



TRAINING COOP

Current Agency Members:

- Auberle
- Project STAR
- Wesley Spectrum Services
- Pressley Ridge
- Persad
- *Every Child Inc.*
- Greater Valley Community Services
- Children's Home of Pittsburgh
- *Merakay*
- Bethany Christian Services
- *Three Rivers Adoption Council*
- *NHS*
- *Bair Foundation*
- Blue Prints
- Adoption Connection

Italicized agencies are not offering trainings during this session.

For Your Information

Allegheny County Foster Parents must:

- Obtain 12 hours of training each year
- Six hours must be in a traditional classroom setting
- All other training may be obtained through support group attendance, online trainings or independent study as approved by your foster care agency.
- All topics must be relevant to meet the goals of your Foster Parent Development Plan created with you at the time of certification or recertification.

The following document provides a list of foster parent trainings provided by local foster care agencies. This list is updated every 6 months. You are welcome to attend any of the trainings, regardless of which foster care agency you work with. You must register prior to attending a training. Please note that trainings can be cancelled due to low enrollment.

On the last page you will find a list of local support groups which are currently running. Please note that some support groups break for holidays and summer vacation. Please call before attending.

Training Schedule

July 2018

Date	Title of Training	Location	Time	RSVP Info.	Other Details
7/11/18	Cultural Competency	Pressley Ridge 530 Marshall Ave. North Side, PA	6:30-8:30	Call Helene Welling at 412-442-2084	Dinner is provided. Childcare is not available.
7/13/18	CPR/First Aid	Auberle 1101 Hartman Street McKeesport, Pa	9:00-3:00	Call Tracy Holguin at 412-779-5476	\$25 for Certification, snacks and lunch provided. Childcare is not available
7/14/18	Welcome to Oz	Auberle 1101 Hartman Street McKeesport, Pa	9:00-3:00	Call Tracy Holguin at 412-779-5476	Snacks and lunch provided. Childcare is not available
7/21/18	Get Real	Provided by Reach Collaborative @ Project STAR 1405 Shady Avenue, Squirrel Hill , PA 15217	9-12:30	Call or email Beth Cross at 412-244-3051 bcr@ the-institute.org	Breakfast provided. Childcare is not available.

Training Schedule

August 2018

Date	Title of	Location	Time	RSVP Info.	Other Details
8/4/18	Welcome to Oz	Auberle 1101 Hartman Street McKeesport, Pa	9-3	Call Tracy Holguin at 412-779-5476	Snacks and lunch provided. Childcare is not available
8/6/18	Diversity; its More than Color	Wesley Family Services 221 Penn Avenue Wilkinsburgh, PA	6-8	Email Colleen Slebodnik Cslebodnik	Childcare and dinner are not provided
8/11/18	Co-parenting	Greater Valley Community Services 609 Jones Avenue N. Braddock, PA 15104	12-2	Email Janae Gans at Jgans @greatervalley.org	Food and Childcare not provided.
8/14/18	Enhancing the Safety of Youth—Commercial Sexual	Pressley Ridge 530 Marshall Ave. North Side, PA	6:30-8:30	Call Helene Welling at 412-442-2084	Dinner is provided. Childcare is not available.
8/15/18	Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Expression 101	Persad Center 5301 Butler St Ste 100, Pittsburgh, PA 15201	6:00-9:00	Email: Coley Alston calston@ Persadcenter.org	Childcare and dinner are not provided.
8/15/18	Working with Birth Parents	Children's Home 5324 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh PA, 15244	6:30-8:30	Email Erica Schmitt Eschmitt @chomepgh.org	Dinner and Childcare not provided.
8/25	Car Seat Training	Adoption Connection 700 Turnpike St. Beaver, PA 15009	9-11	Call Stephanie 724-371-0671	Drinks and snacks provided. Childcare is not.

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September 2018

Date	Title of Training	Location	Time	RSVP Info.	Other Details
9/8/18	Sanctuary TCIF	Auberle 1101 Hartman Street McKeesport, Pa	9:00-3:00	Call Tracy Holguin at 412-779-5476	Snacks and lunch provided. Childcare is not available
9/10/18	Fears; Yours, Mine and Theirs	Wesley Family Services 221 Penn Avenue Wilkinsburgh, PA	6-8	Email Colleen Slobodnik Cslobodnik@welseyspectrum.org	Childcare and dinner are not provided
9/11/18	Crisis Management and Managing a Child's Behavior	Pressley Ridge 530 Marshall Ave. North Side, PA	6:30-8:30	Call Helene Welling at 412-442-2084	Dinner is provided. Childcare is not available.
9/12/18	Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Expression 101	Persad Center 5301 Butler St Ste 100, Pittsburgh, PA 15201	6:00-9:00	Email: Coley Alston calston@Persadcenter.org	Childcare and dinner are not provided.
9/15/18	Instead of Them, US!	Adoption Connection 700 Turnpike St. Beaver, PA 15009	9-12	Call: Stephanie 724-371-0671	Drinks and snacks provided. Childcare is not.

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October 2018

Date	Title of	Location	Time	RSVP Info.	Other Details
10/6/18	Welcome to Oz	Auberle 1101 Hartman Street McKeesport, Pa	9:00-3:00	Call Tracy Holguin at 412-779-5476	Snacks and lunch provided. Childcare is not available
10/9/18	Adult Grief vs. Child's Grief; Its not the Same	Wesley Family Services 221 Penn Avenue Wilkinsburg, PA	6-8	Email Colleen Slebodnik Cslebodnik@welseyspectrum.org	Childcare and dinner are not provided
10/10/18	Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Expression 101	Persad Center 5301 Butler St Ste 100, Pittsburgh, PA 15201	6-9	Email: Coley Alston calston@Persadcenter.org	Childcare and dinner are not provided.
10/12/18	Alternate Discipline	Greater Valley Community Services 609 Jones Avenue N. Braddock, PA 15104	10-12	Email Janae Gans at Jgans@greatervalley.org	Food and Childcare are not provided.
10/20/18	Get Real	Provided by Reach Collaborative @ Project STAR 1405 Shady Avenue,	9-12:30	Call or email Beth Cross at 412-244-3051 or bcr@the-institute.org	Breakfast provided. Childcare is not provided.

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November 2018

Date	Title of Training	Location	Time	RSVP Info.	Other Details
11/3/18	Sanctuary	Auberle 1101 Hartman Street McKeesport, Pa	9:00-3:00	Call Tracy Holguin at 412-779-5476	Snacks and lunch provided. Childcare is not available
11/10/18	Media Training	Bethany Christian Svs. 10521 Perry Highway Ste 200, Wexford, PA 15090	10-12	Email Christina Sutton at csutton@ Bethany.org	No childcare. Light refreshments provided.
11/14/18	Out Online	Persad Center 5301 Butler St Ste 100, Pittsburgh, PA 15201	6:00-9:00	Email: Coley Alston at calston@ persad.org	Childcare and dinner are not provided.
11/14/18	System Navigation and Act 101 FAQ	Pressley Ridge 530 Marshall Ave. North Side, PA	6:30-8:30	Call Helene Welling at 412-442-2084	Dinner is provided. Childcare is not available.

December 2018

Date	Title of Training	Location	Time	RSVP Info.	Other Details
12/1/18	Welcome to Oz	Auberle 1101 Hartman Street McKeesport, Pa	9:00-3:00	Call Tracy Holguin at 412-779-5476	Snacks and lunch provided. Childcare is not available
12/12/18	Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Expression 101	Persad Center 5301 Butler St Ste 100, Pittsburgh, PA 15201	6:00-9:00	Email: Coley Alston at calston@ persad.org	Childcare and dinner are not provided.

SUPPORT GROUPS

AFN Foster Parent of Teens Support Group

This support group is held every other month from 6pm to 8pm. It is located at the Allegheny Family Network office on 425 North Craig Street in Pittsburgh PA. This is an open group who welcomes all foster and adoptive parents of teens. Dinner is provided. Please register by calling Linda Mitchell at 412-290-9190.

Chat N Chill

This support group is held the last Monday of every month (taking a break in the summer). It is facilitated by Three Rivers Adoption Council and located at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church located at 116 South Highland St. Pittsburgh PA. This is an open group who welcomes all waiting, foster and adoptive families. Dinner and childcare are provided. You must register as space is limited. Call 412-471-8722 x223 to register.

South Hills Foster and Adopt Support Group

This support group meets the 2nd Monday of every month. It is located at 3524 Ashland Drive in Bethel Park PA. This is an open group who welcomes all foster and adoptive parents. For more information call 412-835-7618.

Transracial Support Group

This support group is geared toward interracial families. It is facilitated by Bethany Christian Services and is located on 10521 Perry Highway Wexford, PA. For more information please call 724-940-2900 or email mticich@bethany.org.

NAMI Support Groups

The National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) holds a variety of support groups for individuals with mental illness and family members/parents of individuals with mental illness. There are various locations across Allegheny County. Please go to the website for more details: <https://www.nami.org/Find-Support>

Al-Anon Family Groups

Al-Anon Family Groups are support groups for family members/parents of an individual with a substance addiction. They also have support groups for teens who have a parent with a substance addiction. There are various locations across Allegheny County. For more information please see the website: <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/>



Allegheny County Self Care Initiative

What is it?

The self care initiative offers free hair care, hair products and training in hair care for children, youth and foster families involved in the foster care system. The programs also offer quarterly workshops and other activities designed to increase self esteem and self awareness.

How do we participate?

Call the numbers listed to the right to get enrolled in the program. The provider will take care of the rest. The program is free to all children in a kinship or foster home.

Ages 12-21 Or Sibling Groups

For more information about the My Best Self Program, contact:

Kymberly Harper

412-722-1404 x240

kharper@wardhome.org

Girls Ages 11 & Under

For more information about the KEEP Program, contact:

Daria Segers

412-282-8022

Boys Ages 11 & Under

For more information about the Barbershop B.O.Y.S., contact:

Comocrea Johnson

412-665-2810 x240



Foster Love Project's Free Donation Center

It is our joy to offer a free donation center for youth in foster care. We are located in Dormont and serve all foster families in Western PA. We have clothing, diapers, car seats, bedding, books, toys, toiletries, luggage, baby gear, cribs + more available for FREE! .

COME SHOP!

Please bring custody papers with you. If it is a brand new placement and papers have not come yet, an email from your case worker is sufficient.

Children over 6 need to be with you to shop at the donation center. Our mission is love and dignity for kids in foster care and part of that dignity is that they can pick out the clothing, styles and sizes that work best for them! We also have a sensory play room for any kids that need a break or would prefer to hang out there while parents shop.

We encourage kids to pick 7-9 outfits, 2 pairs of shoes and a pack each of socks and underwear. We allow kids to shop once a season for either spring/summer items or fall/winter. Diapers are given one time per placement.

Hours

Tuesdays 6pm-8pm

Thursdays 9am-12pm

First and Third Saturday 9am-12pm

Location

Our donation center is located at:

2865 Espy Avenue

Pittsburgh PA 15216

For more info email: fosterlovepittsburgh@gmail.com
