

WEST VIRGINIA FOSTER & ADOPTIVE CARE



Pre-Service & In-Service Training Schedule

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



“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 the NTDC?

The **National Training and Development Curriculum (NTDC)** is a new curriculum that is based on research and input from experts, families who have experience with fostering or adopting children, and former foster and adoptive youth. The NTDC will provide prospective foster, adoptive, and kinship caregivers the information and tools needed to parent a child who has experienced trauma, separation, or loss. This curriculum is a state-of-the-art classroom and online program that helps to prepare potential foster and adoptive parents to be successful parents. Additionally, the NTDC gives parents access to information and resources needed to continue building skills once they have the child in their home.

Why become a foster/ adoptive parent?

On average, there are over 6,000 children in foster care in the state of West Virginia. The most prominent population of children in need are youth and teens as well as children with special needs. The need for foster and adoptive families is immense, as children need safe, nurturing homes to thrive.

Foster and adoptive parents should have certain knowledge and skills called competencies in order to provide the specialized care that children in foster care need. Providing those unique parenting skills to families in an effort to nurture and support the children in our care is what the NTDC training is all about. The ***first step*** to becoming a foster or adoptive parent is completing the NTDC Pre-Service Training.

Things to know about completing the NTDC Pre-Service Training with us:

- NTDC Training is **FREE** and offered locally in your community and online through Zoom. Please review the Zoom Rules/Requirements on page 37.
- The NTDC Pre-Service Training 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 NTDC Pre-Service Training by calling 304-384-5189 or contact the office by emailing wvfact@concord.edu.
 - Pre-Registration is very important 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 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.



WVDoHS Home Finding Specialist

Contact Information

Homefinder	DoHS County	Phone
Kayla Paugh	Barbour	304-457-9030
Jessica Horn	Berkeley	304-232-4411 Ext: 03133
Stacy Flynn (Supervisor)	Cabell	304-528-5800 Ext: 90376
Tara Evans	Cabell	304-528-5800 Ext: 90380
Elizabeth Eplin	Cabell	304-528-5800 Ext: 90375
Angelina Hesson	Cabell	304-528-5800 Ext: 90372
Erica Whitt (Supervisor)	Greenbrier	304-647-7476
Heather Hanshaw	Fayette	304-465-9613
Lori Johnson	Fayette	304-465-9613 Ext: 52232
Tesa Ash (Supervisor)	Harrison	304-627-2295
Misty Metz	Harrison	304-627-2295 Ext: 60410
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Information in this table is correct as of the time of printing, but is subject to change. If you are unsure of your homefinder, please call your local DoHS to get the correct name and contact information.



WVDoHS Home Finding Specialist

Contact Information

Homefinder	DoHS County	Phone
Susan Burkamer	Kanawha	304-746-2390 Ext: 20375
Dwayne Combs	Kanawha	304-352-0388
Tiffany Stemple	Kanawha	304-746-2390
Kristie Marchio	Kanawha	304-746-2390
Baranda Nottingham	Lewis	304-269-6820 Ext: 37240
Emily Payne	Marshall	304-843-4120 Ext: 12195
Marsha Phillips	McDowell	304-426-8302 Ext: 50039
Melinda Goddard (Supervisor)	Mercer	304-425-8738 Ext: 63939
Charissa Bolton	Mercer	304-425-8738 Ext: 63857
Brandi Brewer	Mercer	304-425-8738 Ext: 63805

The provision of this training is contingent upon continued support through federal IV-E grant admission through a partnership between Concord University and the WV Department of Human Services (WVDoHS) Bureau for Social Services - Division of Training.



WVDoHS Home Finding Specialist

Contact Information

Homefinder	DoHS County	Phone
Christopher Stahl <i>(Supervisor)</i>	Ohio	304-232-4411 Ext: 00190
Dave Wellman	Ohio	304-230-0161
Kelsey Kolinski	Ohio	304-230-0195
Brittany Habig <i>(Supervisor)</i>	Ohio	304-232-4411 Exr: 00193
Jessica Harrigan	Ohio	304-232-4411 Ext: 00210
Stacy Peters	Ohio	304-232
Leslie Keyser	Ohio	304-230-0124
Teri Utt	Ohio	304-230-0198
Rebekah Hannah	Pocahontas	304-799-2540
Lori White	Preston	304-329-4340 Ext: 98095

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WVDoHS Home Finding Specialist

Contact Information

Homefinder	DoHS County	Phone
Missa Parsons	Putnam	304-586-1520 Ext: 68252
Jillian Jividen	Putnam	304-586-1528
Amanda May	Putnam	304-586-1520 Ext: 68055
Lisa Davis	Raleigh	304-465-9613 Ext: 52236
Joshua Leshner	Raliegh	304-256-6930 Ext: 10768
Stephanie Lacy	Summers	304-466-2807 Ext: 217
Heather Quesenberry	Summers	304-466-2807 Ext: 68024
Sadie Tunison	Taylor	304-265-6103 Ext: 58049
Kellie Booton	Wayne	304-272-6311 Ext: 60071
Christina Travis	Webster	304-847-2861

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NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

JULY 2024

JULY 2024 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	July 9	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	July 11	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	July 16	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	July 18	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	July 23	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	July 25	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	July 30	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM

There will only be Tuesday/Thursday Pre-Service Trainings in the month of July 2024. All of these trainings will be completed virtually via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent to your email address upon registering for the classes. The Zoom link will remain the same for each Pre-Service Session throughout the month.

NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

AUGUST 2024

AUGUST 2024 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	August 6	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	August 8	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	August 13	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	August 15	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	August 20	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	August 22	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	August 27	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	August 3	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	August 3	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	August 10	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	August 10	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	August 17	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	August 17	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	August 24	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 1	August 3	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.
Session 2	August 3	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
Session 3	August 10	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.
Session 4	August 10	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
Session 5	August 17	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.
Session 6	August 17	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
Session 7	August 24	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.

Typically, two rounds of Saturdays and one round of Tuesday/Thursday trainings are offered each month. Be sure to contact us should you have any questions, and refer to page 36 for more details regarding in-person training locations.

NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	September 3	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	September 5	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	September 10	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	September 12	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	September 17	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	September 19	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	September 24	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM

Session 1	September 7	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	September 7	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	September 14	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	September 14	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	September 21	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	September 21	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	September 28	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM

Session 1	September 7	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
Session 2	September 7	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
Session 3	September 14	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
Session 4	September 14	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
Session 5	September 21	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
Session 6	September 21	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
Session 7	September 28	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U

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NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

OCTOBER 2024

OCTOBER 2024 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	October 1	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	October 3	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	October 8	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	October 10	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	October 15	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	October 17	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	October 22	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM

Session 1	October 5	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	October 5	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	October 12	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	October 12	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	October 19	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	October 19	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	October 26	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM

Session 1	October 5	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch
Session 2	October 5	Saturday	1:00 PM	Welch
Session 3	October 12	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch
Session 4	October 12	Saturday	1:00 PM	Welch
Session 5	October 19	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch
Session 6	October 19	Saturday	1:00 PM	Welch
Session 7	October 26	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch

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

NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

NOVEMBER 2024

NOVEMBER 2024 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	November 5	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	November 7	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	November 12	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	November 14	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	November 19	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	November 21	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	December 3	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM

Session 1	November 2	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	November 2	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	November 9	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	November 9	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	November 16	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	November 16	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	November 23	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM

Session 1	November 2	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.
Session 2	November 2	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
Session 3	November 9	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.
Session 4	November 9	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
Session 5	November 16	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.
Session 6	November 16	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
Session 7	November 23	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.

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NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

JANUARY 2025

JANUARY 2025 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	January 7	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	January 9	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	January 14	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	January 16	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	January 21	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	January 23	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	January 28	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM

Session 1	January 4	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	January 4	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	January 11	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	January 11	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	January 18	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	January 18	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	January 25	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM

All trainings this month will be offered online. If you have any questions regarding training dates, missed sessions, or cancellations, please contact WVFACT at 304-384-5189, www.wvfact.com, or www.facebook.com/wvfact.

NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

FEBRUARY 2025

FEBRUARY 2025 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	February 4	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	February 6	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	February 11	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	February 13	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	February 18	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	February 20	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	February 25	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM

Session 1	February 1	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	February 1	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	February 8	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	February 8	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	February 15	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	February 15	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	February 22	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM

All NTDC Pre-Service Trainings in the month of July 2024 will be offered online via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent to your email address upon registering for the classes. The Zoom link will remain the same for each Pre-Service Session throughout the month.

NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

MARCH 2025

MARCH 2025 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	March 4	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	March 6	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	March 11	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	March 13	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	March 18	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	March 20	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	March 25	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM

Session 1	March 1	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	March 1	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	March 8	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	March 8	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	March 15	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	March 15	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	March 22	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM

Session 1	March 1	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
Session 2	March 1	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
Session 3	March 8	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
Session 4	March 8	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
Session 5	March 15	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
Session 6	March 15	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
Session 7	March 22	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U

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NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

APRIL 2025

APRIL 2025 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	April 1	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	April 3	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	April 8	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	April 10	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	April 15	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	April 17	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	April 22	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	April 5	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	April 5	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	April 12	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	April 12	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	April 19	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	April 19	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	April 26	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 1	April 5	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.
Session 2	April 5	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
Session 3	April 12	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.
Session 4	April 12	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
Session 5	April 19	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.
Session 6	April 19	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
Session 7	April 26	Saturday	9:00 AM	Braxton Co.

Two rounds of Saturdays and one round of Tuesday/Thursday trainings are offered in April and May 2025. Be sure to contact us should you have any questions, and refer to page 36 for more details regarding in-person training locations.

NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

MAY 2025

MAY 2025 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	May 6	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	May 8	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	May 13	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	May 15	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	May 20	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	May 22	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	May 27	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 1	May 3	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	May 3	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	May 10	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	May 10	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	May 17	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	May 17	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	May 24	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 1	May 3	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch
Session 2	May 3	Saturday	1:00 PM	Welch
Session 3	May 10	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch
Session 4	May 10	Saturday	1:00 PM	Welch
Session 5	May 17	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch
Session 6	May 17	Saturday	1:00 PM	Welch
Session 7	May 24	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch

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NTDC PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

JUNE 2025

JUNE 2025 PRE-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Session 1	June 3	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 2	June 5	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	June 10	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 4	June 12	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	June 17	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 6	June 19	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	June 24	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM

Session 1	June 7	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 2	June 7	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 3	June 14	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 4	June 14	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 5	June 21	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
Session 6	June 21	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
Session 7	June 28	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM

Session 1	June 7	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
Session 2	June 7	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
Session 3	June 14	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
Session 4	June 14	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
Session 5	June 21	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
Session 6	June 21	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
Session 7	June 28	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do I have to take these parenting classes?

Pre-Service NTDC 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 you 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 Pre-Service Training Classes through the online Zoom format. Online classes are held over Zoom, meaning they are live with the trainer and co-trainer, and participants will be expected to interact as they would if trainings were in-person. Participants are expected to utilize training materials and review rules and procedures for online trainings as well as in-person trainings. Please be sure that you can meet all the expectations before signing up for online training. Rules for Zoom Trainings are on page 21.

Do I have to attend the sessions in order?

While it is always best to take the sessions in order, there are times when it is not always 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 post-test.

How do I get the link to join the online classes?

When you register to attend the NTDC Pre-Service Trainings, you will receive a registration confirmation from an automated-email sender that will have the link for all the Zoom Sessions. This link does not change. You will also receive reminder emails with the link one to two days a week, depending on what day(s) the training is held.

What is In-Service Training?

The needs of foster and adoptive caregivers change as they continue on the path of providing a healing home for children in care. For this reason, various training modules are continuously developed to help Foster Parents/Caregivers gain the knowledge and support to navigate their roles as caregivers. In-Service Trainings are taken after initial completion of the NTDC Pre-Service Training.

Why do I have to take Trauma classes?

Trauma-informed resource parenting involves 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 foster/kinship families information that will prepare them for caring for children who have experienced separation, trauma, and loss. The goals of these trainings include helping caregivers recognize the impact of trauma, identify signs and symptoms of trauma, prevent the re-traumatization of children in foster care, and to promote overall functioning and wellbeing of children in their care.

How are In-Service Trainings offered?

In-service trainings are offered online via Zoom, but are also held in a classroom setting in person in Braxton County, McDowell County, and Mercer County. See the In-Service Training Schedules for more information. Please be sure to call the WVFACT office at **304-384-5189** or email **wvfact@concord.edu** to register, ensure we have adequate training materials available, and ask any questions you may have.

IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2024

AUGUST 2024 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	August 24	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	August 24	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	August 31	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Self-Care	August 31	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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All In-Service Trainings will be held virtually via Zoom for the month of August 2024. If you have any questions or would like to register for these courses, please be sure to contact the WVFACT Office by calling 304-384-5189 or emailing wvfact@concord.edu.



IN-SERVICE TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	September 21	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	September 21	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	September 28	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Teens in Care	September 28	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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All In-Service Trainings will be held virtually via Zoom for the month of September 2024. If you have any questions or would like to register for these courses, please be sure to contact the WVFACT Office by calling 304-384-5189 or emailing wvfact@concord.edu.



IN-SERVICE TRAINING

OCTOBER 2024

OCTOBER 2024 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	October 22	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	October 24	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	October 29	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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Resiliency	October 31	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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IN-SERVICE TRAINING

NOVEMBER 2024

NOVEMBER 2024 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	November 16	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	November 16	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	November 23	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 1	November 16	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch
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Trauma 2	November 16	Saturday	1:00 PM	Welch
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Trauma 3	November 23	Saturday	9:00 AM	Welch
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Foster Children & the Holidays	November 23	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Using Discipline	November 23	Saturday	1:00 PM	Welch
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IN-SERVICE TRAINING

JANUARY 2025

JANUARY 2025 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	January 18	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	January 18	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	January 25	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Cyber Safety	January 25	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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IN-SERVICE TRAINING

FEBRUARY 2025

FEBRUARY 2025 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	February 15	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	February 15	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	February 22	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Using Discipline	February 22	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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IN-SERVICE TRAINING

MARCH 2025

MARCH 2025 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	March 22	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	March 22	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	March 29	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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ADHD to Autism	March 29	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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All In-Service Trainings will be held virtually via Zoom for the month of March 2025. If you have any questions or would like to register for these courses, please be sure to contact the WVFACT Office by calling 304-384-5189 or emailing wvfact@concord.edu.



IN-SERVICE TRAINING

APRIL 2025

APRIL 2025 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	April 15	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	April 17	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	April 22	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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Working with the School System	April 24	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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All In-Service Trainings will be held virtually via Zoom for the month of April 2025. If you have any questions or would like to register for these courses, please be sure to contact the WVFACT Office by calling 304-384-5189 or emailing wvfact@concord.edu.



IN-SERVICE TRAINING

MAY 2025

MAY 2025 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	May 24	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	May 24	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	May 31	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 1	May 24	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
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Trauma 2	May 24	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
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Trauma 3	May 31	Saturday	9:00 AM	Concord U
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Understanding Sexual Abuse	May 31	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Cyber Safety	May 31	Saturday	1:00 PM	Concord U
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IN-SERVICE TRAINING

JUNE 2025

JUNE 2025 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	June 17	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	June 19	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	June 24	Tuesday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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FAS/NAS	June 26	Thursday	6:00 PM	ZOOM
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All In-Service Trainings will be held virtually via Zoom for the month of June 2025. If you have any questions or would like to register for these courses, please be sure to contact the WVFACT Office by calling 304-384-5189 or emailing wvfact@concord.edu.



IN-SERVICE TRAINING

JULY 2025

JULY 2025 IN-SERVICE SCHEDULE

Trauma 1	July 19	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Trauma 2	July 19	Saturday	1:00 PM	ZOOM
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Trauma 3	July 26	Saturday	9:00 AM	ZOOM
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Cyber Safety	July 26	Saturday	1:00 PM	Braxton Co.
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In-Service Trainings will be held virtually via Zoom as well as in person for the month of July 2025. If you have any questions or would like to register for these courses, please be sure to contact the WVFACT Office by calling 304-384-5189 or emailing wvfact@concord.edu. Please refer to page 36 for training location details.



IN-SERVICE TRAINING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do I have to take these In-Service 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 Training is cancelled?

If an In-Service Training 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 cancelled. Once the decision has been made to cancel the session, the information is passed on to the homefinders and posted on the WVFACT website 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 cancelled. You can reach the Social Work Department at **304-384-5189** or by emailing **wvfact@concord.edu**.

TRAINING LOCATIONS

Online Trainings

When attending online, you will need to provide a working email so that an automatic email will be sent directly to you once you have registered. This confirmation email will contain the ZOOM link for your trainings.

Braxton County Training Location

Braxton County DoHS

3708 Sutton Lane, Sutton, WV 26601

McDowell County Training Location

Commission on Aging (COA)

725 Steward Street, Welch, WV 24801

Mercer County Training Location

Concord University

1000 Vermillion Street, Athens, WV 24712

Administration Building/Marsh Hall

Room A333

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 be admitted to the training.
- Your camera must be on with your face in the frame. Couples can use the same camera but you both must 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 of the 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.
- 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, they can be removed from the training and these issues will be reported to your agency.
- **If you have not received the training materials at least 24 hours prior to the training, please contact wvfact@concord.edu**

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