

Foster Parent Training Schedule 2017



January 5th

5:30-7:30 PM

Trauma and Loss: Understanding why and how Trauma Affects Foster Children

This will be a discussion about how much loss can occur during a foster child's life. There will be a presentation demonstrating how many people can come and go during the short life of a child in care. Additionally, we will discuss the triggers and common behaviors associated with loss. Foster parents will learn coping skills with regard to behavior.



February 2nd

5:30-7:30 PM

RAD Reactive Attachment Disorder: What is it? Why does it occur? How can you Help Children in your Care Deal with It?

This discussion pertains to RAD and how it manifests in children, the effects on foster parents, and the implications of misdiagnosis. Additionally, a presentation on the trauma tree and a group case study will take place.



March 2nd

5:30-7:30 PM

Domestic Violence- Identifying Effects, Triggers, and Behaviors Due to Domestic Violence and How to Handle It

We will discuss domestic violence and how it can affect the relationship between foster children and parents. We will learn the signs and symptoms of neglect as well as physical, sexual, and verbal abuse. The cycle of violence will be discussed in detail and a short video will be presented.



April 6th

5:30- 7:30 PM

Presentation by Manolya Bayar and Regina Roof-Ray from Harford Community College- *Challenges and Obstacles Faced by Children and Adolescents in Foster Care*

We will discuss children in foster care, life within the family, and coping strategies for unique stressors. The discussion will include the impact of foster care on adolescent identity, negotiating sibling and biological parent relationships, and dealing with recurrent loss.



May 4th

5:30-7:30 PM

Foster Care Month Celebration- TBD



May 11th

5:30-7:30 PM

Presentation by Kevin Drumheller, M.ED, MSW- *Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma*



June 1

5:30-7:30 PM

Presentation by Dr. Girio-Herrera from Towson University- *Strategies for Improving Parent-Child Relationships and Preventing Noncompliance and Misbehavior*

This will be an interactive presentation on improving warmth and relationships with children and how these things can be used to deal with noncompliance and misbehavior. She will be reviewing what we know about different types of parents, addressing the power of giving children attention, and the role of actively ignoring (strategically removing attention). The presentation will include a workshop on special play time, how to do it, its effectiveness on improving parent/child relationships, and how it can reduce disruptive behaviors.