

FOSTER PARENT NEWS

DCS TRAINING NEWSLETTER



DCS Newsletter Color Code

DCS Opportunities of Training Credit

3rd Party Opportunities for Training Credit

Resources / Entertainment / Information

Should a foster parent sign for medical bills?

Foster parents can connect with the Select Kids team at Blue Cross Blue Shield by phone at **1-877-DCS-KIDS** or SelectKids_GM@bcbst.com.

For more information on medical and mental health resources click on the QR code.

When a foster youth is on TennCare, the health provider should not require payment from foster payments. Foster parents are not financially responsible for medical services for foster youth. **As a reminder, foster parents should never sign as the person who is financially responsible.**

Foster parents should coordinate with the child's FSW or FPS if the youth does not have TennCare or for additional questions.



National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)

The 17 year old cohort of survey collection began October 1, 2022 and the Youth Villages Life Set team is currently making contact with providers and foster parents to conduct survey's on eligible youth. Please know that it is approved for them to conduct the survey. However, youth do have the right to refuse the survey if they choose. Youth that complete the NYTD survey will receive a \$25 gift card. We appreciate everyone's assistance with the survey collection for NYTD reporting.

If you have questions, please contact Courtney.Matthews@tn.gov

Official Memo:

The Tennessee Department of Childrens Services (DCS) is required to ensure youth receive a National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) survey under federal regulations proceeding from Public Law 106-169 (the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (FCIP), at section 477 of the Social Security Act. The NYTD surveys have to be completed within 45 days of a youth turning age 17 while in States Custody, or with youth who enter states custody within 45 days of their 17th birthday, and also for a sample of that population at ages 19 and 21. DCS partnered with Youth Villages (YV) to complete surveys for all youth that meet the above criteria regardless of DCS or private provider resource home or congregate care placement while in state custody, or placement status at ages 19 and 21. A Memorandum of Agreement between DCS and YV was signed by the DCS Commissioner to ensure this gets completed.

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

POINT YOUR CAMERA PHONE AND SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ASSESSMENT HOMES



Online Trainings

Foster Parent Training Resources

CALENDAR OF LIVE TRAININGS

ONLINE TRAINING

DCS PRACTICE MODEL INTRODUCTION

*30 minutes of training credit

Medical Resources and Information (M.R.I.)

Medication Administration will now be called Medical Resources and Information and will include:

- New information on CBD- Cannabidiol
- New Medical and Mental Health Resources
- MRI Refresher is now 2.5 hours of class time

[CLICK HERE](#)

TikTok Of the Month

Click HERE

[heyyy.its.shae](#)

FOUNDATIONS OF TBRI - INTRO

1/5/2023 Trust-Based Relational Intervention

5:30-7:30 pm CST *Good for Trauma and Therapeutic training hours

6:30-8:30pm EST

VIDEO Of the Month

Click HERE

[Practice Model Lindsay Coleman](#)

The DCS Practice Model A Road Map To Success

Regional Foster Parent Support Group

Co-Regulation

East - January 24, 5:30-7:30pm EST

Middle - January 9, 5:30-7:30pm CST

West - January 23, 5:30-7:30pm CST

DCS TALKS PODCAST

Holiday Stress Podcast Episode

January 19, 2023

1:00 - 2:30 pm CST

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month!

Join Grow Free TN with Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking

What the Child Welfare Community Needs to Know about Human Trafficking in Tennessee

Why We Do It the DCS Training Team!

Felicia Lazarus

Training Officer I, Kinship Foster Parent Training

Building Strong Brains

Available Class Options:

January 27

February 24

March 31

April 28

*Worth 2 Hours of Training Credit

*Fulfills Trauma Training Credit

[Click HERE](#) for more details!

No matter the position held, I feel it is a calling to work in child welfare. This field is incredibly challenging at times, but it is also incredibly rewarding at times. This work is important and to be able to walk alongside of our children, families, and DCS/agency staff is a blessing.

When I joined the training team, I looked forward to working with our kinship families and regional/agency partners. Kinship families are a unique group of people who brave the unknown to take in a relative/friend not time to plan. They often find themselves thrown into chaos, but they exemplify perseverance. Working with them allows me to provide a sense of reasoning and understanding in the chaos they experience. Overall, my reasons why are countless, but each is rooted in the importance of this work, the impacts we have with every family we encounter, and the ability to be a light in some of the darkest times.

Dad's waiting for January 1st 0:01 so they can say "I haven't seen you since last year"

January Calendar

Happy New Year

Click the links below to register

- 1/5 - [Foundations of TBRI](#)
- 1/9 - [My Child Struggles at School: What Can I Do?](#)
- 1/10 - [Positive Parenting](#)
- 1/12 - [Caring for the Child with Sexual Trauma](#)
- 1/12 - [Building Strong Brains](#)
- 1/17 - [Internet Safety](#)
- 1/19 - [Creating Normalcy Through Prudent Parenting](#)
- 1/19 - [What We Need to Know about Human Trafficking in Tennessee](#)
- 1/26 - [Foundations of TBRI - Connecting](#)
- 2/2 - [Caring for the Child with Special Needs](#)
- 2/4 - [Trauma Informed Parenting Strategies \(T.I.P.S.\)](#)
- 2/7 - [Foundations of TBRI - Empowering](#)
- 2/7 - [Celebrating African American History Month](#)
- 2/9 - [Celebrating African American History Month](#)
- 2/13 - [Your Money Your Goals](#)

Let our New Year's resolution be this:

we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.

-Goran Persson

Upcoming Classes

Celebrating African American History Month with Children

February 7, 2023 - 11:00am - 12:30 pm CST

February 9, 2023 - 5:30pm - 7:00pm CST

[Click HERE](#) for more details!

[CLICK HERE](#)

SCHEDULE

DATES: 3 consecutive Saturdays: January 7th, January 14th and January 21, 2023

Time: 9:00am-2:30pm CST/10:00am-3:30pm EST

LOCATION: Zoom

COURSE ID: CHRP220222

REGISTRATION: Please contact Loretta at 731-613-5294.

Statewide Zoom Class

The fundamentals of caring for you, your family, and your child with mental illness.

Classes Forming Now - Limited Space Available

23rd National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

APRIL 11-13 AND APRIL 18-20, 2023

Virtual 23rd NCCAN

23rd National Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect

Doing Things Differently: Moving from the Challenge to the Change

[CLICK HERE](#)

When to Transition to the NEXT Safety Seat

[CLICK HERE](#)

Which Car Seat Do I Need?

- INFANT
- TODDLER
- PRESCHOOL
- SCHOOL-AGE

[CLICK HERE](#)

Trauma Among Families with Substance Abuse

[CLICK HERE](#)

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](#)

