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Dear Prospective Kinship/Relative/Foster/Adoptive Parents:

Attached you will find the current PRIDE Pre-Service Training schedule. PRIDE stands for Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education.

We would like to take this opportunity to explain that PRIDE Pre-Service Training is **not** a 'parenting class.' PRIDE is designed to strengthen the quality of kinship/foster care and adoption services by developing and supporting resource (kinship/foster/adoptive) families as partners in child protection. As a model of practice, PRIDE provides preparation, assessment, and ongoing professional development, support, and retention.

Due to COVID-19 precautions all PRIDE Pre-Service Trainings will be completed online for now, via ZOOM. There will be an "orientation" where a Home Finding Specialist will cover the Home Finding Policy of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. The Home Finding Specialist will return on the final day of PRIDE for a 'panel session' to wrap up the training and answer any questions that you may have. You will receive a certificate from the PRIDE trainer to verify that you have completed all the PRIDE Pre-Service Training sessions.

To insure that the online training experience is as beneficial as possible, the following eligibility criteria must be met for participation:

- **Have access to an electronic device (laptop, cellphone, tablet) and a high-speed Internet connection.**

We will be meeting synchronously or "live" via Zoom. High-speed Internet will be a necessity to maintain connection and to hear and see what is happening. If you have not yet done so, please download Zoom on your electronic device and experiment with it.

We will try to run a Zoom Practice session and will let you know the date. You are not required to participate in the practice session. It is an opportunity to use Zoom and connect before the training starts.

- **Have reserved/protected space and time for training.**

While we are in unusual times and often crowded spaces during the current pandemic, it is important that you are able to be present in workshop sessions with as few interruptions as possible (much like attending an in-person training in another location). Please make arrangements for children to be cared for while you are in training. This may require parents to participate in different rounds.

- **Be willing to actively participate.**

WV Foster/Adopt PRIDE Training is an interactive experience. An online environment makes it more challenging for many people to feel comfortable speaking up, sharing, stories, and asking questions. Taking part in the online training means that you are willing to be involved in the interactive nature of the training sessions in an online format, including being present on screen during active training times.

- **Maintain confidentiality.**

No portion of the training workshops will be video recorded via Zoom. We ask, due to the delicate issues often involved in child welfare cases, that all participants maintain confidentiality of other participants and refrain from the use of any audio or video recording devices during training time.

- **Next steps**

If you understand, and are in agreement, with the above eligibility requirements and wish to participate in on-line WV Foster/Adopt PRIDE Training, please confirm.

For questions or concerns, or to enroll in an online training please contact your WV DHHR Homefinding Specialist (information at the end of this letter).

Thank you for your time, patience, and commitment!

2022 DATES	TIME
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Each Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING #1	
CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND PRIDE TRAINING CLASSES DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF MATERIALS COVERED AND DISRUPTION OF THE TRAINING!	
<p>Please submit this form to the Home Finding Specialist if you wish to register for PRIDE training at this location. There are 25 spaces available for this training. To secure your space, please register as soon as possible. If no available openings remain for this session, you will be informed and given the opportunity to attend another round of PRIDE training.</p>	
Participant Name(s): _____ Telephone Number(s): _____ Mailing Address(s): _____ Email Address: _____	

2022 DATES	TIME
January 15, 22, 29, February 5	Each Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
WV STATE UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING #2	
CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND PRIDE TRAINING CLASSES DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF MATERIALS COVERED AND DISRUPTION OF THE TRAINING!	
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Participant Name(s): _____ Telephone Number(s): _____ Mailing Address(s): _____ Email Address: _____	

2022 DATES	TIME
February 15, 17, 22, 24, March 1, 3, 8	Each Tuesday/Thursday: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
WV STATE UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING #3	
CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND PRIDE TRAINING CLASSES DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF MATERIALS COVERED AND DISRUPTION OF THE TRAINING!	
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Participant Name(s): _____ Telephone Number(s): _____ Mailing Address(s): _____ Email Address: _____	

2022 DATES	TIME
February 26, March 5, 12, 19	Each Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM TRAINING #4	
CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND PRIDE TRAINING CLASSES DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF MATERIALS COVERED AND DISRUPTION OF THE TRAINING!	
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2022 DATES	TIME
March 19, 26, April 2, 9	Each Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
WV STATE UNIVERSITY ZOOM TRAINING #5	
CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND PRIDE TRAINING CLASSES DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF MATERIALS COVERED AND DISRUPTION OF THE TRAINING!	
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2022 DATES	TIME
March 22, 24, 29, 31, April 5, 7, 12	Each Tuesday/Thursday: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING #6	
CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND PRIDE TRAINING CLASSES DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF MATERIALS COVERED AND DISRUPTION OF THE TRAINING!	
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2022 DATES	TIME
April 26, 28, May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17	Each Tuesday/Thursday: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
WV STATE UNIVERSITY ZOOM TRAINING #7	
CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND PRIDE TRAINING SESSIONS DUE TO SENSITIVITY OF MATERIALS COVERED AND DISRUPTION OF THE TRAINING!	
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2022 DATES	TIME
April 30, May 7, 14, 21	Each Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING #8	
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2022 DATES	TIME
June 4, 11, 18, 25	Each Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
WV STATE UNIVERSITY ZOOM TRAINING #9	
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2022 DATES	TIME
June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28	Each Tuesday/Thursday: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING #10	
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Training Schedule:

****subject to change without Home Finder notice

- Session 1: WV DHHR Orientation
Connecting with PRIDE
- Session 2: Teamwork toward Permanence
Intro to Meeting Developmental Needs-Attachment
- Session 3: Wrap up Meeting Developmental Needs-Attachment
Intro to Planning for Change
- Session 4: Meeting Developmental Needs-Loss
- Session 5: Strengthening Family Relationships
Continuing Family Relationships
- Session 6: Meeting Developmental Needs-Discipline
- Session 7: Wrap up Planning for Change
Taking PRIDE-Making an Informed Decision/Panel

Please submit registration to:
Home Finding Specialist: Amanda May
District: Putnam County DHHR
Address: 12531 Winfield Rd. Winfield, WV 25213
Telephone: 304-586-8055
E-Mail: Amanda.D.May@wv.gov

If you have any questions, and/or concerns, please contact the Home Finding Specialist listed on this form.
 We look forward to seeing you at our training sessions!