



Department of
Children & Youth

Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center



FOSTER PARENT TRAINING BLITZ

264 South Arlington Street
Akron, OH 44306

Thursday, October 16 - Sunday, October 19, 2025

All sessions will be held **in person** at NEORTC
(unless otherwise noted)

Registration Required
through link below
[CAPS LMS](#)

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NEORTC'S FOSTER PARENT TRAINING BLITZ!

Thursday, October 16 through Sunday, October 19, 2025

❁ TRAINING TITLE ❁	❁ DATE/TIME ❁	❁ INSTRUCTOR ❁
The Appalachian Culture Session ID 22303	Thursday, October 16 9:00am~4:00pm Joint Session for Staff & Caregivers	Brian Bethel
Accessing Services and Supports for Youth and Caregivers Session ID 23084	Thursday, October 16 7:00pm~10:00pm VIRTUAL SESSION	Lauri Wolfe
Interventions with Lying and Stealing Session ID 22299	Friday, October 17 9:00am~4:00pm	David Zidar
NCTSN: Trauma 101 Session ID 22300	Friday, October 17 6:00pm~9:00pm	David Zidar
Building Skills in Emotional Regulation and De-escalation Session ID 23393	Saturday, October 18 10:00 am~4:00 pm	Carrie Farley
Normalcy and the Reasonable and Prudent Standard Session ID 23080	Saturday, October 18 5:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm	Beth Cardina
Preventing, Recognizing, and Managing Urgent Medical Situations for Children in Care Session ID 23081	Sunday, October 19 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm	Ronna Johnson

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

SUMMER 2025

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

IN-PERSON TRAINING

COUNTY LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
ASHLAND DJFS 15 W. FOURTH ST., ASHLAND, OHIO 44805						
Ashland	Saturday	9/6/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	22324	Preventing Foster and Adoption Care Disruptions	Jim Still-Pepper
ASHTABULA CS 3914 C COURT, ASHTABULA, OHIO 44004						
NO TRAINING						
COLUMBIANA DJFS GOVERNMENT SERVICE CENTER, 7989 DICKEY DR., LISBON, OHIO 44432						
NO TRAINING						
GEAUGA DJFS 12611 RAVENWOOD DR., CHARDON, OHIO 44024						
NO TRAINING						
HOLMES DJFS 85 N. GRANT ST., MILLERSBURG, OHIO 44654-0072						
NO TRAINING						
LAKE DJFS 177 MAIN ST., PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077-3402						
Lake	Monday	7/14/2025	6:00pm - 9:15pm	21341	Using Discipline to Teach Self-Regulation	David Zidar
Lake	Monday	9/15/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	21344	Anxiety Disorders among Children and Adolescents: Recognition and Interventions	Stacy Simera

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

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Lorain	Wednesday	9/10/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	21346	Working with Birth Parents: Making it Positive for Everyone	Sherry Doherty
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MAHONING CS 222 W. FEDERAL ST. 3RD FLOOR, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44503

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Mahoning	Saturday	7/26/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	20863	Lifelong Connections: Permanency for Older Youth	Deanna Prezioso
Mahoning	Saturday	8/23/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	20199	Behavioral Triggers of Traumatized Children: Prevention and Reactions	David Zidar
Mahoning	Thursday	8/28/2025	5:30pm - 9:30pm	22071	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing (Mahoning Only)	Deanna Prezioso

MEDINA DJFS 232 NORTHLAND DR., MEDINA, OHIO 44256

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NO TRAINING

PORTAGE DJFS 253 S. CHESTNUT ST., RAVENNA, OHIO 44266









NO TRAINING

STARK DJFS CORNERSTONE, 402 SECOND STREET SE, CANTON, OHIO 44702

NO TRAINING

SUMMIT CSB EDUCATION CENTER, 264 S. ARLINGTON ST., AKRON, OHIO 44306

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 SUMMER BLITZ 					
Summit		Friday	7/11/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	15380
				Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Impovering Principles JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Kristin King
Summit		Friday	7/11/2025	5:00pm - 8:00pm	22177
				Bedtime is a Nightmare! Common Bedtime Hassles and Trauma-Related Sleep Issues	Bert Nero
Summit		Saturday	7/12/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	15386
				Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Impovering Principles	Kristin King
Summit		Saturday	7/12/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	22182
				Fostering Well-Being: Practical Strategies for Resource Caregivers	Deanna Prezioso
Summit		Saturday	7/12/2025	1:00pm - 4:45pm	22183
				Autism and Sensory Processing Disorder: Understanding and Supporting Children with Special Needs	Allison Aldrich
Summit		Saturday	7/12/2025	5:15pm - 8:15pm	22289
				Interventions for Children who have Suffered Trauma	David Zidar
Summit		Friday	7/18/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	22085
				What's Wrong with Transitions? Little Kids Don't Remember Anyway JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Donna Scott
Summit		Friday	7/25/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	15381
				Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Correcting Principles JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Kristin King
Summit		Saturday	7/26/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	15388
				Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Correcting Principles	Kristin King
Summit		Saturday	8/9/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	TBD
				Stressing Stress	Jim Still-Pepper
Summit		Sunday	8/10/2025	12:30pm - 4:30pm	21538
				AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR Without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit		Friday	8/15/2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	21425
				Affirming Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming/Non Binary (TGNCNB) JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Cory Frederick

Summit	Friday	8/15/2025	1:00pm - 4:00pm	21426	Seven Best Practices: LGBT Youth JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Cory Frederick
Summit	Tuesday	8/26/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	22191	Sextortion: Helping Caregivers Understand the Web of Deception	Brian Bethel
Summit	Saturday	9/27/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	22198	Behavioral Triggers of Traumatized Children: Prevention and Reactions	David Zidar
TRUMBULL CS 2282 REEVES ROAD NE, WARREN, OHIO 44483-4354						
Enter Trumbull County CSB. Turn left at stop sign. Follow drive to behind Building A and park. Enter building under black canopy.						
Trumbull	Saturday	9/13/2025	9:00am - 4:00pm	22757	Keep your Cool and Help Others Calm Down	Bert Nero
WAYNE CS 2534 BURBANK RD., WOOSTER, OHIO 44691-1600						
Wayne	Saturday	7/26/2025	9:00am - 1:00pm	20868	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Part 2 Strategies in the Home and School	Karen Chennells
Wayne	Saturday	9/20/2025	9:30am - 12:30pm	22316	Bedtime is a Nightmare! Common Bedtime Hassles and Trauma-Related Sleep Issues	Bert Nero
VIRTUAL TRAINING						
VIRTUAL	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
	Wednesday	7/2/2025	7:30pm - 9:00pm	22184	What Caregivers Should Know about Online Safety for Youth Who Have Experienced Out-of-Home Care	Elliott Hinkle
	Thursday	7/17/2025	6:00pm - 9:00pm	19629	Distinguishing Between Poverty Experienced by Families and Child Neglect	Christine Kelly Cross
	Sunday	7/20/2025	7:30am - 10:30am	22799	Sextortion: Helping Caregivers Understand the Web of Deception	Brian Bethel
	Monday	7/21/2025	7:00pm - 10:00pm	22188	Connect: Supporting Children Exposed to Domestic Violence	Michele Bell
	Thursday	7/24/2025	8:00pm - 9:00pm	22284	The Mind-Body-Consciousness Connection in Trauma-Informed Parenting	Jody Johnston Pawel
	Sunday	7/27/2025	1:00pm - 4:00pm	20956	Beyond Burnout: How Foster Caregivers Can Build Resilience While Caring for Children with ADHD	Cassandra Reineck
	Tuesday	8/5/2025	6:30am - 9:30pm	22377	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe

	Saturday	8/16/2025	8:30am - 11:30am	22196	Making Morning Madness Melt Away: Getting Kids Up, Dressed, Fed, and Out the Door on Time	Jody Johnston-Pawel
	Monday	8/18/2025	7:00pm -10:00pm	22375	Dual System Tough: Providing Trauma-Informed Care and Advocacy for Youth Involved in both Child Protection and Juvenile Justice	Lauri Wolfe
	Wednesday	8/20/2025	6:30pm - 7:30pm	22195	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Ronna Johnson
	Tuesday	9/9/2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm	22285	Separation, Grief, and Loss	Sharon Dunlevy
	Sunday	9/14/2025	1:30pm - 2:30pm	22202	Cultural Humility	Carmen Toro-Wooten
	Sunday	9/14/2025	2:45pm - 4:15pm	22203	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Carmen Toro-Wooten
	Monday	9/29/2025	7:00pm - 10:00pm	22286	Substance Use and Abuse Among Children and Adolescents	Stacy Simera

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NO TRAINING

ASHTABULA CS 3914 C COURT, ASHTABULA, OHIO 44004

Ashtabula	Thursday	10/16/2025	9:00am-12:00pm	23391	Strengthening the Child Welfare Team: Who, What, Where, When and How for the Best Interest of the Child	David Zidar
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Ashtabula	Thursday	10/16/2025	1:00pm-4:00pm	23392	Strengthening the Child Welfare Team: Who, What, Where, When and How for the Best Interest of the Child	David Zidar
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COLUMBIANA DJFS GOVERNMENT SERVICE CENTER, 7989 DICKEY DR., LISBON, OHIO 44432

NO TRAINING

GEAUGA DJFS 12611 RAVENWOOD DR., CHARDON, OHIO 44024

Geauga	Monday	10/27/2025	6:00pm-9:00pm	23318	Rule Violations, Third Party Investigations, and Corrective Action Plans: What Does it Mean?	Deanna Prezioso
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HOLMES DJFS 85 N. GRANT ST., MILLERSBURG, OHIO 44654-0072

NO TRAINING

LAKE DJFS 177 MAIN ST., PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077-3402

Lake	Tuesday	10/28/2025	6:00pm-9:00pm	23075	Seven Best Practices to Help Youth Overcome Obstacles in Their Lives	Cory Chan Frederick
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Lorain	Thursday	11/13/2025	6:00pm-9:00pm	24109	Bedtime is a Nightmare! Common Bedtime Hassles and Trauma Related Sleep Issues	Bertha Nero
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Mahoning	Saturday	10/4/2025	1:30pm-4:30pm	23983	Understanding and Surviving Grief and Loss while Fostering: The Emotional Roller Coaster	Deanna Prezioso
Mahoning	Saturday	12/13/2025	9:00am-1:00pm	22073	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR Without Skills Testing (Mahoning Only)	Deanna Prezioso
Mahoning	Saturday	12/13/2025	1:30pm-4:30pm	24040	Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course for Multiracial Families	Lauren Burnette

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Stark	Saturday	11/15/2025	9:00am-4:00pm	24111	Mentoring Among Foster Caregivers-Strengthening the Team	Deanna Prezioso
Stark	Saturday	12/6/2025	9:00am-4:00pm	24168	Mentoring Among Foster Caregivers-Strengthening the Team	Deanna Prezioso

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Summit	Friday	10/17/2025	9:00am-4:00pm	22299	Interventions with Lying and Stealing	David Zidar
Summit	Friday	10/17/2025	6:00pm-9:00pm	22300	NCTSN: Trauma 101	David Zidar
Summit	Saturday	10/18/2025	10:00am-4:00pm	23393	Building Skills in Emotional Regulation and De-escalation	Carrie Farley
Summit	Saturday	10/18/2025	5:00pm-8:00pm	23080	Normalcy and the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard	Beth Cardina
Summit	Sunday	10/19/2025	9:00am-4:00pm	23081	Preventing, Recognizing and Managing Urgent Medical Situations for Children in Care	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Thursday	10/23/2025	5:00pm-9:00pm	22301	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Saturday	11/1/2025	9:00am-4:00pm	22308	What's Wrong with Transitions? Little Kids Don't Remember Anyway	Donna Scott
Summit	Saturday	12/6/2025	9:00am-1:00pm	22311	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Saturday	12/6/2025	1:30pm-4:30pm	24049	Lifebooks: The Gift that Keeps Giving	Beth Cardina
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WAYNE CS 2534 BURBANK RD., WOOSTER, OHIO 44691-1600						
Wayne	Saturday	11/15/2025	8:30am-10:00am	23990	Impact of Substance Use	Ronna Johnson
Wayne	Saturday	11/15/2025	10:15am-11:45am	24017	Foster Care: A Means to Support Families	Ronna Johnson
Wayne	Saturday	11/15/2025	12:30pm-1:30pm	24018	Mental Health Considerations	Ronna Johnson

Wayne	Saturday	11/15/2025	1:45pm-3:45pm	24019	Trauma Related Behaviors	Ronna Johnson
Wayne	Saturday	12/13/2025	9:30am-1:15pm	24395	Autism and Sensory Processing Disorder: Understanding and Supporting Children with Special Needs	Allison Aldrich
VIRTUAL TRAINING						
VIRTUAL	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
Virtual	Sunday	10/5/2025	1:00pm-4:15pm	23985	Street Smart Ohio Series: Everything Marijuana	Shawn Bain
Virtual	Thursday	10/16/2025	7:00pm-10:00pm	23084	Accessing Services and Supports for Youth and Caregivers	Laurie Wolfe
Virtual	Wednesday	10/22/2025	6:30pm-9:30pm	23984	Optimizing Health, Development, and Safety Outcomes for Substance Exposed Infants	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Monday	11/3/2025	7:00pm-9:00pm	24383	Autism Awareness	OCECD
Virtual	Tuesday	11/4/2025	7:00pm-10:00pm	24021	Helping Children Process Their World: Sensory Processing Issues in Children	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Wednesday	11/12/2025	6:30pm-9:30pm	24022	An Overview of Hoarding: A Clean Sweep	Brian Bethel
Virtual	Sunday	11/16/2025	12:30pm-3:30pm	24020	Optimizing Health, Development, and Safety Outcomes for Substance Exposed Infants	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Friday	11/21/2025	6:30pm-9:30pm	24382	When the Smoke Clears: The Dangers of Vaping	Brian Bethel
Virtual	Friday	12/5/2025	7:00pm-9:00pm	24262	The Education Rights of Children in Foster Care in Ohio	Sharon Dunlevy
Virtual	Sunday	12/7/2025	9:00am-4:00pm	24265	Burnout, Secondary Trauma, and Self Care	Laura Faye Perkins
Virtual	Monday	12/15/2025	6:30pm-9:30pm	26264	Engaging with Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Thursday	12/18/2025	8:30pm-9:30pm	24398	Effective Communication	Laurie Wolfe