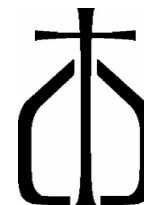




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Foster Family Resource Guide Update

Several months ago the Department of Child Services began sending Foster Family Resource Guides to local DCS offices to be distributed to their foster families. At the same time, the Training Program began distributing these guides to applicants who completed the pre-service training program.

Since then, the Indiana Medicaid section on page 75 of the guide has been changed to include three web sites that will help families access providers and learn more about the program.

If you have received your guide, please add these sites to the Indiana Medicaid section:

<http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/ProviderSearch.aspx>

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm>

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/2544.htm>

If you have not received your copy of the Resource Guide, contact your Foster Family Case Manager.

The guide may also be viewed online at <http://www.in.gov/dcs/2418.htm>

No Safe Sitter or AED Courses to be Offered

Unfortunately, because only a few expressed interest in attending either of these, Catholic Charities will not be able to offer the sessions as planned.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

For those of you who enjoy attending the Indiana Foster Care and Adoption Conference in Indianapolis, be sure to save these dates: Nov. 19, 20, & 21. One, two or all three days may be attended. Credit will be given based upon sessions attended. Watch your mail in October for a brochure from IFCAA.

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Training Opportunities

Pre-registration is required for all classes!!!!!!

**Reminders will be mailed or e-mailed only for classes over 3 hours in length.
SN Classes are special needs topics but may be attended by any DCS foster parent.**

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

Note: CPR taken with us is valid for 2 years. The expiration date is noted on your certificate.

Sat., Oct. 10 th	Children's Cottage, Fort Wayne	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 7 th	Children's Cottage, Fort Wayne	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 5 th	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 & at re-licensing.

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

Parenting Young Children (4 Hours)

This 4 hour session will focus on issues common to and the development of 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., Oct. 3 rd	Rochester Library	11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 7 th	Allen Co. DCS	10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Adoption Support Group & Training Sessions (2 Hours)

These sessions will be held on the following dates from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Christian Center, 1400 W. Washington Center Rd., Fort Wayne (Door 15 - Room 37 B). Topic to be announced at a later date.

Thurs., Oct. 8 th	Thurs., Nov. 8 th	Thurs., Oct. 8 th
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Kosciusko County Support Group & Training Sessions (2 Hours)

These sessions will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tues. Oct. 6th and Tues. Dec. 1st at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, 1400 Kings Highway in Winona Lake (near Grace College). Topics TBA.

In addition to the training, come to meet our new FAKT Program Trainer, Cori Olinger. Cori is a former Kosciusko County foster and kinship parent and a current adoptive parent. As the mother of ten children, her insight should be both helpful and at times humorous! In Dec. we'll have our annual cookie bar.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES!

TO REGISTER, USE THE FORM ON PAGE 4; CALL; OR E-MAIL

ROBIN AT LEAST 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE CLASS DATE

(PHONE: 422-5625 EXT. 223) (E-MAIL robins@mchsi.com)

YOU MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OR YOU WILL NOT BE REGISTERED:

1. YOUR NAME 2. ADDRESS 3. PHONE # 4. TRAINING TITLE & DATE

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Documentation Training (5 Hours)

Please Note the New Location!

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. It is being held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5th at **Villa of the Woods**, our assisted living facility located at 5610 Noll Avenue in Fort Wayne (next to Bishop Luers High School).

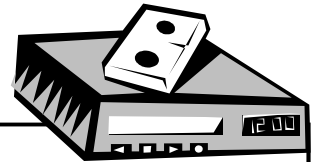
Two in One Session

Please Note the New Date and Location!

Part I: Ghosts in the Hall: When Your Child is Being Bullied

Part II: Hating Tami: When Your Child is the Bully

These two training sessions which will provide an eye-opening and in-depth look at the world of bullying are being offered from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on **Monday, November 9th at the Villa of the Woods**, our assisted living facility located at 5610 Noll Avenue Fort Wayne. Participation is required in both sessions and a lunch must be brought with you. (3.5 SN Hours)



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 that answers 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. An **updated** 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. Be sure to print and complete all 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
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TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

To register via mail, just complete the following information about yourself, your spouse or companion (if applicable) and the training you would like to attend and then return it to the address at the bottom.

Note: Registration forms must be received at least one week prior to the first class date!

1st Person

Name: _____ Daytime Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Your e-mail address: _____

Agency that maintains your license: _____

Training Topic: _____

Location: _____ Date: _____

Training Topic: _____

Location: _____ Date: _____

Training Topic: _____

Location: _____ Date: _____

2nd Person

Name: _____ Daytime Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Your e-mail address: _____

Agency that maintains your license: _____

Training Topic: _____

Location: _____ Date: _____

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Return this form to:

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