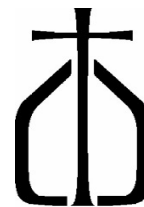




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REGISTERING FOR TRAINING VIA E-MAIL

Each month, instructions for registering for training sessions via e-mail are printed in this newsletter: and yet many people are failing to follow the process. In order for this method of registration to continue being an option, these simple instructions must be followed by everyone. Even if you believe we know who you are, this information must be included so that we may register you, make reminder calls, and send reminder notices. Your cooperation with this will be greatly appreciated!!!

**To Register for Any Catholic Charities' Training,
E-mail the Following Information to robins@mchsi.com:**

Your Name Address Phone No. Licensing Co. Training Topic & Date

Important Information

- * If the class is full you'll be contacted, otherwise you may not be.
- * Reminders will only be sent for classes at least 3 hours in length. These may be sent via e-mail.
- * 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.
- * If you are no longer able to attend a class that you registered for, please be sure to contact us immediately so that someone else may attend in your place.
- * Do not register to attend a class unless you can make a commitment to being at that class!



THE ALLEN CO. FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS ARE MOVING!

Beginning on July 16th 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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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. Check expiration date on your certificate or card.

Sat., June 13 th	Rochester Library, Fulton Co.	10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Approx.)
Sat., July 18 th	Children's Cottage, Fort Wayne	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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., June 13 th	Rochester Library, Fulton Co.	UP & FA: 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. (Approx.)
Tues., July 7 th	Catholic Charities, Fort Wayne	UP: 6:00 p.m. FA: 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Your Adopted/Foster Child's Personality Type Part I and II (2 Hours Each)

This two-part training will teach participants how to recognize their child's personality type and how to use that knowledge for more effective parenting. These sessions will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11th & Thursday July 9th at the First Assembly of God Christian Center, 1400 W. Washington Center Road, in Fort Wayne (Enter Through Door 15 - Go to Room 37 B).

Three in One: Sexual Abuse/Neglect/Shaken Baby (3 SN Hours)

This session which will focus on these 3 issues will be presented by SCAN but will be held at Catholic Charities, 315 E. Washington Blvd. Fort Wayne, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17th.

Identifying & Managing Stress in Children & Adults (4 SN Hours)

There is so much stress in the world today. Some is perceived and some very real but both can affect our disposition, our relationships, and our health. Join Sharon Mowrer for this class that will focus on recognizing stress in the children we service and in ourselves, and on learning techniques for managing this stress.

Sat., June 20 th	Allen County DCS, Fort Wayne	10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Sat., June 27 th	Dukes Hospital, Peru	10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Documentation Training (5 Hours)

This training which teaches participants what and how to document in relation to fostering is a one-time mandatory requirement for at least one parent from each foster home. This training is being offered from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 11th at Dukes' Hospital in Peru.

Two in One: Bullying and Dating Violence (2 SN Hours)

This session which focuses on these two very real and common issues in our society today will be presented by SCAN but will be held at Catholic Charities, 315 E. Washington Blvd. Fort Wayne from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14th.

Two in One: Developing Healthy Attachment (2 SN Hours) Child & Family Team Planning (2 Regular Hours)

This two part session on what is considered to be a healthy attachment for foster parents and their placements and how to develop it, along with an afternoon session on the teaming process and the foster parent's role in it, will be presented by Axa Troncoso at the Allen Co. DCS from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25th.

Community Training Opportunities

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 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.

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 Coordinator
315 E. Washington Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46802

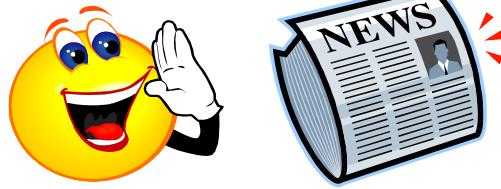
Have Something to Document: Make It Easier - Use a Form

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 where these forms can be found:

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

Need Information? It's Here Too!

These resources to help you stay informed are also available at this same site:
Alternative Training Resource List "The Communication Link" The Child Welfare Manual



Extra, Extra, Read All About It!!!!

The following are being offered as an extension of the training program. They will only be available for a brief time so we need to hear from you soon if you're interested in them (contact Robin at robins@mchsi.com or 260-422-5625, ext 223).

Safe Sitter Course: Catholic Charities is considering offering this course for children ages 12 through 19 who are interested in babysitting or who just want to be prepared for staying home alone. This four-hour class would cost about \$15.00 per participant and would be offered on a Saturday.

Note: It is recommended and in some areas required that babysitters for foster children be at least 21 years of age. This class is not being offered with the intent of preparing children to babysit foster children. Instead, it is to prepare young adults for watching other children and/or caring for themselves when home alone. This class is for mature children ages 12 through 19 (foster, adoptive and/or biological).

AED Training: Because several of you have asked about being trained in how to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), our CPR instructors have volunteered to offer a free 90 minute class to those who have been CPR certified within the past 12 months. Classes will be limited to 15 people and will be scheduled based upon demand. (No In-service Credit)

Free Yoga Classes: An Allen Co. Foster Parent who is a certified yoga instructor has offered to provide a gentle, stress relieving morning yoga class for case managers, foster parents, and others in the foster care field. If you're interested, send Robin an e-mail (robins@mchsi.com) and she'll forward it to the instructor.



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 who is 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. Opportunities will soon begin!