Department of Children & Youth
Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center

NEORTC

ONGOING FOSTER PARENT TRAINING SCHEDULE

FALL 2026

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Identified Resource Readiness Sessions are designated by the letters RR

COUNTY LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
ASHLAND DJFS 15 W. FOURTH ST., ASHLAND, OHIO 44805						
Ashland	Saturday	9/26/2026	8:30am-12:30pm	31706	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Ashland	Saturday	9/26/2026	1:30pm-4:30pm	31708	Normalcy and the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard	Ronna Johnson
Ashland	Monday	11/2/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	32478	Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course for Multiracial Families	Lauren Burnette
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 RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	29805	Accessing Services and Support for Youth and Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Lake RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	29806	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Lake	Thursday	11/19/2026	6:00pm-7:50pm	32480	Kinship Parenting	Lauri Wolfe
Lake	Thursday	11/19/2026	8:00pm-9:30pm	32522	Building Parental Resilience for Kinship Care	Lauri Wolfe

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. Therer 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	11/23/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	32523	Using Discipline to Teach Self-Regulation	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 afterhours. Parking garage will close 15 min after the start of training.						
Mahoning	Wednesday	12/9/2026	5:30pm-9:30pm	32614	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	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.						
NO TRAINING						
PORTAGE DJFS 253 S. CHESTNUT ST., RAVENNA, OHIO 44266						
NO TRAINING						
STARK DJFS CORNERSTONE, 402 SECOND STREET SE, CANTON, OHIO 44702						
Stark	Tuesday	9/15/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	31890	Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course of Multiracial Families	Lauren Burnette
Stark	Saturday	10/3/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	32419	Quality Caregiver Documentation	Lauri Wolfe
Stark RR	Saturday	10/3/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	32420	Accessing Services and Support for Youth and Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
SUMMIT CSB 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	Saturday	9/19/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	31891	Normalcy and the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard	Beth Cardina
Summit	Friday	10/16/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	31911	Tools for Takeoff: Independent Living Transition Planning	Tony Iniguez
Summit	Friday	10/16/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	31912	Caregiver's Experience of Secondary Trauma	Tony Iniguez
Summit	Friday	10/16/2026	5:00pm-9:00pm	24940	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Saturday	10/17/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	31913	Doable Discipline	Jim Still-Pepper

Summit	Saturday	10/17/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	31915	Tug of War: The Ins and Outs of Power Struggles	Jim Still-Pepper
Summit	Saturday	10/17/2026	1:00pm-8:00pm	32605	Pro-Social Skills: An Alternative to Punishment	David Zidar
Summit	Sunday	10/18/2026	9:00am-12:15pm	32421	Building Connections in Caregiving Families: Strengthening Positive Communication and Understanding to Support Children in Care	Liat Johnson
Summit	Sunday	10/18/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	32422	Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course for Multiracial Families	Lauren Burnette
Summit	Saturday	12/12/2026	9:30am-1:30pm	24941	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Saturday	12/12/2026	2:30pm-5:30pm	35643	Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course for Multiracial Families	Lauren Burnette
Summit	Saturday	12/19/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	32631	Parenting a Child with a Disability	Jim Still-Pepper
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	10/3/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	32438	Recognizing the Impact of Unconscious Judgments in Foster Care	Christine Kelly Cross
Trumbull RR	Saturday	10/3/2026	1:00pm-4:15pm	32442	Self-Care for Foster Parents: Taking Care of Yourself While Taking Care of Others	Christine Kelly Cross
Trumbull RR	Monday	11/30/2026	6:15pm-9:15pm	32607	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Trumbull RR	Thursday	12/17/2026	6:30pm-8:30pm	32666	Attachment	Ronna Johnson
WAYNE CS 2534 BURBANK RD., WOOSTER, OHIO 44691-1600						
Wayne	Saturday	10/10/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	32446	Behavior Management	David Zidar
Wayne	Saturday	10/10/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	32450	Self-Injury: Assessment and Interventions	David Zidar
Wayne RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	30586	Safe Sleep and Infant Safety: Supporting Babies in Foster Care	Ronna Johnson
Wayne RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	1:00pm-5:15pm	30584	The Basics of Caring for Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused	David Zidar

Virtual Training						
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Virtual	Day	Date	Time	ID	Session Title	Instructor
Virtual RR	Tuesday	9/1/2026	7:30pm-9:00pm	28113	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Carla Storer
Virtual RR	Wednesday	9/2/2026	6:30pm-8:30pm	31711	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Saturday	9/12/2026	7:00am-8:00am	31733	Planting Seeds of Self Worth: A Guide for You and Your Child	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Saturday	9/12/2026	8:30am-11:45am	31735	Trauma-Informed Discipline	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Saturday	9/12/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	31737	Why Kids Lie... and How to Encourage Truthfulness	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Sunday	9/13/2026	1:00pm-4:45pm	32354	Autism and Sensory Processing Disorder: Understanding and Supporting Children with Special Needs	Allison Aldrich
Virtual	Monday	9/14/2026	7:30pm-9:30pm	31893	Confidentiality Considerations for Resourcee Caregivers	Randall Muth
Virtual	Wednesday	9/16/2026	6:30pm-9:30pm	32353	Honoring Heritage, Empowering Futures: Supporting Latino Children in Care	Tony Iniguez
Virtual RR	Friday	9/18/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	31713	Communicable Diseases - Protecting Your Family's Health	Angela Buckalew
Virtual RR	Saturday	9/19/2026	7:00am-8:30am	28102	Foster Care - A Means to Support Families	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Saturday	9/19/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	33985	Food Fight! Common and Complex Food Issues Foster-Adoptive Children May Have	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual RR	Wednesday	9/23/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	28216	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Tuesday	9/29/2026	8:00pm-10:00pm	31739	Adoption and Guardianship Prep Module 1: Expectations and Motivations	Susan Darden-Kautz
Virtual RR	Thursday	10/1/2026	6:30pm-8:00pm	28218	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Carmen Toro-Wooten
Virtual RR	Sunday	10/4/2026	2:00pm-4:00pm	32462	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling

Virtual RR	Tuesday	10/13/2026	9:00pm-10:00pm	28220	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Carla Storer
Virtual RR	Wednesday	10/21/2026	8:00pm-9:30pm	28217	Foster Care - A Means to Support Families	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Friday	10/23/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	32606	Survivor-Led Human Trafficking Awareness Interdisciplinary Training	Teresa Merriweather
Virtual RR	Tuesday	10/27/2026	7:00pm-9:00pm	32472	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Tuesday	10/27/2026	8:00pm-10:00pm	32475	Adoption and Guardianship Prep Module 2: The Impact of Trauma	Susan Darden-Kautz
Virtual	Sunday	11/1/2026	7:00am-10:00am	32526	Medical Advocacy for Children with Special Health Care Needs	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Tuesday	11/3/2026	6:30pm-9:30pm	32608	NCTSN: Trauma 101	Debra McMullen
Virtual	Wednesday	11/4/2026	7:00pm-10:00pm	32528	Connect: Supporting Children Exposed to Domestic Violence	Michele Bell
Virtual RR	Friday	11/6/2026	6:30pm-9:45pm	32611	Communicable Diseases- Protecting Your Family's Health	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Saturday	11/7/2026	8:30am-9:30am	28276	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Carla Storer
Virtual RR	Thursday	11/12/2026	7:00pm-10:00pm	28274	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	8:00am-11:15am	32609	Communicable Diseases-Protecting Your Family's Health	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Monday	11/16/2026	6:30pm-8:00pm	28221	Foster Care - A Means to Support Families	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual RR	Thursday	11/19/2026	6:30pm-8:30pm	32612	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Tuesday	11/24/2026	8:00pm-10:00pm	32527	Adoption and Guardianship Prep Module 3: Relational Health and Attachment	Susan Darden-Kautz
Virtual RR	Tuesday	12/1/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	32626	Communicable Diseases - Protecting Your Family's Health	Kandice Chapman
Virtual RR	Wednesday	12/2/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	28280	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Saturday	12/5/2026	7:00am-8:50am	32617	Kinship Parenting	Lauri Wolfe

Virtual	Sunday	12/6/2026	9:00am-10:30am	32619	Building Parental Resilience for Kinship Care	Lauri Wolfe
Virtual RR	Tuesday	12/8/2026	7:30pm-9:00pm	28275	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Carmen Toro-Wooten
Virtual RR	Friday	12/11/2026	7:00pm-9:00pm	32627	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth In Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Sunday	12/13/2026	1:30pm-2:30pm	28279	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Carla Storer
Virtual RR	Tuesday	12/22/2026	6:00pm-8:00pm	32628	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Tuesday	12/29/2026	8:00pm-10:00pm	32615	Adoption and Guardianship Prep Module 4: Therapeutic Parenting	Susan Darden-Kautz

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WINTER 2027

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL

IN-PERSON TRAINING

DENOTES BLITZ TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
ASHLAND DJFS 15 W. FOURTH ST., ASHLAND, OHIO 44805						
No Training						
ASHTABULA CSB 3914 C COURT, ASHTABULA, OHIO 44004						
Ashtabula	Tuesday	3/18/2027	6:00pm-9:00pm	35556	Unpacking the No: Navigating Family Resistance JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Richard Dencer
Ashtabula	Saturday	4/3/2027	9:00am-4:00pm	35559	Behavioral Triggers of Traumatized Children: Prevention and Reactions	David Zidar
COLUMBIANA DJFS GOVERNMENT SERVICE CENTER, 7989 DICKEY DR., LISBON, OHIO 44432						
Columbiana RR	Saturday	2/6/2027	9:00am-12:00pm	35465	Creating Safe Spaces for Learning in Children Who Have Experienced Trauma	Tony Iniguez
Columbiana	Saturday	2/6/2027	1:00pm-4:00pm	35466	Honoring Heritage, Empowering Futures: Supporting Latino Children in Care	Tony Iniguez
Columbiana RR	Saturday	3/6/2027	8:45am-12:00pm	34180	Communicable Diseases - Protecting Your Family's Health	Megan Wendling
Columbiana RR	Saturday	3/6/2027	12:30pm-2:00pm	34181	Impact of Substance Use	Megan Wendling
Columbiana	Saturday	3/6/2027	2:15pm-5:15pm	35524	Helping Children Process Their World: Sensory Processing Issues in Children	Megan Wendling
Columbiana RR	Saturday	4/3/2027	9:00am-11:00am	34301	Creating a Stable, Nurturing and Safe Home Enviroment	Ronna Johnson
Columbiana RR	Saturday	4/3/2027	11:15am-12:15pm	34305	Mental Health Considerations	Ronna Johnson
Columbiana RR	Saturday	4/3/2027	1:15pm-2:45pm	34309	Parenting a Child with a History of Sexual Trauma	Ronna Johnson
Columbiana RR	Saturday	4/3/2027	3:00pm-5:00pm	34311	Trauma Related Behaviors	Ronna Johnson
GEAUGA DJFS 12611 RAVENWOOD DR., CHARDON, OHIO 44024						
Geauga	Wednesday	3/3/3037	6:00pm-9:00pm	35525	Preventing Placement Disruptions Before Placement Begins	Deanna Prezioso
Geauga	Tuesday	4/20/2027	6:00pm-9:00pm	35562	Caregiver's Experience of Secondary Trauma	Tony Iniguez
HOLMES DJFS 85 N. GRANT ST., MILLERSBURG, OHIO 44654-0072						
No Training						
LAKE DJFS 177 MAIN ST., PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077-3402						
Lake	Thursday	2/18/2027	6:00pm-9:00pm	35468	Self-Injury: Assesment and Interventions	David Zidar
Lake	Saturday	4/17/2027	9:00am-4:00pm	35564	The Healing Power of the Story: Navigating Honest Conversations with Foster and Adopted Chidlren JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Jayne Schooler
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. PLEASE CALL CELL - 440-213-5474, IF YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH DIRECTIONS.						
Lorain CSB	Tuesday	4/6/2027	6:00pm-9:00pm	35566	Honoring Heritage, Empowering Futures: Supporting Latino Children in Care	Tony Iniguez
MAHONING CSB 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.						
No Training						
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 CS 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	Monday	1/25/2027	9:00am-4:00pm	33274	Things That Go Bump in the Night: Bedtime Behaviors for Traumatized Children JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Brian Bethel
Summit	Saturday	1/30/2027	9:00am-1:00pm	34171	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Friday	2/5/2027	6:00pm-9:00pm	35469	The Power of Play: Understanding How Play is Essential to a Child's Healthy Development JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Beth Cardina
Summit	Thursday	3/4/2027	9:00am-12:00pm	33520	Working with Unhoused Youth and Families JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Karen Setterlin
Summit	Friday	3/5/2027	9:00am-12:00pm	35501	Teamwork for Caseworkers and Foster Parents JOINT Staff/Caregiver	David Zidar
Summit	Friday	3/5/2027	1:00pm-4:00pm	35502	Self Injury: Assesment and Interventions	David Zidar
Summit	Friday	3/5/2027	5:00pm-8:00pm	35546	Honoring Heritage, Empowering Futures: Supporting Latino Children in Care	Tony Iniguez
Summit	Saturday	3/6/2027	9:00am-4:00pm	35550	Uprooting: When Placements End JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Jim Still-Pepper
Summit	Sunday	3/7/2027	8:30am-12:30pm	34271	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Megan Wendling
Summit	Sunday	3/7/2027	9:00am-4:00pm	35542	Oppositional Defiant Disorder: Talk to the Hand JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Brian Bethel
Summit	Sunday	3/7/2027	1:30pm-4:30pm	35553	Car Seat Clinic: Ensuring Safety for Child Passengers	Megan Wendling
Summit	Saturday	4/10/2027	9:00am-12:00pm	35568	Helping Children of Mentally Ill Parents JOINT Staff/Caregiver	David Zidar
Summit	Saturday	4/10/2027	1:00pm-4:00pm	35570	Relax! It's Only a Crisis	David Zidar
SUMMIT @ REDEMPTION CHAPEL 3900 KENT ROAD, STOW, OH 44224						
THESE RESOURCE READINESS TRAININGS ARE OPEN TO ALL OCWTP CAREGIVING LEARNERS. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A CHURCH MEMBER OR SUMMIT-SPECIFIC CAREGIVER TO ATTEND THESE SESSIONS.						
Redemption Chapel RR	Thursday	4/29/2027	5:00pm-6:00pm	32241	Mental Health Considerations	Ronna Johnson
Redemption Chapel RR	Thursday	4/29/2027	6:15pm-7:45pm	32244	Parenting a Child with a History of Sexual Trauma	Ronna Johnson
Redemption Chapel RR	Friday	4/30/2027	5:30pm-8:30pm	32247	Safe Sleep and Infant Safety: Supporting Babies in Foster Care	Ronna Johnson
TRUMBULL CSB 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						
Trumbull	Saturday	2/20/2027	9:00am-12:00pm	35641	Honoring Heritage, Empowering Futures: Supporting Latino Children in Care	Tony Iniguez
Trumbull RR	Saturday	2/20/2027	1:00pm-4:00pm	35642	Trust-Based Relational Intervention Caregiver Training: introduction to TBRI	Tony Iniguez
WAYNE CSB 2534 BURBANK RD., WOOSTER, OHIO 44691-1600						
Wayne RR	Saturday	1/9/2027	9:00am-12:00pm	35455	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Wayne RR	Saturday	1/9/2027	1:00pm-4:00pm	35464	The Effects of Fostering	Ronna Johnson
Wayne RR	Saturday	4/10/2027	9:00am-12:00pm	35495	Creating Safe Spaces for Learning in Children Who Have Experienced Trauma	Tony Iniguez
Wayne RR	Saturday	4/10/2027	1:00pm-4:00pm	35498	Trust-Based Relational Intervention Caregiver Training: introduction to TBRI	Tony Iniguez
VIRTUAL TRAINING						
VIRTUAL	DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
JANUARY						
Virtual RR	Tuesday	1/5/2027	7:30pm-9:30pm	33022	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Friday	1/8/2027	7:30pm-9:00pm	33024	Foster Care- A Means to Support Families	Cassandra Reineck
Virtual	Tuesday	1/12/2027	7:00pm-10:00pm	35193	Anxiety Disorders among Children and Adolscents: Recognition and Interventions	Stacy Simera
Virtual	Friday	1/15/2027	7:00pm-10:00pm	33026	Using Positive Psychology and Clinical Resilience, Wellness, and Happiness in the Prevention and Management of Mental Health Disorders JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Stacy Simera

Virtual RR	Saturday	1/16/2027	9:00am-12:15pm	33027	Communicable Diseases- Protecting your Family's Health	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Tuesday	1/19/2027	6:00pm-9:00pm	33028	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Wednesday	1/20/2027	7:30pm-9:00pm	35192	Child Development	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Monday	1/25/2027	6:00pm-9:00pm	33337	GAP: Transitioning from Foster Care to Adoption JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Angela Buckalew
Virtual RR	Monday	1/25/2027	7:30pm-9:00pm	33042	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Sunday	1/31/2027	8:00am-11:00am	33025	Keeping Memories Alive: Creating a Lifebook	Debra McMullen
FEBRUARY						
Virtual	Tuesday	2/2/2027	6:15pm-9:30pm	35293	Using Discipline to Teach Self-Regulation	Ronna Johnson
Virtual RR	Wednesday	2/3/2027	8:00pm-9:30pm	33044	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Debra McMullen
Virtual RR	Monday	2/8/2027	6:00pm-8:00pm	33051	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Wednesday	2/17/2027	7:00pm-10:00pm	35309	Caregiver's Experience of Secondary Trauma	Cassandra Reineck
Virtual	Tuesday	2/16/2027	6:00pm-9:15pm	35310	Building Connections in Caregiving Families: Strengthening Positive Communication and Understanding to Supoort Children in Care	Liat Johnson
Virtual RR	Sunday	2/21/2027	1:00pm-4:15pm	33054	Communicable Diseases-Protecting Your Families Health	Angela Buckalew
Virtual RR	Thursday	2/25/2027	6:30pm-8:30pm	33052	Empower and Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Saturday	2/27/2027	7:00am-8:00am	33053	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Saturday	2/27/2027	8:15am-11:15am	35294	Packing and Unpacking: How to Deal with the Baggage of Visitation JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Jim Still-Pepper
MARCH						
Virtual RR	Tuesday	3/2/2027	9:00am-12:15pm	33076	Communicable Diseases- Protecting Your Family's Health	Angela Buckalew
Virtual	Thursday	3/4/2027	6:30pm-9:30pm	35312	What Comes Next? Navigating Support after Adoption Legalization	Mandy Weaver
Virtual RR	Sunday	3/7/2027	1:30pm-4:30pm	34198	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Thursday	3/11/2027	6:30pm-9:30pm	35313	Adoption: Tools for Success Post Legalization	Mandy Weaver
Virtual RR	Monday	3/15/2027	8:00pm-9:00pm	34206	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Angela Irby
Virtual RR	Friday	3/19/2027	6:00pm-9:15pm	33078	Communicable Diseases-Protecting Your Families Health	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Wednesday	3/24/2027	7:00pm-8:30pm	34207	Foster Care- A Means to Support Families	Debra McMullen
Virtual RR	Tuesday	3/23/2027	7:00pm-9:00pm	34286	Empower and Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
APRIL						
Virtual	Tuesday	4/6/2027	7:00pm-10:00pm	35349	Quality Caregiver Documentation	Lauri Wolfe
Virtual RR	Wednesday	4/7/2027	12:00pm-1:00pm	34326	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Debra McMullen
Virtual RR	Thursday	4/8/2027	8:00pm-10:00pm	34317	Empower and Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Saturday	4/10/2027	9:00am-4:00pm	35350	Should I Be Concerned? What is Normal and What is Not	Jim Still-Pepper
Virtual RR	Monday	4/12/2027	6:00pm-9:15pm	34314	Communicable Diseases- Protecting Your Family's Health	Kandice Chapman
Virtual RR	Thursday	4/15/2027	6:00pm-9:00pm	35347	Engaging Primary Families	Bertha Nero
Virtual RR	Friday	4/23/2027	6:30pm-8:00pm	34327	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Ronna Johnson
Virtual RR	Friday	4/23/2027	7:00pm-9:00pm	34319	Empower and Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Tuesday	4/27/2027	6:30pm-9:30pm	35348	Recognizing the Impact of Unconscious Judgements in Foster Care	Christine Kelly Cross
Virtual	Wednesday	4/28/2027	9:00am-12:15pm	35331	Survivor-Led Human Awareness Interdisciplinary Training JOINT Staff/Caregiver	Teresa Merriweather

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IN PERSON Training Opportunity @ Summit County

264 Arlington Street, Akron, Ohio 44306



Training Title:

Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course for Multiracial Families

Saturday, December 12, 2026

2:30pm-5:30pm

Instructor:

Lauren Burnette

Description:

This course addresses the importance of proper hair and skin care within families where children and caregivers may have different physical characteristics. It highlights the increasing need for education in this area, especially as the number of children with certain hair and skin care needs continues to grow in foster care. The course aims to close knowledge gaps among caregivers and ensures that all children receive appropriate personal care and support.

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN

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ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP PREP SERIES & GAP

29	SEPT 2026	ADOPTION & GUARDIANSHIP PREP MODULE 1: EXPECTATION AND MOTIVATIONS 8:00PM-10:00PM
27	OCT 2026	ADOPTION & GUARDIANSHIP PREP MODULE 2: THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA 8:00PM-10:00PM
24	NOV 2026	ADOPTION & GUARDIANSHIP PREP MODULE 3: RELATIONAL HEALTH & ATTACHMENT 8:00PM-10:00PM
29	DEC 2026	ADOPTION & GUARDIANSHIP PREP MODULE 4: THERAPUTIC PARENTING 8:00PM-10:00PM
25	JAN 2027	GAP: TRANSITIONING FROM FOSTER CARE TO ADOPTION 6:00PM-9:00PM

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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.

Note: If you want to use this course to meet a Preservice Training Requirement, please confirm with your certifying agency that they will accept this course in lieu of the course found within the OCWTP Preservice Curriculum.

Day of the Week	Date	Time
Saturday	01/30/27	9:00am-1:00pm
Sunday	03/07/27	8:30am-12:30pm
Friday	05/21/27	5:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday	08/07/27	5:30pm-9:30pm
Saturday	10/09/27	9:00am-1:00pm
Sunday	12/05/27	1:00pm-5:00pm

Instructors: Ronna Johnson & Angela Buckalew

LINK FOR REGISTRATION: CAPS LMS

NEORTC Training Coordinator: Kim Gear, MSSA, LSW
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Resource Readiness

In Person Training Days

Wayne County

2534 Burbank Road, Wooster, Ohio 44691

Saturday, January 9th, 2027

Instructor~ Ronna Johnson

Engaging Primary Families

9:00am-12:00pm

Session #35455

The Effects of Fostering

1:00pm- 4:00pm

Session #35464

Saturday, April 10th, 2027

Instructor~ Tony Iniguez

Creating Safe Spaces for Learning in Children Who Have Experienced Trauma

9:00am-12:00pm

Session #35495

Trust-Based Relational Intervention Caregiver Training: Introduction to TBRI

1:00pm- 4:00pm

Session #35498

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Many Resource Readiness Topics will be covered over these training days.

Register in CAPS LMS today!

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2027 IN PERSON CAREGIVING TRAININGS
Columbiana County DJFS
7989 Dickey Drive
Lisbon, OH 44432

Saturday, February 6, 2027

- Creating Safe Spaces for Learning in Children Who Have Experienced Trauma; 9am- 12pm
- Honoring Heritage, Empowering Futures: Supporting Latino Children in Care; 1pm- 4pm

Trainer- Tony Iniguez

Saturday, March 6, 2027

- Communicable Diseases- Protecting Your Family's Health; 9am- 12pm
- Impact of Substance Abuse; 12:30pm- 2pm
- Helping Children Process Their World: Sensory Processing Issues in Children; 2:15pm- 5:15pm

Trainer: Megan Wendling

Saturday, April 3, 2027

- Creating a Stable, Nurturing, and Safe Home Environment; 9am- 11am
- Mental Health Considerations; 11:15am- 12:15pm
- Parenting a Child with a History of Sexual Trauma; 1:15pm- 2:45pm
- Trauma Related Behaviors; 3pm- 5pm

Trainer- Ronna Johnson

Saturday, September 25, 2027

- Normalcy and the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard; 9am- 12pm
- AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing; 1pm- 5pm

Trainer- Ronna Johnson

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Celebrating National Foster Care Month

RESOURCE READINESS TRAINING



IN PERSON WITH SUMMIT COUNTY

Location: Redemption Chapel 3900 Kent Road, Stow, OH 44224

Thursday, April 29, 2027 Instructor: Ronna Johnson

- **Mental Health Considerations 5:00pm-6:00pm**
- **Parenting a Child with a History of Sexual Trauma 6:15pm-7:45pm**

Topics Covered: Mental Health, Self-Regulation, and Self-Care/ Caring for Children Who Have been Sexually Abused

Friday, April 30, 2027 Instructor: Ronna Johnson

- **Safe Sleep and Infant Safety: Supporting Babies in Foster Care 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Topics Covered: Family Safety

Saturday, May 1, 2027 Instructors: Lauri Wolfe & Ronna Johnson

- **Confidence is the Court Process for Resource Caregivers 9:00am-12:00pm**
- **Accessing Services and Supports for Youth and Caregivers 1:00pm-4:00pm**
- **Optimizing Health, Development, and Safety Outcomes for Substance Exposed Infants 4:30pm-7:30pm**

Topics Covered: Legal and Ethical Issues for Caregivers/ Community Health and Social Services Available to Children and their Foster Families/ Substance Abuse

Sunday, May 2, 2027 Instructor: Sharon Dunlevy

- **Attachment 1:30pm-3:30pm**
- **The Education Rights of Children in Ohio 3:45pm-5:45pm**

Topics Covered: Trauma and its Impact on Children and the Family; Promoting Attachment/ Education Advocacy

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Visit CAPS LMS to register today.

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All certified foster parent or kinship caregivers are invited to attend.

You do not need to be a church member or Summit specific foster parent/caregiver to attend these sessions.

TRUST BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION (TBRI)

ALL SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT SCCS EDUCATION CENTER/NEORTC
REGISTRATION AVAILABLE IN CAPS LMS

FRIDAY
7
MAY 2027

TRUST- BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION MODULE :1 INTRODUCTION

9 AM - 4 PM

CAPS LMS SESSION ID: 34330
HOURS: 6.0 TRAINING/5.5 LICENSURE HOURS

FRIDAY
4
JUNE 2027

TRUST- BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION: CONNECTING PRINCIPLES

9 AM - 4 PM

CAPS LMS SESSION ID: 34423
HOURS: 6.0 TRAINING/5.5 LICENSURE HOURS

FRIDAY
27
AUGUST 2027

TRUST-BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION: EMPOWERING PRINCIPLES

9 AM - 4 PM

CAPS LMS SESSION ID: 34450
HOURS: 6.0 TRAINING/5.5 LICENSURE HOURS

FRIDAY
24
SEPTEMBER 2027

TRUST- BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION: CORRECTING PRINCIPLES

9 AM - 4 PM

CAPS LMS SESSION ID: 34452
HOURS: 6.0 TRAINING/5.5 LICENSURE HOURS

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