

ACCESS TO THE CHILD WELFARE ACADEMY RESOURCE PARENT TRAINING WEBSITE

The Child Welfare Academy at the Institute for Innovation and Implementation, University of Maryland School of Social Work, provides <u>live</u> ongoing training for all Resource Parents licensed through the state of Maryland. In order to access these trainings you must currently be a licensed resource parent with your local Department of Social Services. Families licensed with private agencies, or who are informal Kinship Caregivers, may have access to virtual training opportunities as space allows.

The Child Welfare Academy provides approximately 80 trainings per year, including two regional conferences. Workshops are typically hosted at local Departments, the School of Social Work, and online. Due to ongoing COVID19 concerns, all trainings are currently being held online only. Topics include Attachment, Understanding Behavior, Trauma, Birth Parent Relationships, Mental Health, Tech Use, and Self-Care, among many others. Trainings are offered live, during the evening, weekdays, and some weekends. Parents are welcome to attend as many trainings as they would like.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Registration for all workshops can be found at https://theinstitute.myabsorb.com/ **Approval is required before accessing the account**
 - To create a new account, please contact Laura Teetermoran at lteetermoran@ssw.umaryland.edu or (410)706-0721
 - If you already have an account but are experiencing difficulties, please email our help desk at theinstitutehelp@ssw.umaryland.edu
 - Each individual must create their own account, even if you plan to attend trainings as a couple.

Please contact Laura Teetermoran for any additional questions.