

West Virginia Foster & Adoptive Care



Trauma / In-Service Training Schedule
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



“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 In-Service Training?

The needs of Foster Parents and Caregivers change as they continue on the path of providing a healing home for children in care. For this reason, different training modules are continuously developed to help Foster Parents / Caregivers gain the knowledge and community to navigate this ever changing dynamic between Children in Foster Care and the families who are there to aid in healing.

Why do I have to take Trauma classes?

Trauma-informed resource parenting involves an ongoing awareness of how traumatic experiences may affect children, families, and the human services professionals who serve them (NCTSN, 2016). These trainings are intended to give the foster / kinship families information that will prepare them for caring for a child who experienced trauma. The goals of these training include the following: Help families realize the impact of trauma; Recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma; Prevent the retraumatization of children in foster care; Fewer children requiring crisis services, such as emergency department visits or residential treatment; Fewer foster home placements, including reentries ; Overall improved child functioning and well-being. (HHS, SAMHSA, 2014)

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).

“How do I attend trainings online?”

When attending training online, you will have to provide an E-Mail, and you will receive an E-Mail confirming that you are registered to attend, additionally the link to join ZOOM. The link to the training **will not** change, and the same link will be used for all sessions of the scheduled training. Below there are some things to keep in mind when attending online.

- Children are not permitted to be in the room during the training. There are no exceptions to this as many of the topics discussed and videos watched are not appropriate.
- Your face must be in the frame during training. If you are attending with someone else you can use the same device, but must be visible.
- Participants cannot attend if they are driving. Some participants may have to travel to have access to a secure connection, which is taken into consideration. However if the vehicle is moving the individual attending cannot be counted as attending

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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	304-638-1401
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 2023 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	July 22, 2023	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	July 22, 2023	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	July 29, 2023	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Working with the School System	July 29, 2023	1:00 PM	ZOOM

If you have questions regarding training changes or cancellations, please contact WVFACT at 304-384-5189, www.wvfact.com, or www.facebook.com/wvfact. Please do not contact the facilities directly.

August 2023 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	August 19, 2023	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	August 19, 2023	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	August 26, 2023	9:00 AM	ZOOM
NAS/FAS	August 26, 2023	1:00 PM	ZOOM

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September 2023 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	September 23, 2023	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	September 23, 2023	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	September 30, 2023	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Promoting Positive Self Esteem	September 30, 2023	1:00 PM	ZOOM

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October 2023 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	October 17, 2023	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	October 19, 2023	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	October 24, 2023	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Foster Children & the Holidays	October 26, 2023	6:00 PM	ZOOM

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November 2023 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	November 11, 2023	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	November 11, 2023	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	November 18, 2023	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Cyber Safety	November 18, 2023	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 1	November 11, 2023	9:00 AM	Welch
Trauma 2	November 11, 2023	1:00 PM	Welch
Trauma 3	November 18, 2023	9:00 AM	Welch
Self-Care	November 18, 2023	1:00 PM	Welch

McDowell Commission on Aging (COA) is located at 725 Steward Street, Welch, WV 24801. To ensure we have an adequate number of training materials, please contact the WVFACT office by calling 304-384-5189 to register.

January 2024 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	January 20, 2024	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	January 20, 2024	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	January 27, 2024	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Resiliency	January 27, 2024	1:00 PM	ZOOM

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February 2024 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	February 17, 2024	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	February 17, 2024	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	February 24, 2024	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Teens in Care	February 24, 2024	1:00 PM	ZOOM

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March 2024 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	March 23, 2024	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	March 23, 2024	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	March 30, 2024	9:00 AM	ZOOM
ADHD to Autism	March 30, 2024	1:00 PM	ZOOM

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April 2024 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	April 16, 2024	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	April 18, 2024	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	April 23, 2024	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Self-Care	April 25, 2024	6:00 PM	ZOOM

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May 2024 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	May 11, 2024	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	May 11, 2024	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	May 18, 2024	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Cyber Safety	May 18, 2024	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 1	May 11, 2024	9:00 AM	Concord U.
Trauma 2	May 11, 2024	1:00 PM	Concord U.
Trauma 3	May 18, 2024	9:00 AM	Concord U.
Working with Schools	May 18, 2024	1:00 PM	Concord U.

The In-seat trainings will be held on the Concord University Campus in room A333 of Marsh Hall / Administration building located at 1000 Vermillion Street, Athens, WV 24712. To ensure that we have adequate training materials available, please be sure to contact the WVFACT office by calling 304-384-5189 or E-Mail wvfact@concord.edu to register.

June 2024 In-Service Schedule

Trauma 1	June 18, 2024	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 2	June 20, 2024	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 3	June 25, 2024	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Understanding Discipline	June 27, 2024	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Trauma 1	June 15, 2024	9:00 AM	Braxton
Trauma 2	June 15, 2024	1:00 PM	Braxton
Trauma 3	June 22, 2024	9:00 AM	Braxton
Communication Skills	June 22, 2024	1:00 PM	Braxton

Braxton County Training will be held at the Braxton County DHHR located at 3708 Sutton Ln., Sutton, WV. To ensure that we have adequate training materials available, please be sure to contact the WVFACT office by calling 304-384-5189 or E-Mail wvfact@concord.edu to register.

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.come 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 3043845189 or by E-Mail at wvfact@concord.edu.

REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND TRAINING VIA ZOOM

- Registration is mandatory. Only individuals who register will receive the link to the zoom training.
- Log into training promptly. Log ins after 15 minutes will not will be admitted to the training.
- Your camera must be on, with your face in the frame. Couples can use the same camera but you must both be visible to receive credit for attendance.
- If you leave the training session at any time for more than 15 minutes (excluding scheduled breaks) you will have to repeat the training.
- Materials for the training will be mailed to the mailing address provided during registration.
- Distractions must be kept at a minimum, Children should not be in the room during training, as many parts of the training are inappropriate for children.
- Please keep your microphone muted unless you are participating.
- You are expected to participate in discussion during the training.
- Be respectful of others.
- Anything shared in the training by you or other participants is considered confidential.
- Participants cannot drive any vehicle while attending a zoom training. If any participant is in any vehicle, the vehicle must be stationary or driven by someone who is not attending the training.
- Be understanding. This is a new learning environment and some people may experience lag or other technical issues. Be patient with yourself and others.
- If you have not received the training materials at least 24 hours prior to the training, please contact wvfact@concord.edu.
- The co-trainer monitor will take attendance and monitor throughout the training to ensure participants are following the rules and procedures. Please note that if a participant is not following the rules and procedures, you can be removed from the training and the issues will be reported to your agency.



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