



In addition to training and support the Center for Family Services provides directly to foster and adoptive parents, we continuously update online resources. This provides information and learning opportunities and ensures our providers have the most up-to-date research and practices at their fingertips.

Please check out the resources provided below.

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Current Training Schedule for Certified CFS Foster Parents

Month	Date	Time	Location	Room	Topic
SEPT	11	6:30 - 8:30	Ab	Training Rm	TCI Refresher: Active Listening
SEPT	13	6:30 - 8:30	MR	Training Rm	TCI Refresher: Active Listening
OCT	2	6:30 - 8:30	Ab	Training Rm	Developmental Delays: Red Flags
OCT	4	6:30 - 8:30	MR	Training Rm	Developmental Delays: Red Flags
NOV	8	6:30 - 8:30	MR	Blue Rm	TCI Refresher: Designing Consequences
NOV	13	6:30 - 8:30	Ab	Training Rm	TCI Refresher: Designing Consequences
DEC	1	9 - 4	MR	Training Rm	TCI Refresher - Behavior Management
DEC	4	6:30 - 8:30	Ab	Training Rm	TCI Refresher - Setting Rules that Work
DEC	6	6:30 - 8:30	MR	Training Rm	TCI Refresher - Setting Rules that Work
DEC	8	9 - 4	Ab	Training Rm	TCI Refresher - Behavior Management

Child Development

Early Child Development and Child Health	http://www.cmwf.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=237483	100-page PDF file from multiple resources, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, on early child development and child health.
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Child Welfare and Adoption

<u>Adoption LawSite</u>	http://www.adoptionlawsite.org	A resource where prospective adoptive parents, biological parents, adoption and child welfare lawyers, juvenile and family court judges and child advocates can use to locate child welfare and adoption law information. The site is a free service of the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy.
<u>Adoptive Families Resources</u>	http://www.adoptivefamilies.com/adoptionguide.php	From <i>Adoptive Families</i> magazine, up-to-date information from the world of adoption.
<u>Children's Bureau Express</u>	http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/	<i>Children's Bureau Express</i> is designed for professionals concerned with child abuse and neglect, child welfare, and adoption. Published by The US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.
<u>Represent - by Foster Teens for Foster Teens</u>	http://www.youthcomm.org/Publications/FCYU.htm	A magazine with a mission to help foster youth across the country stand up, be counted, and be heard. The magazine is written by a core writing staff of 15 youngsters in a Manhattan office, but accepts and receives submissions from throughout the country.
<u>FRIENDS National Resource Center</u>	http://www.friendsnrc.org/resources/index.htm	FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) is a service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. This site serves as a resource to community prevention programs and the Child Abuse Prevention community.
<u>National Child Welfare Resource Center</u>	http://www.cwresource.org	biannual bulletin that provides information on current topics important to the child welfare field. Each issue focuses on a particular topic in the area of family-centered practice.
<u>Child Trends Data Bank</u>	http://www.childtrendsdatbank.org	Latest national trends and research on key indicators of child and youth well-being. Also provides link to CrossCurrents Data Briefs , which examine broad topics and special populations of greatest concern.
<u>The Judges' Page</u>	http://www.nationalcasa.org/JudgesPage/i	An online newsletter published three times annually by The National CASA Association and

	index.htm	the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The articles are short, snappy and to the point.
CASA's Advocates' Library	http://www.casanet.org/library/index.htm	The National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association mission is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the juvenile courts. This link will take you to their Advocates' Library.
LINK Families: Linking Information Networks for Kids	http://www.nysccc.org/linkfamily/linkmain.htm	Supported by the New York State Citizens' Coalition for Children and the Syracuse Salvation Army this website offers many links to important child welfare topics.
Foster Club.com	http://www.fosterclub.com	The National Network for youth in foster care and the adults who work with them.
Frontline: Failure to Protect	www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/fostercare/	This Frontline report examines the death of a five year old girl while in foster care in Maine. Her foster parent was a Maine DHS caseworker who was found guilty of manslaughter and is serving 20 years in prison. Materials available at the site include history, interviews, interviews, child welfare policy, resources, readings, and links.
Connect for Kids	http://www.connectforkids.org/	Connect for Kids provides tools and information to improve the lives of children, youth and families. The Connect for Kids online publications cover more than 30 topics ranging from arts to youth development, foster care to adoption, and welfare reform to oral health.
The Voices and Faces Project	http://www.voicesandfaces.org/rape.asp	A special web site for rape victims intended "to give a voice and a face to survivors of sexual violence, offering a sense of solidarity and possibility to those who have lived through abuse, while raising awareness of how sexual violence impacts victims, families and communities."

Health and Wellness

Preparing for a Doctor's Visit	http://www.mercksource.com/pp/us/cns/cns_patient_resources_savard.jsp	Resources, forms, and suggested questions from Merck Source Health Information.
Medem Medical Library	http://www.medem.com/medlb/medlib_entry.cfm	Represents the full range of patient education information from trusted sources with a breadth and depth of health care information.
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information	https://ncadistore.samhsa.gov/catalog/top.aspx	US Department of Health and Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.
Your Medical Source.com	www.yourmedicalsourc.com	Comprehensive, reliable, up-to-date health information.
The Truth.com	www.thetruth.com	An in-your-face anti-smoking website with style designed for kids and teens. Features Q&A, downloadable posters, and games.
Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedules	http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers interactive tools, PDF downloads, and a special schedule for children who start the shot schedule late or are more than one month behind.
Kids Health.org	http://www.kidshealth.org	Deals with children's health issues.

Juvenile Justice

The Intersection of Child Welfare and the Juvenile Justice System	http://www.vera.org/project/project1_1.asp?section_id=6&project_id=3	Reports and publications from the Vera Institute for Justice, an organization dedicated to making justice systems more fair, humane, and efficient.
CWLA's "The Link" Newsletter	http://www.cwla.org/programs/juvenilejustice/jjdnewsletter.htm	Child Welfare League of America – Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Newsletter connects child welfare and juvenile justice issues.
National Center on Education, Disability, and Juvenile Justice	http://www.edjj.org/Publications/	Publications that address nexus of Education, Disability and Juvenile Justice fields

Local Resources

Services for Baltimore City Youth	http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/services/#children	Contact information for services for Baltimore City youth.
Baltimore County Teen Info Center	http://www.bcplonline.org/info/teen	Supported by Baltimore County Library

Mental Health

Children's Mental Health Fact Sheets	http://www.bazelon.org/issues/children/factsheets/index.htm	The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is a national legal advocate for people with mental disabilities.
Village Voice - Losing Joshua: Teen Depression and Suicide	www.villagevoice.com/news/0344.gonnerman.48199.1.html	A feature article from the Village VOICE about a 17-year-old's suicide. Joshua had been diagnosed with ADHD when very young and re-diagnosed as bi-polar four months before his death. He suffered from severe chronic depression. This article is a very thorough treatment of a complex and difficult subject.
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry - Facts for Families	http://aacap.org/publications/factsfam/	Concise and up-to-date information on issues that affect children, teenagers, and their families.
http://www.apa.org	http://www.apa.org	The American Psychological Association (APA) is a scientific and professional organization that represents psychology in the United States. The site contains links to glossaries and information regarding mental health and development.
The Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health	http://www.mdcoalition.org/index.htm	A grassroots coalition of organizations dedicated to improving services for children with mental health needs and their families and building a network of information and support for families across Maryland.
Mental Health.Net	http://www.nmha.org/	The National Mental Health Association provides

		Information and links intended to help parents better understands and make treatment decisions regarding child mental health.
National Institute for Mental Health – Fact Sheets	http://www.nimh.nih.gov/healthinformation/index.cfm	Information sheets on mental health disorders for children and adults.
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill -	http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?section=Inform_Yourself	NAMI is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness and their families.

Parenting

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities	http://www.nichcy.org	NICHCY is the national information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators, and other professionals.
www.coping.org	Tools for Parents of Children with Disabilities and Special Needs	Home of the <i>Tools for Coping Series</i> - onsite manuals for coping with a variety of life's stressors and The Parents’ Toolbox and the Adults’ Toolbox, various worksheets and training modules on important parenting and life skills.
Maryland Disability Law Center - Publications	http://www.mdldcbalto.org/publications.htm	Education Advocacy
Parents Journal Radio Program	http://www.parentsjournal.com	A weekly radio program with segments about child development, discipline, and other parenting issues. Streaming audio of the show is available, as well as links to high-quality parenting websites.
Your Social Worker.com	www.yoursocialworker.com	Gary Direnfeld is a social worker who provides articles on parenting and custody issues on his website. Many of his articles have relevance for foster and adoptive parents and kinship caregivers.
Support for Families with Troubled Teens	http://www.focusas.com/	Focus Adolescent Services is an internet clearinghouse of information and resources to

		help and support families with troubled and at-risk teens. This group works to provide information and resources to empower individuals to help their teens and heal their families.
About Our Kids	http://www.aboutourkids.org	This organization deals with kids issues of all types.
Positive Parenting	http://www.cwla.org/positiveparenting	Child Welfare League of America's support for parenting issues.

Preparing for Independence

www.managingmymoney.com	http://www.managingmymoney.com/	Independent Living Skills
Tools to Prepare Youth for Adulthood	http://www.caseylifeskills.org	<i>free and easy to use tools to help young people prepare for adulthood</i>
Forum for Youth Investment	www.forumfyi.org	The Forum is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to helping communities and the nation make sure all young people are Ready by 21™ – ready for college, work and life.

Training Resources on the Web

Washington State On-Line Foster Parent Classes	http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/training/	This is the same great material used in the Washington State's Department of Social and Health Services' foster parent classes.
Foster Parent College	www.fosterparentcollege.com	Interactive training resource with topics related to foster care, adoption, and behavior management topics. Registration is free.
Foster Club On-Line Training	http://www.fosterclub.com/training/index.cfm	The National Network for youth in foster care and the adults who work with them.