



Department of
Children & Youth

Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center

17th Annual

NEORTC

Foster Parent Conference



Thursday, April 3rd

Friday, April 4th

Saturday, April 5th

Sunday, April 6th

2025

[Conference Location](#)

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Summit County Children Services Education Center

264 South Arlington Street

Akron, OH 44306

330-379-1805

NEORTC Foster Parent Conference

At-A-Glance Schedule

Thursday, April 3, 2025

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SESSION ID</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
9:00am-12:00pm	#19527	The 7 C's of Resiliency (Virtual)	Jody Johnston Pawel
1:00pm-4:00pm	#19798	Working with Birth Parents: Making it Positive...	Sherry Doherty
1:15pm-4:30pm	#19799	Using Discipline to Teach Self-Regulation	Ronna Johnson
5:00pm-8:00pm	#19800	ZZZ's to A's: Supporting Better Sleep Functioning	Stacy Simera

Friday, April 4, 2025

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SESSION ID</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
9:00am-4:00pm	#19095	Discovering Wellness: Looking at Seven Areas...	Jayne Schooler
9:30am-11:00am	#19097	Building Parental Resilience for Kinship Care	Lauri Wolfe
11:15am-12:15pm	#19100	Preparing for and Managing Intrusive Questions	Lauri Wolfe
1:00pm-4:00pm	#19101	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
5:00pm-8:00pm	#19106	Making Room in the Family: Understanding the Impact...	Jayne Schooler

Saturday, April 5, 2025

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SESSION ID</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
9:00am-12:00pm	#20430	The Power of Play: Understanding How Play is Essential...	Beth Cardina
9:30am-4:30pm	#19801	Invisible Injuries: The Impacts of Trauma	Paula Walters
1:00pm-4:00pm	#19413	Fostering Well-Being: Practical Strategies...	Deanna Prezioso
5:00pm-7:00pm	#19851	Confidentiality Considerations for Resource Caregivers	Randall Muth
5:00pm-8:00pm	#19415	Compassion Fatigue and the Caregiver: Caring for...	Deanna Prezioso

Sunday, April 6, 2025

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SESSION ID</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
9:00am-4:00pm	#19677	Behavioral Triggers of Traumatized Children: Prevention...	David Zidar
9:00am-10:30am	#19533	Foster Care- A Means to Support Families	Carmen Toro-Wooten
10:45am-12:15pm	#19536	Impact of Substance Use	Carmen Toro-Wooten
1:15pm-3:15pm	#19540	Separation, Grief, and Loss	Carmen Toro-Wooten
3:30pm-4:30pm	#19543	Effective Communication	Carmen Toro-Wooten



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The Education Center is separate from the Main Building. Turn left at the gate. Turn left at the 2nd entrance to the parking lot on the left. Turn right into the Training Center parking lot.

PLEASE NOTE

There is **no charge** to attend the Foster Parent Conference.

Registration through CAPS LMS by **Sunday, March 30, 2025**.
See Last Page for more details if you have not yet used CAPS LMS.

If the session details state “**No Seats Available**”, disregard and click the “**Add to Waitlist**” button. You will receive an email when you are granted registration into the session.

Check-in begins 30 minutes prior to the training start time.

If you are **unable to attend** a session, please withdraw yourself from the session so that accurate registration numbers are obtained.

Evaluations and Certificates will be available in CAPS LMS after each training.

Beverages, light meals, and evening snacks will be provided by NEORTC.

The Ohio Child Welfare Training Program (OCWTP) is an approved Continuing Education Provider through the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board. OCWTP programs designated as approved for licensure credit hours can be used by licensees toward license renewal requirements. Only individuals completing training in its entirety will receive Certificates of Training.

Social Work Approved Provider number: **RSXX038702**/Counselor Approved Provider number: **RCX012101**

Participants **CANNOT** use the same workshop to satisfy renewal requirements for both.



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ONGOING FOSTER PARENT TRAINING SCHEDULE

WINTER 2025

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

IN-PERSON TRAINING

COUNTY LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
ASHLAND DJFS 15 W. FOURTH ST., ASHLAND, OHIO 44805						
Ashland	Saturday	2/22/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	17544	Normalcy and the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard	Beth Cardina
Ashland	Saturday	2/22/2025	1:00pm - 4:00pm	17548	Lifebooks: The Gift that Keeps Giving	Beth Cardina
ASHTABULA CS 39 14 C COURT, ASHTABULA, OHIO 44004						
NO TRAINING						
COLUMBIANA DJFS GOVERNMENT SERVICE CENTER, 7989 DICKEY DR., LISBON, OHIO 44432						
NO TRAINING						
GEAUGA DJFS 1261 1 RAVENWOOD DR., CHARDON, OHIO 44024						
NO TRAINING						
HOLMES DJFS 85 N. GRANT ST., MILLERSBURG, OHIO 44654-0072						
Holmes	Saturday	3/22/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	17567	Lifelong Connections: Permanency for Older Youth	Deanna Prezioso
LAKE DJFS 177 MAIN ST., PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077-3402						
Lake	Thursday	1/30/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17217	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Lake	Thursday	2/20/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17228	Interventions for Children who have Suffered Trauma	David Zidar
Lake	Wednesday	3/26/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17239	Independent Living Issues for Caregivers	Bert Nero

LORAIN CS 226 MIDDLE AVE., ELYRIA, OHIO 44035-5644

Park in the garage attached to the backside of the Lorain County Administration Building (access to parking garage is off 3rd St.) Entrance into the building will only be available at lower level of parking garage. Someone will be at the door to let you in (usually 15 minutes before and until 5 minutes after class begins) and direct you to room location. There is no cost to park in the garage after 4:30 pm. Please call cell - 440-213-5474, if you have any trouble with directions.

Lorain	Monday	1/27/2025	6:00pm - 7:30pm	17218	Parenting in Racially and Culturally Diverse Families	Ronna Johnson
Lorain	Monday	1/27/2025	7:45pm - 8:45pm	17219	Mental Health Considerations	Ronna Johnson
Lorain	Wednesday	2/12/2025	6:00pm - 7:30pm	13120	Impact of Substance Use	Brian Lowery
Lorain	Wednesday	2/12/2025	7:45pm - 9:15pm	13130	Parenting a Child with a History of Sexual Trauma	Brian Lowery
Lorain	Tuesday	3/11/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17240	Lifebooks: The Gift that Keeps Giving	Beth Cardina

MAHONING CS 222 W. FEDERAL ST. 3RD FLOOR, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44503

Parking is available in parking garage underneath the building. Entrance for parking lot/garage is on W. Commerce St., which is the street behind MCCS. Enter lot after waiting for parking arm to raise. Drive through the lot and park in parking garage. Enter building through the doors on your left (non-employee doors). Take elevator to third floor for training. Do not park on Federal St. or try to enter from the front doors on Federal St. as these doors are locked afterhours. Parking garage will close 15 min after the start of training.

Mahoning	Saturday	1/25/2025 1/18/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	19689	Behavioral Triggers of Traumatized Children: Prevention and Reactions	David Zidar
Mahoning	Thursday	2/6/2025	5:30pm - 9:30pm	19690	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR Without Skills Testing (Mahoning Only)	Deanna Prezioso
Mahoning	Thursday	3/6/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17746	Compassion Fatigue and the Caregiver: Caring for Yourself so You Can Care for Others	Deanna Prezioso

MEDINA DJFS 232 NORTHLAND DR., MEDINA, OHIO 44256

Entrance and parking are in the Employee Parking Lot off Walter Road in the back of the JFS building. From 232 Northland Drive, turn left onto Huntington Street, left on Longview Road, left onto Walter Road.

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PORTAGE DJFS 253 S. CHESTNUT ST., RAVENNA, OHIO 44266						
Portage	Wednesday	1/8/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17721	Attachment, Separation, and Loss in Foster Care and Adoption	Brian Lowery
Portage	Wednesday	2/12/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17550	Compassion Fatigue and the Caregiver: Caring for Yourself so You Can Care for Others	Deanna Prezioso
STARK DJFS CORNERSTONE, 402 SECOND STREET SE, CANTON, OHIO 44702						
Stark	Monday	1/6/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17220	Understanding Addiction for Resource Parents	Sabrina Pittman
Stark	Tuesday	2/4/2025	6:00pm - 7:00pm	17229	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Angie Irby
Stark	Tuesday	2/4/2025	7:15pm - 8:45pm	17235	Parenting in Racially and Culturally Diverse Families	Angie Irby
Stark	Saturday	3/1/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	17241	Preventing, Recognizing, and Managing Urgent Medical Situations for Children in Care	Ronna Johnson
SUMMIT CS EDUCATION CENTER, 264 S. ARLINGTON ST., AKRON, OHIO 44306						
Summit	Thursday	2/27/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17551	Understanding Addiction for Resource Parents	Sabrina Pittman
Summit	Saturday	3/8/2025	9:00am - 1:00pm	17426	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR Without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
TRUMBULL CS 2282 REEVES ROAD NE, WARREN, OHIO 44483-4354						
Trumbull	Saturday	2/22/2025	9:00am - 10:50am	17557	Kinship Parenting	Lauri Wolfe
Trumbull	Saturday	2/22/2025	11:00am - 12:00pm	17559	Preparing for and Managing Intrusive Questions	Lauri Wolfe
Trumbull	Saturday	2/22/2025	1:00pm - 4:00pm	17562	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Trumbull	Monday	3/24/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17720	Understanding the Legal Process and the Role of the Foster Caregiver in Child Welfare Cases	Linda Julian
WAYNE CS 2534 BURBANK RD., WOOSTER, OHIO 44691-1600						
Wayne	Saturday	1/11/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	17565	Tug of War: The Ins and Outs of Power Struggles	Jim Still-Pepper
Wayne	Saturday	1/11/2025	1:00pm - 4:00pm	17566	Conscience Development in Children	Jim Still-Pepper
Wayne	Saturday	2/22/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	19676	Behavior Triggers of Traumatized Children: Prevention and Reactions	David Zidar

VIRTUAL TRAINING

VIRTUAL	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
	Friday	1/10/2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm	16117	Trauma Related Behaviors	Sharon Dunlevy
	Monday	1/13/2025	12:00pm - 1:00pm	16118	Effective Communication	Lauri Wolfe
	Tuesday	1/14/2025	6:30 pm - 8:30pm	17143	Section 504	OCECD
	Thursday	1/16/2025	7:00pm - 8:50pm	17224	Kinship Parenting	Lauri Wolfe
	Friday	1/24/2025	12:00pm - 1:00pm	17225	Cultural Humility	Angela Irby
	Wednesday	1/29/2025	7:30pm - 8:30pm	16119	Preparing for and Managing Intrusive Questions	Lauri Wolfe
	Tuesday	2/11/2025	7:00pm - 10:00pm	17745	What's the Foundation of Your Parenting?	Jody Johnston-Pawel
	Thursday	2/13/2025	6:30pm - 8:30pm	17144	Positive Behavioral Interventions and IDEA	OCECD
	Wednesday	2/19/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17236	Dual Systems Youth: Providing Trauma Informed Care and Advocacy for Youth Involved in both Child Protection and Juvenile Justice	Lauri Wolfe
	Sunday	2/23/2025	1:30pm - 3:00pm	16164	Building Parental Resilience for Kinship Care	Lauri Wolfe
	Sunday	3/2/2025	1:15pm - 4:30pm	17572	Communicable Diseases - Protecting Your Family's Health	Megan Wendling
	Tuesday	3/4/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	17573	GAP: Transition from Foster Care to Adoption	Angela Buckalew
	Wednesday	3/12/2025	6:30pm - 8:30pm	17145	Understanding Bullying	OCECD
	Monday	3/31/2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm	17574	Creating a Stable, Nurturing, and Safe Home Environment	Ronna Johnson