CHILD WELFARE ACADEMY Fall 2020 Resource Parent Training Calendar



Welcome!

Our training is provided for licensed Maryland Resource Parents or Kinship Caregivers. Currently workshops are <u>ONLINE ONLY</u> via Zoom at the designated date and time. Participants can access Zoom via computer, tablet, or smart phone.

All trainings are FREE.

 Registration is required at https://theinstitute.myabsorb.com/

 ** First time users must contact Laura Teetermoran for registration access:

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 Tues 12/1
 Ambiguous Grief

 5:00-8:00pm
 This session will introduce participants to ambiguous grief (grieving non-death losses). It will look at the implications for children and families in foster care, considering the impact of loss on transition and adjustment, as well as strategies for providing support.

 Thur 12/3
 Understanding the Role of Attorneys for Children & Related Advocacy Efforts

6:00-8:00pmThis training will provide clarity on the role of the child's attorney, advocacy efforts,
court processes, the Best Interest standard, and the role of Maryland Legal Services.

Tues 12/8Holding it Together – Disruption Prevention*6:00-8:00pmEmphasis will be placed on preparing families to raise a hurt child, providing tools to
support families when life gets tough, preventing disruption when possible, and guiding
families through the process of disruption when there is no other option.

Fri 12/11 The Brain Can Heal

Participants will understand the ways in which trauma impacts the brain and the 12:00-1:00pm importance of "creating safety" for a child's emotional growth and development. (1 training hour) Participants will learn some ways to help shape the environment of a child of any age to support getting them back on track for their anticipated development. Sat 12/12 **Strategies for Helping Children Cope During Reunification** Learn the emotional and psychological impact of pre and post reunification for children 9:00am-12:00pm and discuss the various domains in which the reunification process occurs. Trainer will (3 training hours) focus on attachment and strength-based theories for creating and maintaining resiliency and employ key intervention strategies to help children build coping skills. Wed 12/16 Trauma, Attachment, and the Developing Brain* Review "typical" childhood development vs development clouded by abuse, neglect, 6:00-8:00pm and trauma. Understand the nature, incidence, and dynamics of abuse and neglect as (2 training hours) it relates to brain development. Participants will learn intervention and strategies to help children manage the impact of traumatic pasts. Fri 12/18 **Conflict Resolution and Strengthening Families***

9:00am-12:00pm (3 training hours) Review the impact of trauma on family dynamics, communications, and styles of conflict resolution and family functioning. The training will highlight trauma-informed principles that support the development of family resiliency.



