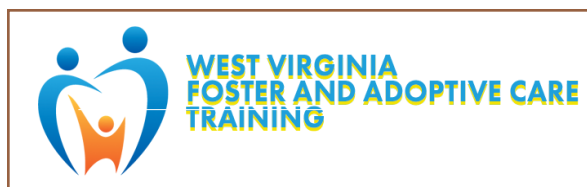


# West Virginia Foster & Adoptive Care



Pre-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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# 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](http://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, three 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](mailto: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](http://www.wvfact.com) or [www.facebook.com/wvfact](http://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

Debbie Totten Homefinding Supervisor	Greenbrier County DHHR	304-647-7476 ext: 76359
Malinda Mitchem Homefinding Supervisor	Summers County DHHR	304-466-2807
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
Lisa Davis	Raleigh County	304-465-9613
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.

## July 2021 Pre-Service Schedule

Session 1	July 6, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	July 8, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	July 13, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	July 15, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	July 20, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	July 22, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	July 27, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	July 10, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	July 10, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	July 17, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	July 17, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	July 24, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	July 24, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	July 31, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 1	July 10, 2021	10:00 AM	CU - Athens
Session 2	July 10, 2021	2:00 PM	CU - Athens
Session 3	July 17, 2021	10:00 AM	CU - Athens
Session 4	July 17, 2021	2:00 PM	CU - Athens
Session 5	July 24, 2021	10:00 AM	CU - Athens
Session 6	July 24, 2021	2:00 PM	CU - Athens
Session 7	July 31, 2021	10:00 AM	CU - Athens

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## August 2021 Pre-Service Schedule

Session 1	August 3, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	August 5, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	August 10, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	August 12, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	August 17, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	August 19, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	August 24, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	August 7, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	August 7, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	August 14, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	August 14, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	August 21, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	August 21, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	August 24, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 1	August 7, 2021	9:00 AM	McDowell COA
Session 2	August 7, 2021	1:00 PM	McDowell COA
Session 3	August 14, 2021	9:00 AM	McDowell COA
Session 4	August 14, 2021	1:00 PM	McDowell COA
Session 5	August 21, 2021	9:00 AM	McDowell COA
Session 6	August 21, 2021	1:00 PM	McDowell COA
Session 7	August 28, 2021	9:00 AM	McDowell COA

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## September 2021 Pre-Service Schedule

Session 1	September 7, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	September 9, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	September 14, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	September 16, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	September 21, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	September 23, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	September 28, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	September 11, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	September 11, 2021	1:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 3	September 18, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	September 18, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	September 25, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	September 25, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	October 2, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 1	September 11, 2021	9:00 AM	Sutton - Braxton Co.
Session 2	September 11, 2021	1:00 PM	Sutton - Braxton Co.
Session 3	September 18, 2021	9:00 AM	Sutton - Braxton Co.
Session 4	September 18, 2021	1:00 PM	Sutton - Braxton Co.
Session 5	September 25, 2021	9:00 AM	Sutton - Braxton Co.
Session 6	September 25, 2021	1:00 PM	Sutton - Braxton Co.
Session 7	October 2, 2021	9:00 AM	Sutton - Braxton Co.

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## October 2021 Pre-Service Schedule

Session 1	October 2, 2021	10:00 AM	CU - Athens
Session 2	October 2, 2021	2:00 PM	CU - Athens
Session 3	October 9, 2021	10:00 AM	CU - Athens
Session 4	October 9, 2021	2:00 PM	CU - Athens
Session 5	October 16, 2021	10:00 AM	CU- Athens
Session 6	October 16, 2021	2:00 PM	CU - Athens
Session 7	October 23, 2021	10:00 AM	CU - Athens
Session 1	October 5, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	October 7, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	October 12, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	October 14, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	October 19, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	October 21, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	October 26, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	October 9, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	October 9, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	October 16, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	October 16, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	October 23, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	October 23, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	October 30, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM

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## November 2021 Pre-Service Schedule

Session 1	November 2, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	November 4, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	November 9, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	November 16, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	November 18, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	November 30, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	December 2, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	November 6, 2021	9:00 AM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 2	November 6, 2021	1:00 PM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 3	November 13, 2021	9:00 AM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 4	November 13, 2021	1:00 PM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 5	November 20, 2021	9:00 AM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 6	November 20, 2021	1:00 PM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 7	December 4, 2021	9:00 AM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 1	November 6, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	November 6, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	November 13, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	November 13, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	November 20, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	November 20, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	December 4, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM

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## January 2022 Pre-Service Schedule

Session 1	January 4, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	January 6, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	January 11, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	January 13, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	January 18, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	January 20, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	January 25, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	January 8, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	January 8, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	January 15, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	January 15, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	January 22, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	January 22, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	January 29, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 1	January 8, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	January 8, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	January 15, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	January 15, 2022	1:00PM	ZOOM
Session 5	January 22, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	January 22, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	January 29, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM

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Session 2	February 3, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	February 8, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	February 10, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	February 15, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	February 17, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	February 22, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	February 5, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	February 5, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	February 12, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	February 12, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	February 19, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	February 19, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	February 26, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM

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## March 2022 Pre-Service Schedule

Session 1	March 1, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	March 3, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	March 8, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	March 10, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	March 15, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	March 17, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	March 22, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	March 5, 2022	10:00 AM	CU - State Room
Session 2	March 5, 2022	2:00 PM	CU - State Room
Session 3	March 12, 2022	10:00 AM	CU - State Room
Session 4	March 12, 2022	2:00 PM	CU - State Room
Session 5	March 19, 2022	10:00 AM	CU - State Room
Session 6	March 19, 2022	2:00 PM	CU - State Room
Session 7	March 26, 2022	10:00 AM	CU - State Room
Session 1	March 5, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	March 5, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	March 12, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	March 12, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	March 19, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	March 19, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	March 26, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM

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## April 2022 Pre-Service Schedule

Session 1	April 2, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	April 2, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	April 9, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	April 9, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	April 23, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	April 23, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	April 30, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 1	April 2, 2022	9:00 AM	Welch - COA
Session 2	April 2, 2022	1:00 PM	Welch - COA
Session 3	April 9, 2022	9:00 AM	Welch - COA
Session 4	April 9, 2022	1:00 PM	Welch - COA
Session 5	April 23, 2022	9:00 AM	Welch - COA
Session 6	April 23, 2022	1:00 PM	Welch - COA
Session 7	April 30, 2022	9:00 MA	Welch - COA
Session 1	April 5, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	April 7, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	April 12, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	April 14, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	April 19, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	April 21, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	April 26, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM

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Session 2	May 5, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	May 10, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	May 12, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	May 17, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	May 19, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	May 24, 2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	May 3, 2021	6:00 PM	CU - State Room
Session 2	May 5, 2021	6:00 PM	CU - State Room
Session 3	May 10, 2021	6:00 PM	CU - State Room
Session 4	May 12, 2021	6:00 PM	CU - State Room
Session 5	May 17, 2021	6:00 PM	CU - State Room
Session 6	May 19, 2021	6:00 PM	CU - State Room
Session 7	May 24, 2021	6:00 PM	CU- State Room
Session 1	May 7, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	May 7, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	May 14, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	May 14, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	May 21, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	May 21, 2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	May 28, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM

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## June 2022 Pre-Service Schedule

Session 1	June 4, 2022	9:00 AM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 2	June 4, 2022	1:00 PM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 3	June 11, 2022	9:00 AM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 4	June 11, 2022	1:00 PM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 5	June 18, 2022	9:00 AM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 6	June 18, 2022	1:00 PM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 7	June 25, 2022	9:00 AM	Braxton - Sutton
Session 1	June 4, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	June 4, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	June 11, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	June 11, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	June 18, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	June 18, 2022	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	June 25, 2022	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 1	June 7, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	June 9, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	June 14, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	June 16, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	June 21, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	June 23, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	June 28, 2022	6:00 PM	ZOOM

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## 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.

### **Can I take the classes online?**

Since 2020, WVFACT has been offering the PRIDE classes through the online ZOOM format. At any time the format of these classes may be changed back to in seat only. If that happens then registered participants will be notified and given the options to chose a training location close to them. When the classes are held online, they are live with the trainer and co-trainer, participants will be expected to behave as they would if the trainings were held in person. The training materials, including rules for participants who chose to attend classes online. Please be sure that you can meet all the expectations before signing up for online training.

### **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](mailto:wvfact@concord.edu) to be enrolled for the test.



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