

FINISH THE RACE

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 MONTH DAY YEAR

TRAINING HOUR COMPLIANCE IS DUE SOON

Try clicking on one of the three training styles below to get started today!

Online Trainings

CLICK HERE

Foster Parent Training Resources

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CALENDAR OF LIVE TRAININGS

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SUPER SATURDAYS

APRIL-JUNE 2023

Super Saturday IN-PERSON training events will be scheduled at select locations across the state this spring

Registration is OPEN: [Click HERE](#) for more details!

For DCS Parents Only

UPDATE

Foster Parents using **IFACTS** to verify board payments will see a change to the **invoice screen** after **May 25th**. The invoice screen will now display the **DCS Begin** and **DCS End** dates. These are the dates that DCS has entered for placement for that pay period and foster parent can claim for payment. This added information should assist the Foster Parent to ensure that the dates they enter match the DCS dates. **Foster parents will continue to enter the Begin and End dates to confirm - this process has not changed.** As always, if the foster parent believes information is incorrect (DCS Dates, Rate, etc.) they should contact their DCS FPS Worker to discuss prior to submitting. **DCS is asking users clear their browser cache after May 25th** to ensure that they can view the information correctly.

Click [HERE](#) to learn how to clear your browsing cache.

NEW LOOK

1) Clear browser cache after build
 2) 2 new read-only columns that display the dates DCS has recorded. This should help guide the user on their dates.
 3) If the user believes the DCS dates or Rates are incorrect they should contact DCS.

The user will still enter the Begin and End Dates

Month	DCS Begin	DCS End	Begin	End	Total Days	Total Amount
7	7	7				
1	9					
10	31					

Thank You!

The DCS training team would like to thank our **NURSE TRAINERS** for all that they do to keep foster parents informed and TN children safe.

Belinda Bernard

Teza Stimage

Jen Brumbach

Meet Lou!

Lou is a creative young man that enjoys using his imagination. Some of his favorite things to do are arts and crafts projects and sports. His favorite sports include football, basketball, golf, and tennis. Lou also likes playing video games and board games such as Monopoly, Minecraft, Legos, and Charlotter's Web. Lou likes spending time with family and playing games or doing activities together. He also enjoys spending time outdoors exploring in the woods and building structures.

Click [HERE](#) to see Lou's Video

Lou likes watching television and movies, particularly animated or scary movies. Some of his favorite shows and movies include Spongebob Squarepants, IT, and Toy Story 4. Lou likes singing and listening to music, primarily country music and some rap. Lou likes going to church as well as celebrating holidays. He also enjoys cleaning and he completes his chores with excellence! Lou is a resilient young man that is ready to meet his forever family.

There are approximately 400 children and youth who are in full guardianship and in need of permanent families throughout Tennessee. Please consider whether you could be the answer to a young person's longing for a forever home.

Click here to visit ParentAChild.org

When ADHD Drains and Strains Sibling Relationships

[CLICK HERE](#)

TN DCS Welcomes TBRI

TBRI TRUST-BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION

But what IS TBRI?

[CLICK HERE](#)

SHOW HOPE

HOPE for the Journey CONFERENCE

DCS Foster Parents
 Simulcast Launch: April 14, 2023, @ 8:00 am CST
 Viewing Period: 4/14-6/30

In-Person Opportunities
 Foothills Church in Maryville, TN
 April 21 @ 5:30 pm EST
 April 22 @ 8:30 am EST

Provider Foster Parents
 Check with your provider agency for information about this training opportunity.

Click [HERE](#) to Register Virtual
 Click [HERE](#) for In-Person

POLICY

All parents must complete at least one trauma related training during the first year of fostering.

Here Are Just A Few Class Options Approved for Trauma Credit:

(Click Each Title For More Info)

- Building Strong Brains
- TBRI
- TBRI Podcast Series
- CORE: Teen
- De-Escalation Techniques
- Positive Parenting
- Violence and Trauma
- Trauma Talk
- Right Time Videos

Tennessee **WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM**

Classes Available April, May, and June

Click [HERE](#) to Register

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have been an approved foster home for 3+ years, you can receive training credit for reading certain books and movies! [Click HERE](#)

Regional Foster Parent Support Group

Parental Attachment Styles

[CLICK HERE](#)

June 6 - Parenting Teens and Tweens

TFACA

Tennessee Foster & Adoptive Care Association Mentors and Advocates

SCAN ME

[CLICK HERE](#)

VAGUS NERVE & THE SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT SYSTEM MASTERCLASS & COACHING: HUMAN CONNECTION THROUGH THE LENS OF THE MIND-BODY-BRAIN SYSTEM

SESSION 1: MAY 9
 SESSION 2: MAY 17
 SESSION 3: MAY 23
 SESSION 4: MAY 31

COACHING AND SUPPORT SESSION: JUNE 7

ALL SESSIONS ARE 1:00-3:00 CST

Click the Dates Below to Register:
[May 9](#) [May 17](#) [May 23](#) [May 31](#) [June 7](#)

Why We Do It

the DCS Training Team!

Teen Driver Safety

May 25, 2023: 11:00-12:30 CST

1.5 Hours of Training Credit

Teen Driver Safety with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office Webinar

Vicki Britton

Foster Parent Training Officer

First, I want to thank all our foster parents and tell you how appreciated you are! Being a foster parent is a job that doesn't always get thanked enough. You all work with the children of TN day in and day out. I am amazed at the support you offer each other and these wonderful children.

Any job in social work is a challenge. While working for DCS I've held several positions, all have helped guide me to where I am now. I have wanted to be a foster parent trainer ever since I was a foster parent. I want to help guide those who want to become foster parents by providing the trauma training needed and to be honest with them about the difficulties of being a foster parent. Being a former foster parent, it was a blessing for sure but also a stressful job at times. I want foster parents to know what it really takes so we have more consistency and less turn over in TN parents. The children of TN need stability and permanency and I am so proud to help provide that for them in the way of being the best trainer I can be for foster parents.

I work with a team of amazing people who are all here for the right reasons and put their heart and souls into this training division. It helps me to want to be a better trainer and grow within the department through research ways to better help the DCS community. From TN KEY we know, it takes one caring adult...and a village to support that one caring adult. One of my favorite quotes comes from Mother Teresa and says, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

SIGNS OF SUICIDE (SOS) SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

WEBINAR MAY 30, 2023

Click [HERE](#) TO REGISTER

ONLINE TRAINING

DCS PRACTICE MODEL INTRODUCTION

*30 minutes of training credit

Upcoming Classes

Click the links below to register

- 5/18 - De-Escalation Strategies Series
- 5/18 - Tennessee Women, Infants, and Children
- 5/18 - Caring for the Child with Special Health Care Needs
- 5/23 - Your Money, Your Goals
- 5/25 - Teen Driver Safety Webinar
- 5/25 - Signs of Suicide and Prevention Program
- 6/1 - Trauma Informed Parenting 101
- 6/3 - Super Saturday Training - Smyrna
- 6/3 - Super Saturday Training - Jackson
- 6/3 - Super Saturday Training - Cookeville
- 6/10 - Super Saturday Training - Johnson City
- 6/10 - Intro to TBRI for Parents
- 6/13 - Be the One
- 6/15 - Tennessee Woman, Infants, and Children
- 6/15 - 8 Strategies that Help Challenging Behaviors in Children
- 6/19 - TBRI Coaching Call for Parents
- 6/24 - CORE TEEN Super Saturday
- 6/24 - CREATING Normalcy Through Prudent Parenting Super Saturday
- 6/24 - Trauma Informed Parenting Strategies
- 6/26 - Partnership in Action
- 6/29 - Book Club: What Happened to You?

TENNESSEE KIDS BELONG

THE AMERICA'S KIDS BELONG FAMILY

Click [HERE](#) or use the QR CODE to download the Foster Friendly App

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[GET IT ON Google play](#)

Join us July 11, 2023 1PM to 2:30 PM CT or 2PM to 3:30 ET to learn about animal assisted therapy!

Dr. Bethany Fee is the Veterinary Social Work Certificate Program Coordinator at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Fee will provide an overview of animal assisted therapy and ways that animals aid with compassion fatigue, suicide prevention, animal assisted interventions. Dr. Fee's experience range from child protection, working with families who experience domestic violence, mental health and suicide prevention videos her current work and she will share ways in which our relationships with animals help child and families heal from trauma.

Click [HERE](#) TO REGISTER

Tennessee Resources

Map

[CLICK HERE](#)

AIMHiTN Institute for Adoption, Mentoring & Health in Tennessee

SCREEN and Online Safety Articles

See Articles Below

Keeping Children Safe Online

U.S. Department of JUSTICE

6 tips to reduce children's screen time

HELPFUL LINKS

- Foster Parent Training
- Training Calendar
- Online Training
- Self-Care
- DCS Talks Podcast
- Child Welfare Resources
- Regional Training Contact
- DCS Listens Registration
- Birth Children Resources
- Unsung Hero of the Month