

Description of Training Courses

The Child Welfare Team - Covers how the child welfare system works, purpose and goals of the system, key terms, and who the child welfare team members are, as well as their roles and responsibilities.

Child Abuse & Neglect - A pre-service course designed for individuals interested in caregiving which focuses on child maltreatment. Learn about the characteristics, symptoms and reporting standards for child maltreatment.

Parent-Child Attachment - Covers the difference between healthy and unhealthy attachment, how separation and loss affect attachment, and how attachment theory applies to real life.

Understanding Behavior in Foster Children - Explores problematic behavior in foster children and how foster parents can better understand the purpose of a child's behavior through careful observation.

Child Development - Explores typical child development, developmental domains and stages, temperament and goodness of fit, and the effects of abuse and neglect on a child's health and behavior.

Cultural Issues in Parenting - Examines how parents can support children's cultural development and why that is important to their healthy growth and development.

Working Together with Primary Families - Explores the benefits and challenges of building a working relationship between foster and primary families, and offers strategies for developing respectful, positive communication.

Caring for Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused - Explores the emotional and behavioral effects of child sexual abuse on children in care and offers strategies to help overcome the challenges foster parents face.

Reducing Family Stress - Explores adding a foster child to the family and offers insight into how to preserve the family structure and reduce stress caused by a changing dynamic.

Foster Care to Adoption - Explores the process and challenges of moving from foster care to adoption and offers insight and advice for helping adoptive family members through those challenges.