



## Why be a Foster/Adoptive Parent?

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. 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 to a child who needs your help.

## 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.

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## Welch

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>			<b>Sessions will Be held at Welch Community Hospital</b>
Session 1	8/25/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 2	9/8/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 3	9/8/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 4	9/15/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 5	9/15/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 6	9/22/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 7	9/22/2018	1:00 PM	

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>		
Session 1	1/19/2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	1/26/2019	9:00 AM
Session 3	1/26/2019	1:00 PM
Session 4	2/2/2019	9:00 AM
Session 5	2/2/2019	1:00 PM
Session 6	2/9/2019	9:00 AM
Session 7	2/9/2019	1:00 PM

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>		
Session 1	4/6/2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	4/13/2019	9:00 AM
Session 3	4/13/2019	1:00 PM
Session 4	4/27/2019	9:00 AM
Session 5	4/27/2019	1:00 PM
Session 6	5/4/2019	9:00 AM
Session 7	5/4/2019	1:00 PM

### Address of Welch Community Hospital:

454 McDowell Street, Welch, WV 24801

## Summersville

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	9/8/2018	9:00 AM	<b>Sessions will be held at Summersville Hospital</b>
Session 1	9/15/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 2	9/15/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 3	9/22/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 4	9/22/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 5	9/29/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 6	9/29/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 7	10/6/2018	9:00 AM	

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	11/10/2018	9:00 AM
Session 1	11/17/2018	9:00 AM
Session 2	11/17/2018	1:00 PM
Session 3	12/1/2018	9:00 AM
Session 4	12/1/2018	1:00 PM
Session 5	12/8/2018	9:00 AM
Session 6	12/8/2018	1:00 PM
Session 7	12/15/2018	9:00 AM

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	1/26/2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	2/2/2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	2/2/2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	2/9/2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	2/9/2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	2/16/2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	2/16/2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	2/23/2019	9:00 AM

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	5/11/2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	5/18/2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	5/18/2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	6/1/2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	6/1/2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	6/8/2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	6/8/2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	6/15/2019	9:00 AM

\* 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](http://www.wvfact.com) as well as the Facebook page.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:wvfact@concord.edu). You may also call us at **304-716-4998**.

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

<b>Debbie Totten</b> Home Finding Supervisor	304-647-7476 ext. 76359
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<b>Patti Harold</b> Backup Supervisor, ASO trainer	304-425-8738 ext. 2115
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<b>Erica Whitt</b> Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties	304-647-7476 ext. 76367
<b>Teresa Finster</b> Braxton County	304-269-6820 ext. 2078
<b>Melanie Curry</b> Mingo and Wyoming Counties	304-235-4680 ext. 2031
<b>Garrett Lester</b> Raleigh County	304-465-9613 ext. 207
<b>Stephanie Lacy</b> Fayette and Summers Counties	304-466-2807 ext. 217
<b>Heather Hanshaw</b> Fayette County	304-465-9613 ext. 195

**Princeton**

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	11/27/2018 6:00 PM	<b>Weeknight</b>
Session 1 *	12/4/2018 6:00 PM	<b>Sessions will be</b>
Session 2	12/11/2018 6:00 PM	<b>Held at Children's</b>
		<b>Home Society</b>
<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	1/26/2019 9:00 AM	
Session 1	2/2/2019 9:00 AM	<b>Saturday</b>
Session 2	2/2/2019 1:00 PM	<b>Sessions will be</b>
Session 3	2/9/2019 9:00 AM	<b>Held at Mercer</b>
Session 4	2/9/2019 1:00 PM	<b>County DHHR</b>
Session 5	2/16/2019 9:00 AM	
Session 6	2/16/2019 1:00 PM	
Session 7	2/23/2019 9:00 AM	

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	3/30/2019 9:00 AM	<b>Weeknight</b>
Session 1 *	4/2/2019 6:00 PM	<b>Sessions will be</b>
Session 2	4/9/2019 6:00 PM	<b>Held at Children's</b>
		<b>Home Society</b>

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	6/1/2019 9:00 AM	
Session 1	6/8/2019 9:00 AM	<b>Saturday</b>
Session 2	6/8/2019 1:00 PM	<b>Sessions will be</b>
Session 3	6/15/2019 9:00 AM	<b>Held at Mercer</b>
Session 4	6/15/2019 1:00 PM	<b>County DHHR</b>
Session 5	6/22/2019 9:00 AM	
Session 6	6/22/2019 1:00 PM	
Session 7	6/29/2019 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

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	2/23/2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	3/2/2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	3/2/2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	3/9/2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	3/9/2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	3/16/2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	3/16/2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	3/23/2019	9:00 AM

### Address of Wyoming County DHHR:

1767 Bearhold Road, Pineville, WV 24874

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## Princeton

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	8/4/2018	9:00 AM	<b>Saturday</b>
Session 1	8/11/2018	9:00 AM	<b>Sessions will be</b>
Session 2	8/11/2018	1:00 PM	<b>Held at Mercer</b>
Session 3	8/18/2018	9:00 AM	<b>County DHHR</b>
Session 4	8/18/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 5	8/25/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 6	8/25/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 7	9/8/2018	9:00 AM	

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	10/6/2018	9:00 AM	<b>Saturday</b>
Session 1	10/13/2018	9:00 AM	<b>Sessions will be</b>
Session 2	10/13/2018	1:00 PM	<b>Held at Mercer</b>
Session 3	10/20/2018	9:00 AM	<b>County DHHR</b>
Session 4	10/20/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 5	10/27/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 6	10/27/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 7	11/3/2018	9:00 AM	

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## Therapeutic/Specialized Family Foster Care Agencies

Appalachian Community Health	(304) 636-3232
Braley and Thompson	(304) 744-2155
Burlington United Methodist Family Services	(304) 788-2342
Children's Home Society (Lewisburg)	(304) 647-3452
Children's Home Society (Northfork)	(304) 862-4237
Children's Home Society (Princeton)	(304) 431-2424
Children's Home Society (Summersville)	(304) 872-8190
Kanawha Valley Center	(304) 347-9818
Pressley Ridge of Southern WV	(304) 252-1106
Try Again Homes	(304) 363-5863
<b>Carol Brewster</b>	(304) 288-3444
WV Center for Excellence in Disabilities serving Fayette, Mercer, McDowell, Raleigh, and Summers Counties.	
WV Youth Advocate Program	(800) 836-9894

### WVFACT Contact Information:

Phone: 304-716-4998  
Email: [wvfact@concord.edu](mailto:wvfact@concord.edu)  
[www.wvfact.com](http://www.wvfact.com)  
[www.facebook.com/WVFACT](https://www.facebook.com/WVFACT)

## Level One (Preservice) Schedule

### Beckley

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	7/10/2018	6:00 PM	<b>Sessions will be held at Northgate Baptist Church</b>
Session 1 *	7/17/2018	6:00 PM	
Session 2	7/24/2018	6:00 PM	

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	9/8/2018	9:00 AM
Session 1	9/15/2018	9:00 AM
Session 2	9/15/2018	1:00 PM
Session 3	9/22/2018	9:00 AM
Session 4	9/22/2018	1:00 PM
Session 5	9/29/2018	9:00 AM
Session 6	9/29/2018	1:00 PM
Session 7	10/6/2018	9:00 AM

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	10/30/2018	6:00 PM
Session 1 *	11/6/2018	6:00 PM
Session 2	11/13/2018	6:00 PM

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	1/8/2019	6:00 PM
Session 1 *	1/15/2019	6:00 PM
Session 2	1/22/2019	6:00 PM

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	3/2/2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	3/9/2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	3/9/2019	1:00 AM
Session 3	3/16/2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	3/16/2019	1:00 AM
Session 5	3/23/2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	3/23/2019	1:00 AM
Session 7	3/30/2019	9:00 AM

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### Lewisburg

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	8/4/2018	9:00 AM	<b>Sessions will be held at Greenbrier County DHHR</b>
Session 1	8/11/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 2	8/11/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 3	8/18/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 4	8/18/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 5	8/25/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 6	8/25/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 7	9/8/2018	9:00 AM	

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	1/15/2019	6:00 PM
Session 1 *	1/22/2019	6:00 PM
Session 2	1/29/2019	6:00 PM

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	4/30/2019	6:00 PM
Session 1 *	5/7/2019	6:00 PM
Session 2	5/14/2019	6:00 PM

#### **Address of Greenbrier County DHHR:**

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

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### Pineville

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	10/20/2018	9:00 AM	<b>Sessions will be held at Wyoming County DHHR</b>
Session 1	10/27/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 2	10/27/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 3	11/3/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 4	11/3/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 5	11/10/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 6	11/10/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 7	11/17/2018	9:00 AM	

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## Braxton

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	7/31/2018	6:00 PM	<b>Sessions will be held at Braxton County DHHR</b>
Session 1	8/4/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 2	8/4/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 3	8/11/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 4	8/11/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 5	8/18/2018	9:00 AM	
Session 6	8/18/2018	1:00 PM	
Session 7	8/25/2018	9:00 AM	

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	10/16/2018	6:00 PM
Session 1	10/20/2018	9:00 AM
Session 2	10/20/2018	1:00 PM
Session 3	10/27/2018	9:00 AM
Session 4	10/27/2018	1:00 PM
Session 5	11/3/2018	9:00 AM
Session 6	11/3/2018	1:00 PM
Session 7	11/10/2018	9:00 AM

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	3/19/2019	6:00 PM
Session 1	3/23/2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	3/23/2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	3/30/2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	3/30/2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	4/6/2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	4/6/2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	4/13/2019	9:00 AM

### Address of Braxton County DHHR:

1936 Sutton Lane, Sutton, WV 26601

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## Beckley

<b>Kinship Orientation</b>	4/27/2019	9:00 AM	<b>Sessions will be held at Northgate Baptist Church</b>
Session 1	5/4/2019	9:00 AM	
Session 2	5/4/2019	1:00 PM	
Session 3	5/11/2019	9:00 AM	
Session 4	5/11/2019	1:00 PM	
Session 5	5/18/2019	9:00 AM	
Session 6	5/18/2019	1:00 PM	
Session 7	6/1/2019	9:00 AM	

### Address of North Gate Baptist Church:

301 Pinewood Dr., Beckley, WV 25801

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