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Department of

Children's Services

DCS Foster Parent Training Information

Training Resource Guide

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Training for Potential Foster Parents:

<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/training/tpd/fpt/t/potential.html>

Persons interested in becoming foster parents can access information for Tennessee KEY pre-approval training, including a step-by-step guide to the inquiry, training, and approval process; minimum requirements to foster; a course overview including summaries of each module; links to the foster parent inquiry form and training calendars; as well as training materials including participant guides, forms, and video links.

How to Become a TN DCS Foster Parent

About TN KEY

Inquiry and Calendars

Training Materials

To register: https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/tkey_reg
 (615) 669-2305

Due to the sensitive topics covered during training, please do not allow children under the age of 18 to view or listen to the content of the webinars.

Participants must complete all modules below.

Modules must be completed with the same group. Participants may miss no more than ONE module with their group, which must be made up before a completion certificate will be awarded.

Kinship applicants attending TN KEY with a traditional group are not required to attend the Informational Meeting.

Group	Trainers	Informational Meeting	Navigating the Child Welfare System	Exploring the Impact of Trauma	Roadmap to Resiliency	Rerouting Trauma Behaviors	Medication Administration	CPR and First Aid Virtual (Part 1)	CPR Skills Demonstration (Part 2)	MAP Meeting
22601	Matt Quick, Tamara Gray	Thursday, July 1, 2021 5:30p to 7:30p Central/ 6:30p to 8:30p Eastern	Thursday, July 8, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Thursday, July 15, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Thursday, July 22, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Thursday, August 5, 2021 5:30p to 9:30p Central/ 6:30p to 10:30p Eastern	Thursday, August 12, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Scheduled with trainer	Held individually with trainer
22602	Shianne Newell	Saturday, July 10, 2021 9:00a to 11:00a Central/ 10:00a to 12:00p Eastern	Saturday, July 17, 2021 9:00a to 12:00p Central/ 10:00a to 1:00p Eastern	Saturday, July 24, 2021 9:00a to 12:00p Central/ 10:00a to 1:00p Eastern	Saturday, July 31, 2021 9:00a to 12:00p Central/ 10:00a to 1:00p Eastern	Saturday, August 7, 2021 9:00a to 12:00p Central/ 10:00a to 1:00p Eastern	Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:00a to 1:00p Central/ 10:00a to 2:00p Eastern	Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:00a to 12:00p Central/ 10:00a to 1:00p Eastern	Scheduled with trainer	Held individually with trainer
22603	Andrea Nash	Monday, July 12, 2021 5:30p to 7:30p Central/ 6:30p to 8:30p Eastern	Monday, July 19, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Monday, July 26, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Monday, August 2, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Monday, August 9, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Monday, August 16, 2021 5:30p to 9:30p Central/ 6:30p to 10:30p Eastern	Monday, August 23, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Scheduled with trainer	Held individually with trainer
22604	Bethany Henderson	Tuesday, July 20, 2021 5:30p to 7:30p Central/ 6:30p to 8:30p Eastern	Tuesday, July 27, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Tuesday, August 3, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Tuesday, August 10, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Tuesday, August 24, 2021 5:30p to 9:30p Central/ 6:30p to 10:30p Eastern	Tuesday, August 31, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Scheduled with trainer	Held individually with trainer
22605	Andrea Nash	Saturday, July 31, 2021 9:00a to 11:00a Central/ 10:00a to 12:00p Eastern	Saturday, August 7, 2021 9:00a to 12:00p Central/ 10:00a to 1:00p Eastern	Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:00a to 12:00p Central/ 10:00a to 1:00p Eastern	Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:00a to 12:00p Central/ 10:00a to 1:00p Eastern	Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:00a to 12:00p Central/ 10:00a to 1:00p Eastern	Thursday, September 2, 2021 5:30p to 9:30p Central/ 6:30p to 10:30p Eastern Moved due to Labor Day	Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:30p to 8:30p Central/ 6:30p to 9:30p Eastern	Scheduled with trainer	Held individually with trainer

Revised July 7, 2021

Tennessee KEY calendar for July 2021

Continued Training for Approved Foster Parents

Foster parents have several options to continue their training following approval. In addition to live deliveries, foster parents can also take advantage of self-directed learning opportunities, including computer-based trainings, podcasts, approved books and movies, special webinar opportunities, and attendance of the foster parent conference.

All foster parents are required to complete the 15 hours of training annually, including the following trainings within the first year of approval:

- Creating Normalcy through Prudent Parenting
- What to Know about Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking
- Working with the Education System
- One trauma-informed training

Additionally, foster parents must complete a Medication Administration refresher course and CPR & First Aid training during the second year of approval, and every other year thereafter.

All training opportunities provided by DCS can be located on the training website.

Foster Parent Post Approval Training Calendar:

<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/training/tpd/fpt/t/calendars/post-state.html>

Foster Parent Post Approval Training

Please review the training times listed on the registration page for each training. Browser settings may affect the time zone display of the events below.

Foster parents will only receive credit once per course per fiscal year unless approved by the Office of Training and Professional Development.

Foster Parent Training

Today | Monday, July 19 | Print | Week | Month | Agenda

Monday, July 19
5:30pm Medication Administration Refresher

Tuesday, July 20
1:00pm The Reality of Trafficked Individuals in Tennessee
5:30pm Preserving Kinship Families

Saturday, July 24
8:30am CPR & First Aid Virtual Training (Part 1)
9:00am Trauma Informed Parenting Strategies

Monday, July 26
5:30pm Loving and Letting Go

Tuesday, July 27
5:30pm Post Approval Panel

Wednesday, July 28
9:00am Unaccompanied Youth: A Vulnerable Population

Thursday, July 29
5:30pm Impact of Fostering on Birth Children
5:30pm NAS and Safe Sleep

Tuesday, August 3
5:30pm Creating Teachable Moments

Monday, August 9
5:30pm CORE: Teen Part 1

Tuesday, August 10
5:30pm Positive Parenting

Thursday, August 12

Events shown in time zone: Central Time - Chicago | + Google Calendar

Post Approval Training Calendar

Online Foster Parent Training:

<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/training/tpd/fpt/t/opportunities/online-training.html>

The online training webpage includes course codes to allow parents with Edison accounts to easily locate and complete trainings within the Edison ELM system, as well as links to Formstack trainings for those who do not have accounts in Edison. The page is set up to allow parents to easily identify trainings that fulfill certain requirements and cover certain topics of interest.

Online Foster Parent Training

Foster parents can receive training credit by completing any of the courses listed in the tables below. **Parents who have Edison accounts are encouraged to complete training in Edison to better assist parents and their workers to more easily track training completion.** Use the course code or title listed to search for training in Edison.

If you do not have an Edison account or encounter difficulty, you may also view the courses by clicking the links below. View the videos and other material and submit the form for each class to receive credit. **Submit a separate form for each person to receive a certificate for each training.**

Foster parents will only receive credit once per course per fiscal year unless approved by the Office of Training and Professional Development.

Required Recommended during First 90 Days Elective Trauma-Informed and Therapeutic Training

The trainings listed below are required for some or all foster parents; read the description below each title for additional information.

1 to 5 of 5 records Search:

Category	Course Code	Course Title	Hours
Education	CHRO4018	Working with the Education System Required for all first year foster parents.	2
Parenting	CHRO4010	Kinship to Traditional Foster Care Required for kinship parents transitioning to traditional foster care.	3
Parenting	CHRO4011	Parenting the Justice Involved Youth Required for parents fostering youth adjudicated delinquent.	3
Partnership	CHRO4034	Parent Partnerships: Mentoring Birth Parents Required for all parents who have NOT completed TN KEY or Working with Birth Paernts. Must be completed by June 30, 2021.	1
Well-Being	CHCB4004	Working with Children Who Have Diabetes Required for parents fostering children with diabetes within 24 hours of placement.	1

1 to 5 of 5 records

Online Foster Parent Training page

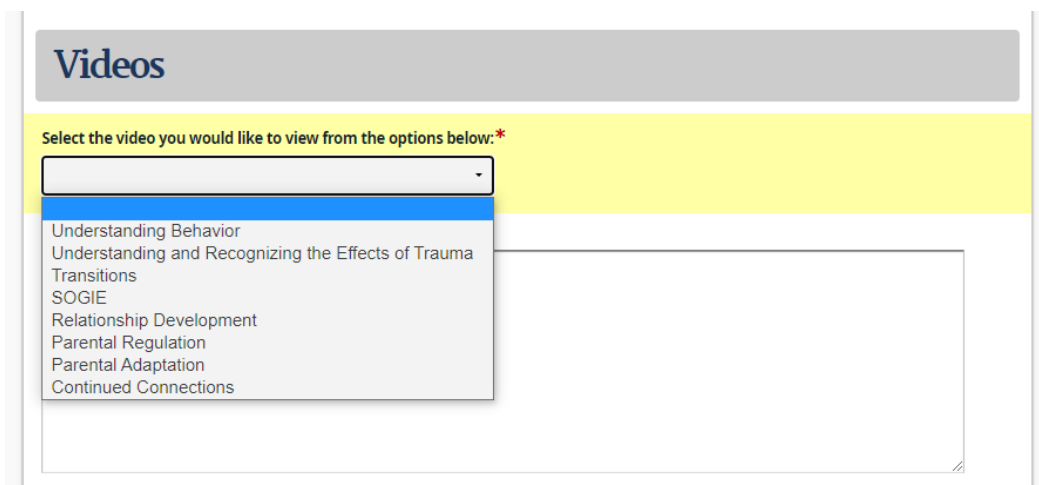
Right Time and Vanderbilt Lunch and Learn Series

In addition to individual courses, the online trainings page includes links to the collection of CORE: Teen Right Time videos and recordings of the Vanderbilt Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody's (COE) monthly lunch and learn series. Foster parents can receive one hour of training credit for each of these courses.

The Right Time video training in Formstack is set up using a dropdown menu for participants to identify the training they wish to complete. Currently there are eight videos available. When a selection has been made, the video and a summary of the training will appear on the form and the entire training can be completed on a single page. Current topics include:

- Understanding Behavior
- Understanding and Recognizing the Effects of Trauma
- Transitions
- SOGIE
- Relationship Development
- Parental Regulation
- Parental Adaptation
- Continued Connections

Each video is also available individually in Edison.



The screenshot shows a form titled "Videos" with a yellow background. Below the title, there is a prompt: "Select the video you would like to view from the options below: *". A dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of video topics: "Understanding Behavior", "Understanding and Recognizing the Effects of Trauma", "Transitions", "SOGIE", "Relationship Development", "Parental Regulation", "Parental Adaptation", and "Continued Connections". The first option, "Understanding Behavior", is highlighted in blue. To the right of the dropdown menu is a large empty rectangular box, likely for displaying the video content or a summary.

Right Time video selection in Formstack

Videos

Select the video you would like to view from the options below:*

Continued Connections

Continued Connections

Continued Connections targets the honoring of the teens' former attachments, acknowledges that teens are part of other families and have other relationships, and recognizes that the loyalty and connection to those relationships may be significant. Continued Connections also explores the importance of your relationship with the youth's birth family and other people who are important to the youth. This theme captures the concept that resource parents may need to move beyond their own discomfort toward prior relationships in order to help the youth grieve losses, maintain connections, confirm their identity, and form healthy attachments with others.



List 3 things that you learned from this training:*

Right Time: Continued Connections video training and summary in Formstack

Direct link: <https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/righttime>

The complete list of Vanderbilt COE lunch and learn trainings is located at <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/dcs/program-areas/training/tpd/spotlight/vbilt-coe-lunchlearn.html>

A link is provided to each video in the archive. Foster parents can receive credit by completing the associated form, linked at the top of the list, and also provided on the second tab on the webpage. There are currently over 70 hours of training credit available through this series. These trainings are also available to complete in Edison.

Vanderbilt Lunch and Learn Series

Video Archive Receive Training Credit

The Vanderbilt Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody hosts a monthly lunch and learn series, for which DCS staff and foster parents may receive training credit. The list below is a video archive of past events which are available to stream. Each video is worth one hour of training credit.

To receive credit, watch the video at the link provided, and complete the [Training Credit form](#), located on the next tab. Submit a separate form for each video.

Show entries

1 to 72 of 72 records Search:

Vanderbilt Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody Lunch and Learn Series

- [Best Practices for Caring for Transgender Youth](#)
- [What does "success" mean anyway/ Promoting Successful Transitions for Youth Aging Out of Custody](#)
- [Suicide Prevention in Children and Adolescents](#)
- [Pediatric Anxiety Disorders: From Stomachaches to Temper Tantrums](#)
- [Confronting Barriers to Care](#)
- [Emotional Regulation: Neurodevelopmental Associations and Cognitive Implications](#)
- [Being Fostered to the Streets: Providing Mental Health Care to Youth Experiencing Homelessness in Nashville](#)
- [Talking with Children about Race](#)

Vanderbilt Lunch and Learn Series

Vanderbilt Lunch and Learn Series

Video Archive Receive Training Credit

Vanderbilt COE Lunch and Learn

Please submit this form if you would like to receive training credit. Please note that these videos can be found in Edison. If you are a DCS Staff member, please use Edison to view this video.

[Click here to view the list of available trainings, and click on the links provided to watch the videos.](#)

Once you have completed viewing the video(s), select the course title from the list below and provide the requested information. Submit the form to receive training credit.

*****You must submit a separate form for each video to receive credit.*****

*****A separate form must be submitted for EACH PERSON who views trainings and wishes to receive credit.*****

Course Title*

Select from the dropdown list to view the course.

Name*

First Name

Last Name

Email*

Select your affiliation to DCS*

COE Lunch and Learn Formstack for training credit

National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Video Archive Receive Training Credit

A Pitch for PCIT
Adjusting Our Gaze: Exploratory Research on Treatment for Survivors of Sex Trafficking (1hr) (CHWB3550)
Adoption Disruptions and Dissolutions: Factors and Fixes (CHWB3553)
Adoption: Facts, Figures and Clinical Considerations (1hr) (CHWB3560)
Adverse Childhood Experiences: Adolescent and Caregiver Emotion Regulation and Adolescent Physical and Mental Health (1hr) (CHWB3555)
African American boys and Adolescents - Fostering Evidence Based Positive Youth Development
Ask a Med Provider
Ask a Med Provider Panel
Being Fostered to the Streets: Providing Mental Health Care to Youth Experiencing Homelessness in Nashville
Belongingness: Research and Practice in Mental Health (1hr) (CHWB3556)
Best Practices for Caring for Transgender Youth
Beyond Deep Breathing: Regulating through the Senses (1hr) (CHWB3561)
Breaking the Cycles of Violence and Poverty through Education and Advocacy (1hr) (CHWB3562)
But I Inherited it! Understanding the Role of Genes and Environment in Youth Development
Caregiver-Child Relational Assessment with Young Children and Infants
Caring for Sexually Active Adolescents
Childhood Maltreatment: Neurobiological and Psychosocial Consequences (1hr) (CHWB3564)
Community Violence and Black Youth (1hr) (CHWB3554)
Confronting Barriers to Care

Select from the dropdown list to view the course.

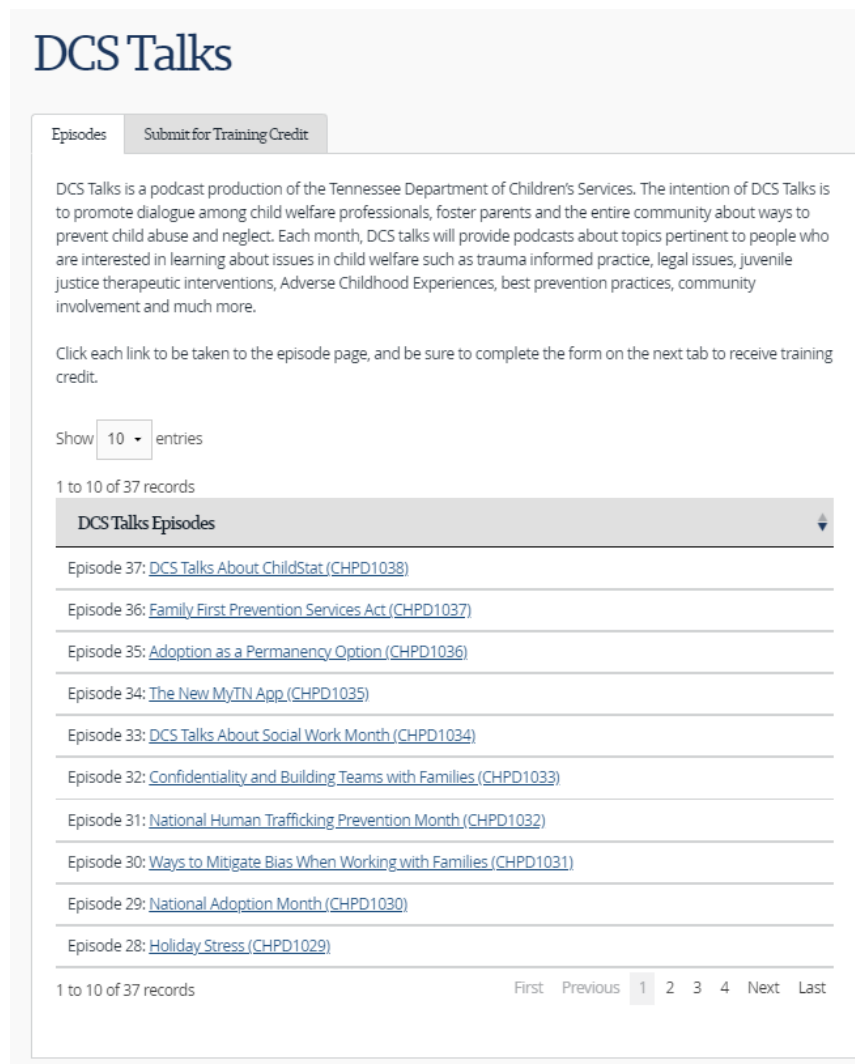
Name*

Dropdown list of COE titles on the training credit form

DCS Talks Podcast Series

<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/training/tpd/cw-resources/cwr/dcs-talks.html>

The Office of Training and Professional Development produces a podcast series for staff, providers, foster parents, and the community at large. Parents can receive 30 minutes of training credit for each episode by completing a form for credit; these episodes are also available to complete in Edison. There are currently over 18 hours of training credit available through these podcasts.



The screenshot shows the 'DCS Talks' webpage. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Episodes' (selected) and 'Submit for Training Credit'. Below the tabs is a paragraph describing the podcast series. Underneath, there is a 'Show 10 entries' dropdown menu and a '1 to 10 of 37 records' indicator. A table titled 'DCS Talks Episodes' lists the following episodes:

Episode
Episode 37: DCS Talks About ChildStat (CHPD1038)
Episode 36: Family First Prevention Services Act (CHPD1037)
Episode 35: Adoption as a Permanency Option (CHPD1036)
Episode 34: The New MyTN App (CHPD1035)
Episode 33: DCS Talks About Social Work Month (CHPD1034)
Episode 32: Confidentiality and Building Teams with Families (CHPD1033)
Episode 31: National Human Trafficking Prevention Month (CHPD1032)
Episode 30: Ways to Mitigate Bias When Working with Families (CHPD1031)
Episode 29: National Adoption Month (CHPD1030)
Episode 28: Holiday Stress (CHPD1029)

At the bottom of the list, there is another '1 to 10 of 37 records' indicator and a pagination menu with 'First', 'Previous', '1', '2', '3', '4', 'Next', and 'Last' options.

DCS Talks webpage

DCS Talks Podcast Series: Submit for training credit



Tennessee foster parents and DCS staff can receive training credit for listening to select episodes of the DCS Talks podcast series and completing this form. Each episode is worth one half-hour of training credit.

Please submit a separate form for each learner.

- Episode 01: Family Support Services with Hillary Smiley (CHPD1001)
- Episode 02: General Counsel: Termination of Parental Rights (CHPD1002)
- Episode 03: The Power of Praise (CHPD1003)
- Episode 04: Discussion with an Education Specialist (CHPD1004)
- Episode 05: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Child Welfare Cases (CHPD1005)
- Episode 06: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Building Strong Brains (CHPD1006)
- Episode 07: Navigating Life after Foster Care (CHPD1007)
- Episode 08: Assessment Integration (CHPD1008)
- Episode 09: Goal Setting (CHPD1009)
- Episode 10: Culture in Care (CHPD1010)
- Episode 11: Healthy Relationships (CHPD1011)
- Episode 12: Child and Family Services Review (CHPD1012)
- Episode 13: Factors of Child Abuse and Neglect (CHPD1013)
- Episode 14: Discussion with the Department of Education (CHPD1014)
- Episode 15: Foster Parent Self-Care (Part 1) (CHPD1015)
- Episode 16: Foster Parent Self-Care (Part 2) (CHPD1016)
- Episode 17: Vanderbilt Center of Excellence: Roots of Resiliency (CHPD1017)
- Episode 18: Finding Families through Diligent Search (CHPD1018)
- Episode 19: Mandated Child Abuse Reporting in Tennessee (CHPD1019)

List three (3) things you learned from this podcast episode.*

DCS Talks Formstack

Approved Training Media

<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/training/tpd/fpt/t/opportunities/media.html>

Foster parents can receive training credit for relevant books and films during the third year of approval and after, up to three hours per year (two hours for books; one hour for films). Parents must complete a form summarizing the resource and what they learned to receive credit.

Approved Training Media and Books

Starting in the third year of approval, parents have the opportunity to complete elective training hours through approved training media by reading books or watching movies.

Parents can receive 2 credit hours for each approved book they read and 1 credit hour for watching each approved movie (no more than one credit hour per year will be awarded for approved videos). A maximum of 3 credit hours per year can be obtained by completing approved media. Complete information for foster parent training requirements can be found [here](#).

[Click here to receive credit for completing approved media training.](#)

Select Media Type ▾

Show

10 ▾

entries

1 to 10 of 105 records

Search:

Type ⬆	Title	Author/Year ⬆
Book	Family Foster Care in the Next Century	Kathy Barbell, Lois Wright
Book	Hope's Boy: A Memoir	Andrew Bridge
Book	Being Adopted: The Lifelong Search for Self	David Brodzinsky
Book	They Cage Animals at Night	Jennings Michael Burch

Approved Training Media

Foster Parent Conference

<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/training/tpd/fpt/t/training-spotlight/conference.html>

The Office of Training and Professional Development hosts an annual conference for foster parents to provide training opportunities to allow parents the chance to complete all annual training over the course of a single weekend. Offerings include required trainings, regularly offered electives developed by the Department, and special workshops provided by vetted speakers both within DCS and from outside partners. The conference webpage includes the conference brochure, including schedule and workshop descriptions, as well as registration links and other relevant resources.

Foster Parent Conference

Conference Overview Regional Information

Fall 2021 Foster Parent Conference

Over 1400 foster parents, DCS staff, provider staff, and community partners attended the spring mini conferences held in April, May, and June.

We are excited to announce that our fall conference will be held **November 4-6, 2021**. This conference will also be held virtually. Check back soon for more information, including workshops, times, and registration information!

If you are interested in presenting a workshop at the fall conference, [click here to complete the Call for Presenters form](#).

SAVE THE DATE!
2021 FOSTER PARENT CONFERENCE
November 4-6, 2021

Foster Parent Conference webpage

Training Resources

<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/training/tpd/fpt/t/resources.html>

In addition to training opportunities, the foster parent training website includes links to several resources, including:

- Child Welfare Resources portal
- Frequently asked questions
- Edison resources
- Regional training map
- Information for kinship parents
- Medical forms for foster parents



Foster Parent Training Resources

The Child Welfare Resources page, created in partnership with the Office of Child Safety, provides additional resources, including

- Resources for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Mandated Reporter Training
- Trauma resources
- Information about neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)
- Information about the commercial sexual exploitation of minors
- Resources for teens
- Resources for runaway youth
- Infant mental health resources
- Drug and addiction resources

Child Welfare Resources



Adverse Childhood Experiences

Mandated Reporter Training

Foster Parent Resources

Trauma Resources

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

DCS TALKS
DCS Talks Podcast Series

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Minors

Resources for Teens

Runaway Youth

DCS Webinars

Infant Mental Health

Drug and Addiction

DCS Training

Child Welfare Resources portal: <https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/training/tpd/cw-resources.html>