018	6:00 PM	
Session 1 *	1/25/2018	6:00 PM	
Kinship Orientation	3/10/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 1	3/17/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 2	3/17/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 3	3/24/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 4	3/24/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 5	3/31/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 6	3/31/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 7	4/7/2018	9:00 AM	

Address of Greenbrier County DHHR:

316 Maplewood Ave., Suite 3, Lewisburg, WV 24901

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Braxton

Kinship Orientation	8/26/2017	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Braxton County DHHR
Session 1	9/9/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 2	9/9/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 3	9/16/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 4	9/16/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 5	9/23/2017	9:00 AM	
Session 6	9/23/2017	1:00 PM	
Session 7	9/30/2017	9:00 AM	

Kinship Orientation	1/20/2018	11:00 AM
Session 1	1/27/2018	9:00 AM
Session 2	1/27/2018	1:00 PM
Session 3	2/3/2018	9:00 AM
Session 4	2/3/2018	1:00 PM
Session 5	2/10/2018	9:00 AM
Session 6	2/10/2018	1:00 PM
Session 7	2/17/2018	9:00 AM

Kinship Orientation	3/31/2018	9:00 AM
Session 1	4/7/2018	9:00 AM
Session 2	4/7/2018	1:00 PM
Session 3	4/14/2018	9:00 AM
Session 4	4/14/2018	1:00 PM
Session 5	4/21/2018	9:00 AM
Session 6	4/21/2018	1:00 PM
Session 7	4/28/2018	9:00 AM

Address of Braxton County DHHR:

1936 Sutton Lane, Sutton, WV 26601

* Weeknight sessions will meet for session 1 on the date indicated, and the trainer and participants will decide what future dates work best for them. The training dates will then be posted on the wvfact.com as well as the Facebook page.

Beckley

Kinship Orientation	3/3/2018	9:00 AM	Sessions will be held at Northgate Baptist Church
Session 1	3/10/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 2	3/10/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 3	3/17/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 4	3/17/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 5	3/24/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 6	3/24/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 7	3/31/2018	9:00 AM	

Kinship Orientation	5/5/2018	9:00 AM
Session 1	5/12/2018	9:00 AM
Session 2	5/12/2018	1:00 PM
Session 3	5/19/2018	9:00 AM
Session 4	5/19/2018	1:00 PM
Session 5	6/2/2018	9:00 AM
Session 6	6/2/2018	1:00 PM
Session 7	6/9/2018	9:00 AM

Address of North Gate Baptist Church:

301 Pinewood Dr., Beckley, WV 25801

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