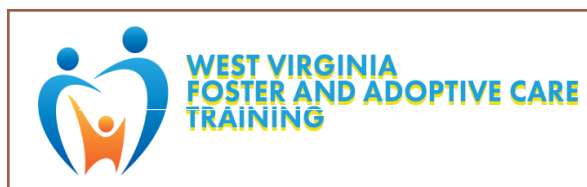


West Virginia Foster & Adoptive Care



Trauma / In-Service Training
Schedule

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



“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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THE PROVISION OF THE SCHEDULED TRAINING HEREIN IS CONTINGENT UPON CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGH A FEDERAL IV-E GRANT ADMINISTERED THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CONCORD UNIVERSITY AND THE WV DHHR BUREAU FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF TRAINING

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 and online through ZOOM.
- Level One or Pre-Service is 21 hours of training offered in seven (7), three (3) hour classes.
- We are currently holding three (3) Pre-Service trainings per month. Two (2) trainings via ZOOM and one (1) in-seat training.
- You must PRE-REGISTER for Level One/Pre-Service Training by calling 304-384-5189 or contact the office by emailing wvfact@concord.edu. Pre-registration is very important so as to ensure that the materials for training can be mailed to 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 in-seat training is scheduled to take place, class will be cancelled.
- 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.

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
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Lori Johnson	Raleigh County	304-465-9613
Lisa Davis	Raleigh County	304-465-9613
Vacant	Mingo & Wyoming Counties	304-235-4680 ext: 2031
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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.

July 2021 In-Service Schedule

Cyber Safety	July 15, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 1	July 24, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	July 24, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	July 31, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Self Care	July 31, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM

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August 2021 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	August 17, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	August 19, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	August 24, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Drug Affected Child	August 26, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM

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September 2021 In-Service Schedule

Communication Skills	September 16, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 1	September 18, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	September 18, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	September 25, 2021	9:00 AM	
Resiliency in Foster Care	September 25, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM

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October 2021 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	October 19, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	October 21, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	October 26, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Foster Children & the Holidays	October 28, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM

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November 2021 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	November 13, 2021	9:00 AM	Welch CoA
Trauma 2	November 13, 2021	1:00 PM	Welch CoA
Trauma 3	November 20, 2021	9:00 AM	Welch CoA
Teens in Care	November 18, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Cyber Safety	November 20, 2021	1:00 PM	Welch CoA

McDowell Commission on Aging (COA) is located at 725 Steward Street, Welch, WV 24801. To be able to attend trainings you must pre-register. Individuals who have not pre-registered will not be admitted and will have to call our office to be registered.

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January 2022 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	January 8, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	January 8, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	January 15, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Cyber Safety	January 15, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM

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February 2022 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	February 8, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	February 10, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	February 15, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Understanding Discipline	February 24, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM

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March 2022 In-Service Schedule

Teens In Care	March 17, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 1	March 19, 2022	9:00 AM	Welch COA
Trauma 2	March 19, 2022	1:00 PM	Welch COA
Trauma 3	March 26, 2022	9:00 AM	Welch COA
Promoting Personal Identity	March 26, 2022	1:00 PM	Welch CoA

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April 2022 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	April 19, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	April 21, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	April 26, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Complex Behaviors	April 28, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM

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May 2022 In-Service Schedule

Teens in Care	May 19, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 1	May 21, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	May 21, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	May 28, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Cyber Safety	May 28, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM

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June 2022 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	June 21, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	June 23, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	June 28, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Self-Care	June 30, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I have to take these trauma classes?

Trauma can have different meanings to different people. In the instance of these classes the trauma talked about is the psychosocial, psychological, and emotional trauma that all children in foster care have endured. During these classes the instructors will guide participants in what to expect and how to aid in healing the unseen scars the trauma has inflicted.

How many classes do I have to attend?

The number of classes needed to continue the status as a certified foster home varies between agencies. To determine how many hours of training is needed to maintain the certification, please contact your homefinding agency.

Do I have to attend the sessions in order?

Trauma sessions do have to be taken in order, and cannot be taken out of order.

How will I know if my In-Service is canceled?

If an In-Service does not have the required number of registered participants, the training will be canceled the day of the training. Every effort is made to contact the registered participants if the session is canceled. Once the decision has been made to cancel the session, the information is passed on to the homefinders and posted on the WVFACT.com site as well as on the facebook page (www.facebook.com/wvfact). Registrants are always encouraged to check with these websites or contact the Social Work Department of Concord University to verify if a session has been canceled. You can reach the Social Work Department at 304-716-4998 or by E-Mail at wvfact@concord.edu.

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