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Dear Prospective Kinship/Relative/Foster/Adoptive Parents:

Due to COVID-19 precautions all trainings will be completed online.

There is a required "orientation" where a Home Finding Specialist will cover the Home Finding Policy of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. There are orientation sessions available monthly via Google Meet.

Your Home Finding Specialist will send you the link to the Google Meet meeting.

Orientation dates available are:

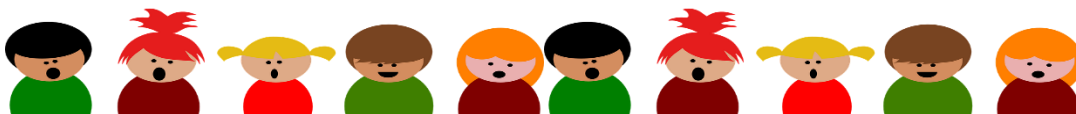
Monday, July 11, 2022, 6:00pm

Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:00pm

Monday, September 12, 2022, 6:00pm

Monday, October 3, 2022, 6:00pm

Monday, November 14, 2022, 6:00pm



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.

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.

- **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 on time and present!**

If you are more than 15 minutes late, you will be asked to re-schedule.

- **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.

Space is limited to approximately 25 families for each Zoom PRIDE training round.

Please plan to attend ALL dates per training round!

Available trainings for PRIDE, choose one round to attend:

2022-JULY 9, 16, 23, 30	4 Saturdays 9am-4pm
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING ROUND #1	
Join Zoom Meeting	
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88524315293?pwd=WjNjd3FnL2c0Y2RETTcrdG94eG9uQT09	
Meeting ID: 885 2431 5293	
Passcode: 913846	

2022-JULY 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, AUGUST 2	7 Tues/Thurs 6pm-9pm
WVSU ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING ROUND #2	
Join Zoom Meeting	
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88524315293?pwd=WjNjd3FnL2c0Y2RETTcrdG94eG9uQT09	
Meeting ID: 885 2431 5293	
Passcode: 913846	

2022-AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27	4 Saturdays 9am-4pm
WVSU ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING ROUND #3	
Join Zoom Meeting	
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88524315293?pwd=WjNjd3FnL2c0Y2RETTcrdG94eG9uQT09	
Meeting ID: 885 2431 5293	
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2022-AUGUST 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30	7 Tues/Thurs 6pm-9pm
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING ROUND #4	
Join Zoom Meeting	
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2022-SEPTEMBER 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27	7 Tues/Thurs 6pm-9pm
WVSU ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING ROUND #5	
Join Zoom Meeting	
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88524315293?pwd=WjNjd3FnL2c0Y2RETTcrdG94eG9uQT09	
Meeting ID: 885 2431 5293	
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2022-SEPTEMBER 10, 17, 24, OCTOBER 1	4 Saturdays 9am-4pm
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING ROUND #6	
Join Zoom Meeting	
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88524315293?pwd=WjNjd3FnL2c0Y2RETTcrdG94eG9uQT09	
Meeting ID: 885 2431 5293	
Passcode: 913846	

2022-OCTOBER 8, 15, 22, 29	4 Saturdays 9am-4pm
WVSU PRIDE ZOOM TRAINING ROUND #7	
Join Zoom Meeting	
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Meeting ID: 885 2431 5293	
Passcode: 913846	

2022-OCTOBER 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, NOVEMBER 1	7 Tues/Thurs 6pm-9pm
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING ROUND #8	
Join Zoom Meeting	
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2022-NOVEMBER 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22	7 Tues/Thurs 6pm-9pm
WVSU ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING ROUND #9	
Join Zoom Meeting	
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Meeting ID: 885 2431 5293	
Passcode: 913846	

2022-NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, skip 26, DECEMBER 3	4 Saturdays 9am-4pm
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY ZOOM PRIDE TRAINING ROUND #10	
Join Zoom Meeting	
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Training Schedule:

****subject to change without Home Finder notice

- Session 1: 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 respond to your Home Finding Specialist
with the following information:**

**Which orientation date would you like to attend regarding WV
DHHR Home Finding Policy?**
(July, August, September, October, or November)

Which Zoom PRIDE training round would you like to attend?
(Training round 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10)

Home Finding Specialist:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

If you have any questions, and/or concerns, please contact your Home Finding Specialist. We look forward to seeing you at our training sessions! Thank you for your time, patience, and commitment!