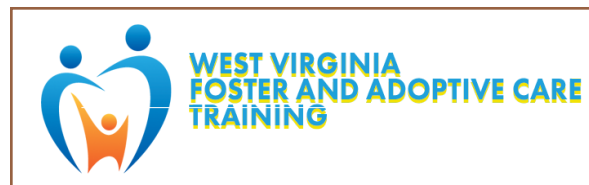


West Virginia Foster & Adoptive Care



Pre-Service Training Schedule
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



“Sometimes our work as caregivers is not for the faint of heart. But, you will never know what you are made of until you step into the fire. Step bravely!”

- Deborah A. Beasley

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What is PRIDE Training?

For over two decades the PRIDE Model of Practice has increased opportunities for child welfare agencies to provide a standardized, consistent, structured framework for the competency-based recruitment, preparation, assessment, selection, of foster and adoptive (resource) parents, and for foster parent in-service training and ongoing professional development. The PRIDE Model of Practice is used, in whole or in part, across the United States and in more than 25 countries. (www.cwla.org/pride-training)

Why be a Foster/Adoption Parent?

Foster and adoptive parents should have certain knowledge and skills called competencies. Children in foster and adoptive care need specialized care. Providing those unique parenting skills to families in an effort to nurture and support the children in our care is what PRIDE training is all about. The FIRST step in becoming a Foster or Adoptive parent is completing the PRIDE (Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education) training.

- PRIDE Training is FREE and offered locally in your community
- Level One or Pre-Service is 21 hours of training offered in seven, three hour classes
- Prior to beginning your courses, you will attend a mandatory meeting called KINSHIP ORIENTATION. This meeting is hosted by DHHR.
- You should PRE-REGISTER for Level One/Pre-Service Training by calling 304-716-4998 or contact the office by emailing wvfact@concord.edu. Pre-registration is very important so as to ensure trainers have enough materials for all attendees. Also, if you are pre-registered, we can notify you directly if there are changes to the class or if we need to cancel class.

- Childcare is NOT provided. Due to the sensitive nature of the material, children are not allowed to attend any WVFACT Training.
 - Inclement Weather Procedure: If schools are cancelled in the county where the training is scheduled to take place, class will be cancelled. Trainers and participants will work together to make up for any missed classes.
 - While it is our intention that the schedule will not be changed, it is sometimes unavoidable. Participants are encouraged to check www.wvfact.com or www.facebook.com/wvfact to confirm no changes have been made.
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Trainers will discuss and work with families to develop and improve the following essential competencies necessary for all Foster and Adoptive families:

- Protecting and nurturing children
- Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing developmental delays
- Supporting relationships between children and their families
- Connecting children to safe, nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime
- Working as a member of a professional Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT).

WVDHHR Home Finding Specialist

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Patti Harold Backup Supervisor	Mercer County DHHR	304-425-8738 ext: 2115
Teresa Finster	Braxton County	304-269-6820 ext: 2078
Heather Hanshaw	Fayette, Nicholas, & Webster Counties	304-465-9613 ext: 195
Lori Johnson	Raleigh County	304-465-9613
Garrett Lester	Raleigh & Summers Counties	304-465-9613 ext: 207
Wendi Frost	Mercer County	304-425-8738 ext: 2103
Andrea Harvey	Mercer, Raleigh, and Monroe Counties	304-425-8738 ext: 2105
Melanie Curry	Mingo & Wyoming Counties	304-235-4680 ext: 2031
Stephanie Lacy	Fayette County	304-466-2807 ext: 217
Marsha Phillips	McDowell & Wyoming Counties	304-436-8302 ext: 78194
Erica Whitt	Greenbrier, Pocahontas & Nicholas Counties	304-647-7476 ext: 76367
Josh Leshner	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children	304-256-6930 ext 78934
Christina Travis	Nicholas & Webster Counties	304-847-2861

Information in this table is correct as of time of printing, but is subject to change. If you are unsure of your homefinder, please call your local DHHR to get the name.

Therapeutic & Specialized Family Foster Care Agencies

Appalachian Community Health	Statewide	304-636-3232
Braley & Thompson - RESCARE	Statewide	304-744-2155
Burlington United Methodist Family Services	Beckley	304-252-8508
Children's Home Society	Lewisburg	304-645-1302
Children's Home Society	Northfork	304-862-4950
Children's Home Society	Princeton	304-431-2424
Children's Home Society	Summersville	304-872-8190
Genesis Youth Crisis Center	Clarksburg	304-622-1907
Kanawha Valley Center	Charleston	304-347-9818
Mission West Virginia	Statewide	304-562-0723
Pressley Ridge of Southern West Virginia	Statewide	304-252-1106

The provision of this training is contingent upon continued support through a federal IV-E grant administered through a partnership between Concord University and the WVDHHR Bureau of Children and Families, Division of Training.

Beckley Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	July 2, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 1	July 9, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 2	July 11, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 3	July 16, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 4	July 18, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 5	July 23, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 6	July 25, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 7	July 30, 2019	6:00 PM
Kinship Orientation **	August 24, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1 **	September 7, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 2 **	September 7, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 3 **	September 14, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 4 **	September 14, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 5 **	September 21, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 6 **	September 21, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 7 **	September 28, 2019	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	October 26, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	November 2, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	November 2, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	November 16, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	November 16, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	December, 7, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	December 7, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	December 14, 2019	9:00 AM

Trainings will be held at the Raleigh County Department of Health & Human Resources - Located at 407 Neville Street, Beckley, WV 25801

Trainings will take place at the Raleigh County DHHR unless otherwise indicated by (**).

Beckley Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	January 4, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	January 11, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	January 11, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	January 18, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	January 18, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	January 25, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	January 25, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	February 1, 2020	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation **	February 29, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1 **	March 7, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2 **	March 7, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3 **	March 14, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4 **	March 14, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5 **	March 21, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6 **	March 21, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7 **	March 28, 2020	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	May 2, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	May 9, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	May 9, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	May 16, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	May 16, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	May 30, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	May 30, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	June 6, 2020	9:00 AM

If you have questions regarding training changes or cancellations, please contact WVFACT at 304-716-4998, www.wvfact.com, or www.facebook.com/wvfact. Please do not contact the facilities directly.

Braxton County Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	September 14, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	September 21, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	September 21, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	September 28, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	September 28, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	October 5, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	October 5, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	October 12, 2019	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	January 4, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	January 11, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	January 11, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	January 18, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	January 18, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	January 25, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	January 25, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	February 1, 2020	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	March 14, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	March 21, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	March 21, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	March 28, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	March 28, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	April 4, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	April 4, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	April 18, 2020	9:00 AM

Trainings will be held at the Braxton County Department of Health & Human Resources -
 Located at 3708 Sutton Lane, Sutton, WV 26604

If you have questions regarding training changes or cancellations, please contact WVFACT at 304-716-4998, www.wvfact.com, or www.facebook.com/wvfact. Please do not contact the facilities directly.

Lewisburg Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	July 6, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	July 13, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	July 13, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	July 20, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	July 20, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	July 27, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	July 27, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	August 3, 2019	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	October 5, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	October 12, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	October 12, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	October 19, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	October 19, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	October 26, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	October 26, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	November 2, 2019	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	January 28, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 1	February 4, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 2	February 6, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 3	February 11, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 4	February 13, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 5	February 18, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 6	February 20, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 7	February 25, 2020	6:00 PM

Trainings will be held at the Greenbrier County Department of Health & Human Resources located at 316 Maple Wood Avenue, Suite 3, Lewisburg, WV 24907

Lewisburg Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	April 18, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	April 25, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	April 25, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	May 2, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	May 2, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	May 9, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	May 9, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	May 16, 2020	9:00 AM

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Princeton Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	July 27, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	August 3, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	August 3, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	August 10, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	August 10, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	August 17, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	August 17, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	August 24, 2019	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	September 28, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	October 5, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	October 5, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	October 12, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	October 12, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	October 19, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	October 19, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	October 26, 2019	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation **	November 12, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 1 **	November 14, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 2 **	November 19, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 3 **	November 21, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 4 **	November 26, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 5 **	December 3, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 6 **	December 5, 2019	6:00 PM
Session 7 **	December 10, 2019	6:00 PM

Saturday training sessions will be held at the Mercer County Health & Human Resources located at 350 Davis Street, Princeton, WV 24740.

** Weeknight training sessions will be held at the Children’s Home Society building located at 205 Center Street, Princeton, WV 24740.

Princeton Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	January 25, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	February 1, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	February 1, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	February 8, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	February 8, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	February 15, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	February 15, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	February 22, 2020	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	March 28, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	April 4, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	April 4, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	April 18, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	April 18, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	April 25, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	April 25, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	May 2, 2020	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation **	May 26, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 1 **	June 2, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 2 **	June 4, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 3 **	June 9, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 4 **	June 11, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 5 **	June 16, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 6 **	June 18, 2020	6:00 PM
Session 7 **	June 23, 2020	6:00 PM



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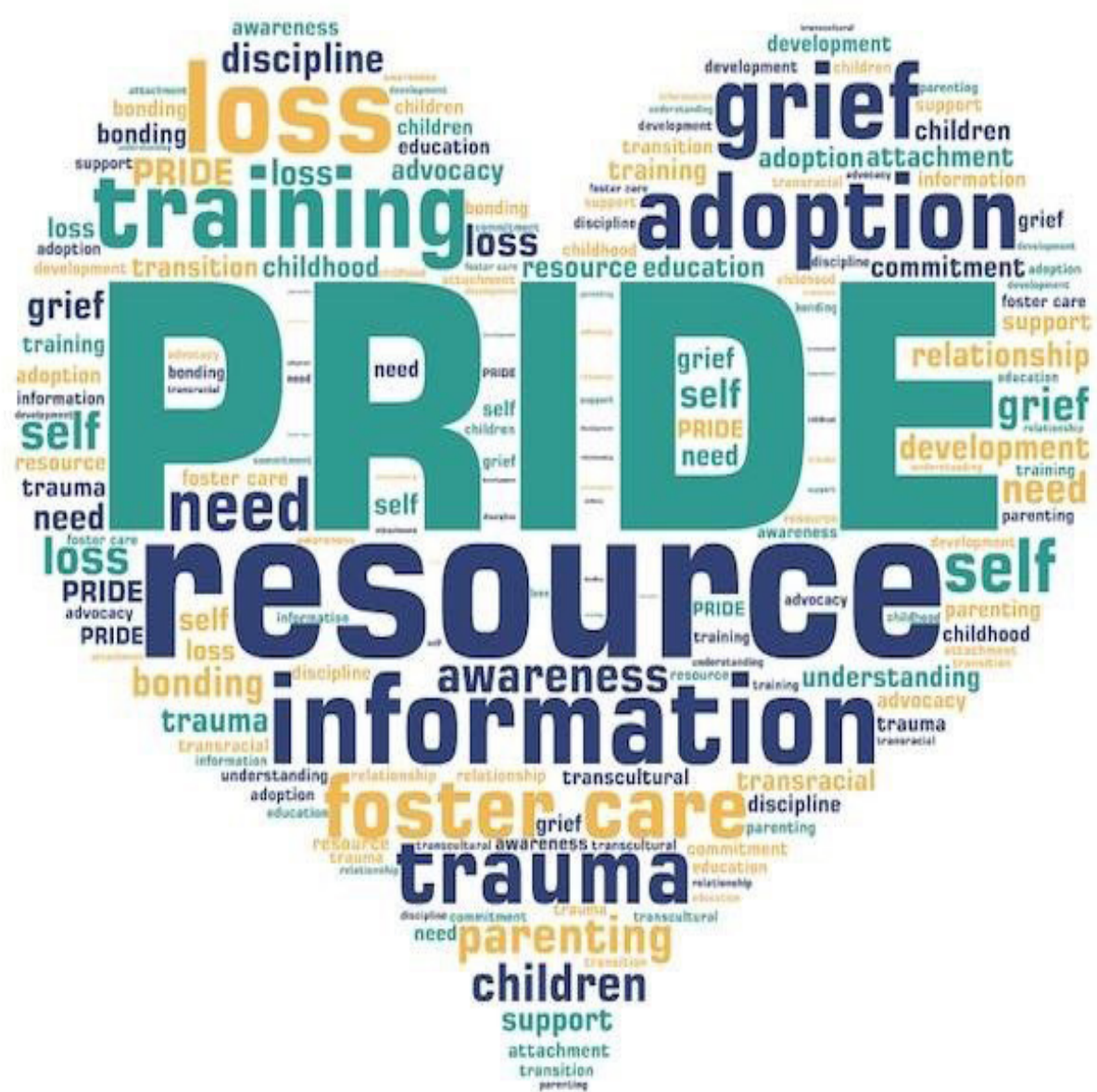
Summersville Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	August 3, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	August 10, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	August 10, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	August 17, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	August 17, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	August 24, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	August 24, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	September 7, 2019	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	October 26, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	November 2, 2019	9:00 AM
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Session 7	December 14, 2019	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	February 8, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	February 15, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	February 15, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	February 22, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	February 22, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	February 29, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	February 29, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	March 7, 2020	9:00 AM

Training will be held at the Summersville Regional Medical Center located at 400 Fairview Heights Road, Summersville, WV 26651.

Summersville Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	April 25, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	May 2, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	May 2, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	May 9, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	May 9, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	May 16, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	May 16, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	May 30, 2020	9:00 AM



Welch Pre-Service Schedule

Kinship Orientation	August 17, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 1	September 7, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 2	September 7, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 3	September 14, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 4	September 14, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 5	September 21, 2019	9:00 AM
Session 6	September 21, 2019	1:00 PM
Session 7	September 28, 2019	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	January 18, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	January 25, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	January 25, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	February 1, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	February 1, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	February 8, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	February 8, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	February 15, 2020	9:00 AM
Kinship Orientation	March 7, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 1	March 14, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 2	March 14, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 3	March 21, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 4	March 21, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 5	March 28, 2020	9:00 AM
Session 6	March 28, 2020	1:00 PM
Session 7	April 4, 2020	9:00 AM

Training will be held at Welch Community Hospital located at 454 McDowell Street, Welch, WV 24801

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I have to take these parenting classes?

Pre-Service PRIDE classes are not parenting classes. These classes offer the necessary skills needed to undertake your new role as a foster parent. The children, relative or otherwise, will arrive with an array of different challenges and these classes are designed to equip your home with the understanding of what to expect and how to provide a place for the child(ren) to heal physically, psychologically, and emotionally.

Do I have to attend Kinship Orientation?

Kinship Orientation is a session devoted to Department of Health and Human Resources providers to make you aware of the DHHR policy and procedures, as well as fingerprinting and opportunities to ask questions of local department workers. If you are a provider through DHHR (referred to as “Kinship Placement”), then you will have to attend a kinship orientation unless otherwise informed by your homefinder. If you are a provider through a private agency (referred to as “Traditional Placement”), then you should contact your agency for their procedures for fingerprinting etc.

Do I have to attend the sessions in order?

While it is always best to take the session in order, there are times when it is not possible. If you miss a session, you can make that session up at a later date. You will not receive your certificate of completion until after you have made up the missed session and taken the online post test. Individuals who make up sessions are not permitted to take the post test at the session and must take the post test online, or make other arrangements through the Social Work Department at Concord University. If you need to take the online post test, please contact the Social Work Department at Concord University by calling 304-716-4998 or email wvfact@concord.edu to be enrolled for the test.

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