



Department of  
Children & Youth  
Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center

# NEORTC

## ONGOING FOSTER PARENT TRAINING SCHEDULE SPRING 2026

MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

**Note: No Training in July**

### IN-PERSON TRAINING

COUNTY LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
<b>ASHTABULA CS 3914 C COURT, ASHTABULA, OHIO 44004</b>						
Ashtabula	Thursday	5/14/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	29629	Brains Under Construction: Helping Kids Build Self-Control and Focus through Executive Functioning	Jayne Schooler
<b>COLUMBIANA DJFS Government Service Center, 7989 Dickey Dr., Lisbon, Ohio 44432</b>						
Columbiana	Saturday	6/6/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	26808	Accessing Services and Supports for Youth and Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Columbiana	Saturday	6/6/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	26809	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
<b>GAUGA DJFS 12611 RAVENWOOD DR., CHARDON, OHIO 44024</b>						
Gauga	Monday	6/1/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	29387	Living the Legacy: The Dramatic Effects of Prenatal Substance Exposure	Ronna Johnson
Gauga	Tuesday	8/4/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	30289	Street Smart Ohio Series: Everything Marijuana	Shawn Bain
<b>HOLMES DJFS 85 N. GRANT ST., MILLERSBURG, OHIO 44654-0072</b>						
<b>NO TRAINING</b>						
<b>LAKE DJFS 177 MAIN ST., PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077-3402</b>						
Lake	Saturday	5/30/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	29705	The Effects of Fostering	Ronna Johnson
Lake	Saturday	5/30/2026	1:00pm-3:00pm	29708	Creating a Stable, Nurturing, and Safe Home Environment	Ronna Johnson
Lake	Saturday	5/30/2026	3:15pm-4:45pm	29710	The Impact of Substance Use	Ronna Johnson

Lake	Saturday	6/27/2026	9:00am-10:00am	29789	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and Their Community	Nadine Musser
Lake	Saturday	6/27/2026	10:15am-11:45am	29792	Parenting a Child with a History of Sexual Trauma	Nadine Musser
Lake	Saturday	6/27/2026	12:45pm-2:45pm	29794	Trauma Informed Parenting	Nadine Musser

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

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

Lorain	Tuesday	6/16/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	29393	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Lorain	Wednesday	8/19/2026	6:00pm-7:00pm	29398	Mental Health Considerations	Ronna Johnson
Lorain	Wednesday	8/19/2026	7:15pm-8:45pm	29400	Impact of Substance Use	Ronna Johnson

**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 afterwards. Parking garage will close 15 min after the start of training.

Mahoning	Wednesday	5/20/2026	5:30pm-9:30pm	29606	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing (MAHONING ONLY)	Deanna Prezioso
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Mahoning	Monday	6/8/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	30824	Curly Hair and Skin Care: A course for Multiracial Families	Lauren Burette
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**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.

Medina	Saturday	5/16/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	28300	Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Empowering Principles (MEDINA ONLY)	Jayne Schooler
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**PORTAGE DJFS 253 S. CHESTNUT ST., RAVENNA, OHIO 44266**

NO TRAINING

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

NO TRAINING

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

The Education Center is separate from the Main Building. Turn left at the entrance gate. Turn left at the 2nd entrance to the parking lot on the left. Turn right into the Training Center parking lot.						
Summit	Tuesday	5/5/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	30659	Working with Unhoused Youth and Families	Karen Setterlin
Summit	Saturday	6/13/2026	9:00am-1:00pm	24937	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Wednesday	6/18/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	26972	Lifebooks: The Gift that Keeps Giving <b>JOINT Staff/Caregiver</b>	Beth Cardina
Summit	Wednesday	6/18/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	26973	Understanding the Role of the Court Appointed Special Advocates and Guardians ad Litem in Child Protection <b>JOINT Staff/Caregiver</b>	Beth Cardina
Summit	Wednesday	6/24/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	23077	Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Connecting Principles <b>JOINT Staff/Caregiver</b>	Kristen King
Summit	Thursday	6/25/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	23078	Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Empowering Principles <b>JOINT Staff/Caregiver</b>	Kristen King
Summit	Friday	6/26/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	23079	Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Correcting Principles <b>JOINT Staff/Caregiver</b>	Kristen King
Summit	Saturday	8/29/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	31145	Seeing Red: Specific and Practical Points to Dealing with Anger	Jim Still-Pepper
Summit	Saturday	8/29/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	29401	Promoting Nutrition Throughout Childhood: Eating for the Health of It!	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Saturday	8/29/2026	1:00pm-5:00pm	24938	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Saturday	8/29/2026	5:30pm-8:30pm	30721	Creating Safe Spaces for Learning in a Child Who Has Experienced Trauma	Tony Iniguez
Summit	Sunday	8/30/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	30807	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Children: I Can't Forget It	Brian Bethel

**TRUMBULL CS 2282 REEVES ROAD NE, WARREN, OHIO 44483-4354**

Enter Trumbull County CSB. Turn left at stop sign. Follow drive behind Building A and park. Enter building under black canopy.

Trumbull	Thursday	5/21/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	30642	Managing Middle Childhood: Strategies to Improve Placement Stability	Beth Cardina
Trumbull	Saturday	8/1/2026	9:00am-12:15pm	30825	Building Connections in Caregiving Families: Strengthening Positive Communication and Understanding to Support Children in Care	Liat Johnson

**WAYNE CS 2534 BURBANK RD., WOOSTER, OHIO 44691-1600**

**FEATURING RESOURCE READINESS SATURDAYS**

Wayne	Saturday	5/30/2026	9:00am-11:00am	28831	The Education Rights of Children in Foster Care in Ohio	Sharon Dunlevy
Wayne	Saturday	5/30/2026	11:15am-1:15pm	28832	Separation, Grief and Loss	Sharon Dunlevy
Wayne	Saturday	5/30/2026	1:45pm-4:45pm	28833	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Wayne	Saturday	5/30/2026	5:30pm-8:30pm	28834	Accessing Services and Supports for Youth and Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Wayne	Saturday	8/15/2026	9:00am-12:15pm	30291	Communicable Diseases - Protecting Your Family's Health	Megan Wendling
Wayne	Saturday	8/15/2026	1:15pm-2:45pm	30573	Enhancing the Child's Sense of Belonging	Megan Wendling
Wayne	Saturday	8/15/2026	3:00pm-5:00pm	30295	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling

**VIRTUAL TRAINING**

VIRTUAL	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
Virtual	Saturday	5/2/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	30679	Keep Your Cool and Help Others Calm Down	Jody Johnston
Virtual	Monday	5/4/2026	7:30pm-9:30pm	24958	Understanding Bullying	OCECD
Virtual	Wednesday	5/6/2026	6:00pm-8:00pm	29267	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Saturday	5/9/2026	7:00am-9:00am	30183	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Tuesday	5/12/2026	6:30pm-9:45pm	30179	Communicable Diseases- Protecting Your Family's Health	Kandice Chapman

Virtual	Saturday	5/16/2026	7:30am-9:00am	28048	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Angela Irby
Virtual	Saturday	5/23/2026	7:00am-10:00am	28837	Doable Discipline	Jim Still-Pepper
Virtual	Saturday	5/30/2026	7:00am-10:00am	30542	Keeping Memories Alive: Creating a Lifebook	Debra McMullen
Virtual	Sunday	5/31/2026	7:30am-8:30am	28838	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Communities	Carmen Toro-Wooten
Virtual	Wednesday	6/3/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	30858	Survivor-Led Human Trafficking Awareness Interdisciplinary Training	Teresa Merriweather
Virtual	Saturday	6/6/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	30268	Preparing Children for Adoption	Jayne Schooler
Virtual	Wednesday	6/10/2026	6:30pm-9:30pm	30704	Making Room in the Family: Understanding the Impact of Foster Care/Adoption on Bio/Permanent Children	Jayne Schooler
Virtual	Friday	6/12/2026	7:00pm-8:00pm	28265	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Communities	Carmen Toro-Wooten
Virtual	Monday	6/15/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	23076	Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Module 1: Introduction and Overview <b>JOINT Staff/Caregiver</b>	Kristen King
Virtual	Saturday	6/20/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	28049	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Tuesday	6/23/2026	7:00pm-8:30pm	28050	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Angela Irby
Virtual	Thursday	6/25/2026	6:00pm-8:00pm	29270	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Sunday	6/28/2026	2:00pm-3:30pm	28051	Foster Care - A Means to Support Families	Debra McMullen
Virtual	Monday	6/29/2026	7:00pm-10:00pm	30270	Quality Caregiver Documentation	Lauri Wolfe
Virtual	Tuesday	6/30/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	30250	Communicable Diseases - Protecting Your Family's Health	Kandice Chapman
Virtual	Saturday	8/1/2026	8:30am-9:30am	28053	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Communities	Carmen Toro-Wooten
Virtual	Thursday	8/6/2026	7:00pm-9:00pm	30307	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling

Virtual	Friday	8/7/2026	6:30pm-9:30pm	30826	Psychotropic Medications: Questions to Ask about Kids on Meds	Stacy Simerera
Virtual	Wednesday	8/12/2026	8:00pm-9:30pm	28097	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Angela Irby
Virtual	Wednesday	8/19/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	30828	Communicable Diseases-Protecting Your Family's Health	Kandice Chapman
Virtual	Thursday	8/20/2026	7:00pm-10:00pm	28052	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Saturday	8/22/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	30827	Enhancing Visitation	Linda Davis
Virtual	Monday	8/24/2026	6:00pm-8:00pm	29271	Empower & Advocate: Taling Sexual Health with Youth In Care	Megan Wendling



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## NEORTC SUMMER BLITZ



**Saturday, August 29, 2026**

**Seeing Red: Specific and Practical Points to Dealing with Anger**

9:00am-4:00pm

Session ID 31145

Instructor: Jim Still-Pepper

**Promoting Nutrition Throughout Childhood: Eating for the Health of It!**

9:00am-12:00pm

Session ID 29401

Instructor: Ronna Johnson

**AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing**

1:00pm-5:00pm

Session ID 24938

Instructor: Ronna Johnson

**Creating Safe Spaces for Learning in a Child Who Has Experienced Trauma**

5:30pm-8:30pm

Session ID 30721

Instructor: Tony Iniguez

**Sunday, August 30, 2026**

**Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Children: I Can't Forget It**

9:00am-4:00pm

Session ID 30807

Instructor: Brian Bethel

### SESSION LOCATION

**NEORTC/Summit Education Center**

**264 S. Arlington Street, Akron, OH 44306**

All sessions are in person

### REGISTRATION OPEN

Visit **CAPS LMS** to register

Training Contact: Kimberley Gear, MSSA, LSW



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# In Person Training Opportunity



@ NEORTC

Summit County Children Services - 264 S. Arlington Street, Akron, OH 44306

## AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing

This course utilizes the American Heart Association Pediatric First Aid and CPR course materials but does not include skills testing. The participant receives a comprehensive overview of first aid basics for children, as well as CPR and AED use for all ages.

This workshop is approved for OCWTP training hours only and does not certify the participant in CPR or First Aid.

Day of the Week	Date	Time
Friday	02/27/26	5:30pm-9:30pm
Saturday	04/18/26	1:00pm-5:00p
Saturday	06/13/26	9:00am-1:00pm
Saturday	08/29/26	1:00pm-5:00pm
Friday	10/16/26	5:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday	12/12/26	9:30am-1:30pm

**Trainer: Ronna Johnson**

**LINK FOR REGISTRATION: [CAPS LMS](#)**  
NEORTC Training Coordinator: Kim Gear, MSSA, LSW  
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**In Person Resource Readiness**

**Training Blitz**

**Columbiana County DJFS**

**7989 Dickey Drive**

**Lisbon, OH 44432**

**Saturday, March 14**

**Trainer~ Ronna Johnson**

- ❖ The Effects of Fostering; 9am-12pm- Session #26612
- ❖ Creating a Stable, Nurturing, and Safe Home Environment; 1pm-3pm- Session #26613

**Saturday, April 25**

**Trainer~ Nadine Musser**

- ❖ The Impact of Substance Use; 9am-10:30am-Session #26672
- ❖ Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and Their Community; 10:45am- 11:45am- Session #26673
- ❖ Parenting a Child with a History of Sexual Trauma; 12:45pm- 2:15pm- Session #26674
- ❖ Trauma Informed Parenting; 2:30pm- 4:30pm- Session #26675

**Saturday, June 6**

**Trainer~ Lauri Wolfe**

- ❖ Accessing Services and Supports for Youth and Caregivers; 9am-12pm- Session #26808
- ❖ Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers; 1pm-4pm- Session #26809

**REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN**

**Visit CAPS LMS**

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## Department of Children & Youth

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### In Person Resource Readiness Training Blitz Lake County 177 Main Street Painesville, OH 44077

#### Saturday, May 30th

Trainer~ Ronna Johnson

- ❖ The Effects of Fostering; 9am-12pm- Session #29705
- ❖ Creating a Stable, Nurturing, and Safe Home Environment; 1pm-3pm- Session #29708
- ❖ The Impact of Substance Use; 3:15pm- 4:45pm-Session #29710

#### Saturday, June 27th

Trainer~ Nadine Musser

- ❖ Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and Their Community; 9am- 10am- Session #29789
- ❖ Parenting a Child with a History of Sexual Trauma; 10:15am- 11:45am- Session #29792
- ❖ Trauma Informed Parenting; 12:45pm- 2:45pm Session #29794

#### Saturday, September 26th

Trainer~ Lauri Wolfe

- ❖ Accessing Services and Supports for Youth and Caregivers; 9am-12pm- Session #29805
- ❖ Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers; 1pm-4pm- Session #29806

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## Department of Children & Youth

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### In Person Resource Readiness Training Days

Wayne County  
2534 Burbank Road  
Wooster, Ohio 44691

#### Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Instructors~ Sharon Dunlevy & Lauri Wolfe

- ❖ The Education Rights of Children in Foster Care in Ohio; 9am-11am- Session #28831
- ❖ Separation, Grief and Loss; 11:15am- 1:15pm- Session #28832
- ❖ Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers; 1:45pm- 4:45pm- Session #28833
- ❖ Accessing Services and Supports for Youth and Caregivers; 5:30pm- 8:30pm- Session #28834

#### Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Instructor~ Megan Wendling

- ❖ Communicable Diseases- Protecting your Family's Health; 9am- 12:15pm- Session #30291
- ❖ Enhancing the Child's Sense of Belonging; 1:15pm- 2:45pm- Session #30573  
*Note: Wayne Co. has approved this pre-service session under the topic of Diversity and Culture for their caregivers- please check with your licensing agency to see if this training is approved to meet your requirements. You may have already taken this course prior to certification.*
- ❖ Empower and Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care; 3pm-5pm; Session #30295

#### Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Instructors~ Ronna Johnson & David Zidar

- ❖ Safe Sleep and Infant Safety: Supporting Babies in Foster Care; 9am-12pm- Session 30586
- ❖ The Basics of Caring for Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused; 1pm- 5:15pm- Session 30584

- ✓ Attend any or all sessions to meet your Resource Readiness Topic Requirements.
- ✓ Attend these sessions even if Resource Readiness is not a current requirement for your certification.
- ✓ 8 out of 11 Resource Readiness Topics will be covered over these training days.

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