

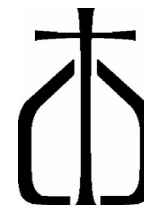


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## Community Invitation to Learn More About Adoption in Indiana

The Indiana Department of Child Services is partnering with The Indiana Foster Care and Adoption Association for a community adoption awareness event which will be held on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from noon to 3:00 pm at the First Assembly of God Christian Center located at 1400 West Washington Center Road in Fort Wayne.

The public is invited to hear about adoption through a presentation on "How to Adopt Children in the Indiana Adoption Program." Refreshments will be provided and representatives from IFCAA will be available to answer questions and speak with individuals interested in adoption.

This event provides a special opportunity for families to consider adopting children who are featured in the Indiana Adoption Program. For more information about adoption call 1-888-25-ADOPT.

**Note:** This is an information session and not a training program. No in-service credit will be received for attending this event.



### THE ALLEN CO. FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION HAS A NEW MEETING LOCATION!

Beginning July 16<sup>th</sup> the Allen  
County Foster Parent Support  
Group meetings will be held at:

**The Chapel  
2505 W. Hamilton Road S.  
Fort Wayne.**

Childcare, a light meal, and  
training will continue to be  
provided at no cost to you.

For directions to the new site  
you may call Cathy Bosk  
at 373-0966.

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### Just a Reminder:

All training participants should  
be in their training session by  
the time the class is scheduled  
to begin. If you arrive late,  
access to the class may be  
denied, especially in those  
locations such as the DCS and  
Catholic Charities that are  
secured during training hours.

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**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES OFFERED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES!  
TO REGISTER, CALL ROBIN AT 422-5625 OR  
FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER VIA E-MAIL:**

**REGISTERING VIA E-MAIL**

**E-mail the Following Information to [robins@mchsi.com](mailto:robins@mchsi.com)**

**Your Name      Address      Phone No.      Licensing Co.      Training Topic & Date**  
**Anyone not including these things in their e-mail will not be registered!**

**Important Information**

- \* If the class is full you'll be contacted, otherwise plan to attend the class.
- \* Reminders will only be sent for classes at least 3 hours in length. These may be sent via e-mail so be sure to check your e-mail regularly.
- \* Classes marked SN are special needs topics but may be attended by any DCS foster parent who is interested in the topic regardless of their license type.
- \* Do not register to attend a class unless you can make a commitment to being at that class and if you do register but discover you cannot attend, be sure to contact us right away so that someone else may attend in your place. It's not fair to others to hold a spot you can't fill.

**Training Opportunities**

**Adult & Pediatric CPR (A Licensing Requirement: No In-service Hours)**

**Note:** CPR is valid for 1 or 2 years based upon the provider. Expiration dates are on certificates and cards.

Sat., July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Cottage, Fort Wayne	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Cottage, Fort Wayne	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Children's Cottage, Fort Wayne	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Cottage, Fort Wayne	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**First Aid and Universal Precautions (A Licensing Requirement: No In-service Hours)**

**Note:** First Aid is valid for three years. Universal Precautions is required initially & during the re-licensing year.

Sat., Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Charities, Fort Wayne	UP: 9:00 a.m.	FA: 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Catholic Charities, Fort Wayne	UP: 6:00 p.m.	FA: 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.

**Child Burn Victims: Treating the Whole Child (2 SN Hours)**

When children experience burns they not only have the medical and physical issues to contend with but also social and emotional issues. Caring for a child with burns can be overwhelming for the provider but with some tips and support it is doable. Join us at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church in Kosciusko County (1200 Kings Highway Winona Lake) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tues. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> as representatives from the People's Burn Foundation of Indianapolis educate us on the many facets of treating burns.

**CPI: Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (7 SN Hours)**

This fast paced class will examine one set of strategies to use with people who are verbally escalated and one set to use defensively with people who are physically acting out. It involves a great deal of writing and physical activity. **Participants must be able to complete a written test and pass a skills test to earn credits.** Class size is limited to 10 people. This class will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Brentwood Model Home in Renaissance Pointe, 2701 John Street Fort Wayne.

### **Lying and Stealing (4 SN Hours)**

This session will focus on these two behaviors that are often seen in children who have suffered abuse and neglect. Attendance is required at the entire training as these two topics will be weaved throughout the session.

Sat., Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rochester Library	11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Allen County DCS	10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### **Adoption Support Group and Training:**

#### **Parenting Styles - Critical versus Encouragement (2 Hours)**

This session will be held on Thurs., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Christian Center, 1400 W. Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne (Door 15 - Room 37 B) will teach participants about parenting styles and how they effect one's ability to effectively parent.

#### **Parenting Young Children (4 Hours)**

This 4 hour session will focus on issues common to children ages 0 to pre-school and should only be attended by those currently working with or willing to work with this age group.

Sat., Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Duke's Hospital, Peru	10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rochester Library	11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## **Community Training Opportunities**

### **Allen County Foster Parent Association Support Group & Training Meetings**

On the third Thursday of each month except June and December, the Foster Parent Association, a foster parent ran organization, holds support group and training session from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road S. Fort Wayne. When speakers present a program, up to two hours of in-service credit may be earned. Some topics may be special needs related but some will not be. Childcare and a light meal are provided for the training participants and the children. Registering in advance is not required for these sessions.

### **Child Life Center Support & Education Group (2 Hours - SOME SN)**

On the second, third and fourth Monday of each month (except July & December) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Child Life Center facilitates training sessions for interested persons and caregivers of children diagnosed with a special need focusing mainly on those with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Childcare is provided for a small fee. To receive in-service credit, a copy of the certificate you receive (a small fee charged for this) **or** a completed and signed Foster Parent Training Credit Form (no fee charged to complete this) must be submitted to Catholic Charities. Call 447-7116 for details or just show up on these evenings at Parkwood Church of God, 3320 Trier Road, Fort Wayne.

### **Dupont Resource Center: Resources For a Healthier You**

The Dupont Resource Center has opened its doors to individuals wanting to research **MEDICAL** topics and talk with staff regarding a medical health issue. To learn about their classes, events, and support groups, visit [DupontResourceCenter.com](http://DupontResourceCenter.com) or call 260-416-3009. If appropriate classes are attended or 1:1 information sessions occur, training credit may be awarded if a Foster Parent Training Credit Form is completed, signed in part C by the educator, and submitted with appropriate documentation attached to it (an outline, flyer, etc.).

## **Alternative In-service Training Policy**

Up to four hours (eight hours if licensed special needs) of annual in-service training credit may be earned per training year by foster parents who review state approved resources and submit a completed Alternative Training Verification Form answering questions about that review. One form must be completed for each item reviewed; a form must be completed by each person who reviews the item; forms may not be submitted as a couple; and forms may not be written for someone else without prior approval. The approved resource list and the verification form can be found on the foster care page of the Catholic Charities' web site at [www.ccfwsb.org](http://www.ccfwsb.org). Be sure to print and complete both pages.

**Note:** Catholic Charities does maintain a small library of resources that are available to borrow for up to ten days at a time but the items must be requested in advance with pick up arrangements being made with Robin or Sherina. Many of the items on the list are also available through your local library, video store and/or book store.

Completed Verification Forms Must Be Submitted To:  
Robin Springstead, FAKT Program Coordinator  
315 E. Washington Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

## **Documentation Made Easy**

Several forms have been created to assist providers in documenting activities and events. Be sure to check out the foster care page on our web site at [www.ccfwsb.org](http://www.ccfwsb.org) where these forms can be found:

Alternative Training Verification Form	Clothing Inventory	Child's Information Sheet
Behavior Observation Form	Medication Log	FP Training Credit Form
Physical Environment Form	Court Report Form	Children's Museum Form

### **Need Information? If So, It's Here Too!**

These resources are also available at this same site:

Alternative Training Resource List  
"The Communication Link"  
The Child Welfare Manual



### **Kinship Care Providers Need a Special Type of Support**

Anyone who has provided care for a relative within the foster care system is well aware of the challenges that it brings. Catholic Charities recently received a small grant from Catholic Charities USA to be used towards establishing a support network for kinship care providers.

If you're a kinship care provider interested in participating in a support group, in being a support person to another kinship care provider, or in having training specifically geared towards kinship care providers, contact Robin at 422-5625 or via e-mail at [robins@mchsi.com](mailto:robins@mchsi.com)