FOSTER, ADOPTIVE AND KINSHIP CAREGIVERS' TRAINING SCHEDULE
NORTH CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

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TRAINER BIOS
The OCWTP is a cooperative effort of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Public Children Services Association of Ohio, the Institute for Human Services, and eight Regional Training Centers (RTCs). Funding for the program is provided by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The Regional Training Centers are hosted by public children services agencies in the following counties:

Central Ohio Regional Training Center                Franklin County CSB       614-278-5909
East Central Ohio Regional Training Center           Guernsey County CSB       740-432-2355
North Central Ohio Regional Training Center          Cuyahoga County DCFS      216-881-5667
Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center              Summit County CSB         330-379-1805
Northwest Ohio Regional Training Center              Lucas County CSB          419-213-3506
Southeast Ohio Regional Training Center              Athens County CSB          740-592-3061
Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center              Butler County JFS         513-248-1269
Western Ohio Regional Training Center                Greene County CSB         937-427-4540

The North Central Ohio Regional Training Center serves child welfare staff in Cuyahoga County.

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Beginning August 2018, the North Central Ohio Regional Training Center proudly announces the offering of ongoing foster parent training classes at two additional locations.

**The Eastside locations are conveniently located at:**

- **Adoption Network** at 4614 Prospect Ave., Suite 550, Cleveland, Ohio, 44115
- **Jane Edna Hunter** at 3955 Euclid Avenue, RM 334, Cleveland, Oh, 44115

**The Westside locations are conveniently located at:**

- **Old Brooklyn Service Center** at 4261 Fulton Parkway, 2nd floor, Cleveland, Ohio, 44144

All classes held at the new locations are clearly marked on the calendar pages as well as in the course descriptions. **All other classes will be held at the Westshore Opportunity Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102.** All registration procedures will still be applicable. Please arrive early to allow for safety check in. Free parking is available at all new locations.

For more information or answers to any questions, please contact Eddie Lebrón at (216) 881-5390 or Nefertiti McKinney at (216) 881-4048.
Our kids deserve the best possible care, but where can we turn when we need more information than was in the instruction manual?

Just in Time Training

About the Program
Just in Time Training is a web based service program designed to connect all caregivers, foster, biological, adoptive and kinship, with training, peer experts and other resources, all from the comfort of their home or office. Questions are answered and practical solutions to care for children are discussed. It's also completely free!

Service Features
- Request Training
- On-Demand Training Videos
- Keeping You Informed
- Document Resources

www.qpicuyahoga.org

QPI
Quality Parenting Initiative
Cuyahoga County
Division of Children and Family Services
“We Never Outgrow the Need for Family”
EXCITING NEWS!!!
NEW TRAINING SITE
FOR 2018 !!

Beginning January 2018, the training and professional departments of Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services and the North Central Ohio Regional Training Center proudly announce the offering of ongoing caregiver and staff training classes at its new location:

WESTSHORE OPPORTUNITY CENTER
9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

We will still offer classes at alternate locations. Class locations are clearly marked on the calendar pages as well as in the course descriptions. All registration procedures will still be applicable. Please arrive early to allow for security check in. Free parking is available at all locations.

For more information, please contact Eddie Lebrón at (216) 881-5390 or Nefertiti McKinney at 216-881-4048.
Online Training Opportunity

Are you interested in earning training credit hours in the convenience of your own home? With the Resource Management department approval, you can earn training credits on-line. You must follow our agency’s policy on the number of hours you can earn so please contact Eddie Lebron to find out the Guidelines established by our agency.

www.fosterparentcollege.com is an on-line training program for foster, adoptive, kinship, and birth families. These interactive courses provide valuable information, insights, and advice from experts on dealing with serious child behavior problems. There are two types of courses that are available:

1. Instructor Led - these courses are more in-depth and allows for interaction between on-line participants and the instructor. The length of this course is several hours over the period of 3 weeks. Completion of this course is worth (six) training hours. During these workshops participants will use a discussion board and at the end they will complete a questionnaire, complete assigned exercises and email their completed assignment. (Not all counties can participate in this course)

2. Self-Directed - these courses are focused on a specific behavioral problem or emotional disorder. Self-Directed means that participants can complete the activities at their own pace as long as it is completed within 30 days. The length of a session will take about two hours and will provide two hours of training credit. The discussion board is optional in this course.

Please contact Nefertiti McKinney at (216) 881-4048 to register or if you have any questions. At this time Training Units are assigned on a first come first serve basis, and is subject to change after review of the response to this program.
WORKSHOPS & CALENDARS
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DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: WHY DO I HAVE TO LIVE WITH YOU…?

DR. E. SMILEY
9 A.M.—12 P.M.

LOCATION:
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ROLE OF CAREGIVERS IN HEALTHY SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND TEENS

DR. E. SMILEY
1 P.M.—4 P.M.

LOCATION:
WESTSHORE

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HOME SAFE HOME: CREATING A SAFE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN (0-12)

DR. E. SMILEY
6 P.M.—9 P.M.

LOCATION:
WESTSHORE

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BIPOLAR DISORDER IN CHILDREN

J. MORABETO
9 A.M.—4 P.M.

LOCATION:
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PRE-SERVICE TRAINING
SINGLE ADOTIVE PARENTING: SINGLE BUT NEVER ALONE

MS. JANICE FELTON-WILLIAMS

E-TRACK ID #: 987-PA21-S DATE: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3 REGISTRATION: Limited to 30 COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 987

LOCATION: Adoption Network, 4614 Prospect Avenue, Suite 550, Cleveland, OH. 44115

CONTENT: This three-hour training will assist foster parents in identifying and understanding acting-out behaviors, learning therapeutic approaches to dealing with children and adolescents who are in crisis, and employing techniques to prevent and manage negative behaviors and crisis situations.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

LIFE LONG CONNECTIONS: PERMANENCY FOR OLDER YOUTH

MR. BRIAN LOWERY / MS. AMANDA DAVIS

E-TRACK ID #: 210-26-NOS DATE: Thursday, August 2, 2018 TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6 REGISTRATION: Limited to 30 COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 210

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: Permanency for older youth involves providing youth with lifelong permanent connections to people the youth identifies as important to him or her. This training allows participants to hear, see, and experience the concepts of what permanent connections are, and why they are important. The presentation will allow participants to get an understanding of how adolescent development relates to permanency and understand the link between independent living services activities and permanent connections.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

*JOINT CLASS WITH STAFF*

IN PURSUIT OF PERMANENCE

MS. AMANDA DAVIS

E-TRACK ID #: 941-49 DATE: Thursday, August 2, 2018 TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3 REGISTRATION: Limited to 30 COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 941

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This training is adapted, with permission, from "Lifelong Connections: Permanency for Older Youth" by the National Resource Center for Youth Development, 2012. This workshop addresses how to define permanency with youth, provides an overview of youth aging out of care, explores why youth resist discussions about their independence, and provides strategies and tools for helping youth to identify permanent connections as they age out of care.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
TEXTING, SEXTING AND THE WORLD OF THE INTERNET

MR. JOHN WARD

E-TRACK ID #: 945-15  DATE: Thursday, August 2, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 945

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: They do it while driving, while they walk through the mall, in the classroom while the teacher is looking the other way, and while crossing busy streets. They do it late at night when they’re supposed to be in bed. They do it so much their thumbs hurt! The average American teenager sends and receives more than 3,000 text messages per month, not to mention the hours they spend on the computer socializing with their friends. By educating yourself with the digital technology of today’s teen, you can learn to equip your children and assist them in being safe and responsible in a world where nothing is ever private.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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GIVE ME A BREAK THROUGH RESPITE

MS. KATIE TERRY

E-TRACK ID #: 952-20  DATE: Saturday, August 4, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 952

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This training provides caregivers with important information about when, how, and why to seek respite from caregiving responsibilities. This training discusses the different types of respite, and defines how therapeutic respite can preserve a foster or adoptive placement. Suggestions are made for the caregiving parent and the respite parent about handling a foster or adoptive child’s behaviors, including retribution.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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ENGAGING YOUTH IN TRANSITION PLANNING

MR. BRIAN LOWERY AND MR. JAMOLE CALLAHAN

E-TRACK ID #: 202-36-NOS  DATE: Tuesday, August 7, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 941

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: Transition planning is a personal process and young people must fully participate. The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoption Act of 2008 includes a requirement that a youth-directed transition plan be developed ninety days prior to a youth reaching their eighteenth birthday. This training will define transition planning, examine the importance of youth engagement in transition planning, and provide an overview of the transition planning process, including some common elements of successful transition plans. In addition, participants will be introduced to Foster Club’s Transition Planning Toolkit, a document that assists transition age youth in developing their plan for the future.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers; Agency Staff

*JOINT CLASS WITH STAFF*
EMBRACING HELP! THE VALUE OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVING PARENTS

MS. RONNA JOHNSON

E-TRACK ID #: 926-45  DATE: Tuesday, August 7, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 926

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: The focus of this workshop will be on the importance of recognizing stressors inherent in caregiving, the risks and repercussions of secondary trauma, self-assessment of current support resources, and exploration of effective advocacy skills that enhance access to and utilization of support resources.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FOSTER PARENTS . . . WHAT DO THEY DO?

MS. PATRICIA McCOLLUM

ETRACK ID #: 950-13  DATE: Wednesday, August 8, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 950

CONTENT: Foster parents enter the foster care arena eager to make a difference in the lives of children who have been abused and neglected. The greatest traumatic incident for foster and adoptive parents occurs when an allegation has been made against them. Allegations might be made by an angry child or a frustrated birth parent, or they can be the result of a simple misunderstanding. When allegations occur, children service agencies are required by law to complete a third party investigation known as an out-of-home investigation. This training will provide a greater understanding of what constitutes an allegation. An overview of the Ohio Revised Code will be shared, and a working knowledge of the out-of-home care allegations process discussed. Participants will gain knowledge of how to prevent and handle allegations against their homes.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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HEALTHY SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND TEENS

MS. PATRICIA McCOLLUM

E-TRACK ID #: 923-FFA-S  DATE: Thursday, August 9, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 923

LOCATION: Old Brooklyn 4261 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio 44144

CONTENT: This training, part of the Fundamentals of Fostering series, introduces basic concepts of sexual development and the Johnson continuum of childhood sexual behavior. Normal sexual behaviors for children from birth to adolescence are outlined along with factors which may influence a child's sexual behaviors. The training will help foster parents know when a child's sexual expression is normative and developmentally appropriate.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
HELPING CHILDREN WITH SELF-ESTEEM

SR. MADELEINE RYBICKI

E-TRACK ID #: 923-33  DATE: Thursday, August 9, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 923

LOCATION: Old Brooklyn 4261 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio 44144

CONTENT: Self-esteem is essential for the proper development and growth of children. This workshop will help caregivers define self-esteem and identify how they can nurture the self-esteem of the children in their home. Various exercises will be used to empower the participants to acquire the tools and skills they need.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

FUNDAMENTALS OF FOSTERING (F41): FOSTERING SELF RELIANCE IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MR. JAMOLE CALLAHAN

E-TRACK ID #: 941-FF14-S  DATE: Tuesday, August 14, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 941

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: Parents must equip their children for independence as they grow into adulthood. The process of enhancing a child's ability to be self-reliant begins around 18 months of age and continues into young adulthood. Parents begin this process with the simplest learning opportunities in daily living skills; they increase the complexity of the activities and skills as the child succeeds and matures. Building self-reliant adults is an intentional process. This workshop gives parents and caregivers specific tools to foster self-reliance in children of all ages and developmental levels.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

NORMALCY AND THE REASONABLE PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD

MR. JAMOLE CALLAHAN

E-TRACK ID #: 923-77-S  DATE: Tuesday, August 14, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 923

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This three-hour training introduces caregivers to the concept of normalcy and defines the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS). Caregivers will learn what needs to be considered when applying the RPPS, and will practice applying the standard in a number of scenarios.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
AHA ADULT CPR AND FIRST AID

MS. CAROLYN WHITE

E-TRACK ID #: 990-12-NOS  DATE: Thursday, August 16, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY Addressed: 990

LOCATION:  Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT:  Participants in this course learn to recognize and respond to emergencies, including shock, heat and cold emergencies, sudden illness, and poisonings. Additionally, participants will learn adult CPR and first aid for everything from cuts and scrapes to muscle, bone, and joint injuries.

TARGET AUDIENCE:  Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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BEFORE YOU TAKE THAT FIRST DRINK OR SMOKE: PREVENTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN

MS. KATIE TERRY

E-TRACK ID #: 988-20  DATE: Thursday, August 16, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY Addressed: 988

LOCATION:  Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT:  This training provides an overview of the history of substance abuse prevention models, and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Statistics on children and teenage drinking are provided as well as how to set up the home environment and help one’s children to refuse alcohol or other drugs.

TARGET AUDIENCE:  Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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ADHD AMONG CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: RECOGNITION AND INTERVENTION

MS. STACY SIMERA

E-TRACK ID #: 983-2  DATE: Thursday, August 16, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY Addressed: 983

LOCATION:  Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT:  The purpose of this course is to educate foster parents and other caregivers on the diagnosis and treatment of attention deficit with hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Primary focus will be on Diagnostic and Statistics Manual of Mental Disabilities-Fourth Edition (DSM-IV) diagnostic criteria and evidence-based treatment practices.

TARGET AUDIENCE:  Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

MS. JANICE FELTON-WILLIAMS

E-TRACK ID #: 980-31   DATE: Thursday, August 16, 2018   TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3   REGISTRATION: Limited to 30   COMPETENCY AddressED: 980

LOCATION: Adoption Network, 4614 Prospect Avenue, Suite 550, Cleveland, OH. 44115

CONTENT: This is a fast-paced workshop that helps caregivers identify effective and ineffective communication. This workshop will help foster caregivers learn how to communicate their needs and concerns without sounding hostile, uncooperative, or worse - ineffective. Foster caregivers will learn how to become advocates and develop partnerships with the agency that will benefit the foster child.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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Babies' Brains – The Basics for Caregivers

MS. LAURA GAINES

E-TRACK ID #: 923-65   DATE: Monday, August 20, 2018   TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3   REGISTRATION: Limited to 30   COMPETENCY AddressED: 923

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: From before birth into toddlerhood, babies' brains are changing and developing at an amazing rate. How a baby changes will impact the rest of that individual’s life. Babies learn by experience and, most importantly, in relationship to others. Understanding what is going on inside a baby’s brain and how our everyday interactions make a difference is important for all caregivers, as they are the ones with the greatest one-on-one time with infants and toddlers.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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Babies’ Brains – Applications for Caregivers

MS. LAURA GAINES

E-TRACK ID #: 923-66   DATE: Monday, August 20, 2018   TIME: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3   REGISTRATION: Limited to 30   COMPETENCY AddressED: 923

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This is a follow-up workshop to 923-65 (FC 3 hr) Babies’ Brains - The Basics for Foster Parents. There will be a brief review of the importance of relationship in the development of the baby brain, including how various cultural perspectives impact the adult-child caregiving relationship. The importance of both the child's and parent’s mental health will be explored, and how this is inherently a two-way relationship - each being impacted by the other. Using video, discussion, and exercises, we will review ways that caregivers can interact with babies and toddlers on a day-to-day basis to promote healthy child development. Obtaining support for oneself and managing transitions will be addressed as crucial elements in the process.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
PLAY WITH A PURPOSE: STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE THE PARENT – CHILD RELATIONS

MS. ANGELA IRBY

E-TRACK ID #: 952-PA17-S DATE: Monday, August 20, 2018 TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3 REGISTRATION: Limited to 30 COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 952

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: Participants in this course learn to recognize and respond to emergencies, including shock, heat and cold emergencies, sudden illness, and poisonings. Additionally, participants will learn adult CPR and first aid for everything from cuts and scrapes to muscle, bone, and joint injuries.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

SR. MADELEINE RYBICKI

E-TRACK ID #: 994-41 DATE: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3 REGISTRATION: Limited to 30 COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 994

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: Foster and adoptive parents will learn skills for teaching their children how to deal with "bullies." Using materials from the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, participants will gain a better awareness and understanding of their responsibility in keeping their youth safe.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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REACHING HIGHER: A CURRICULUM FOR FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENTS AND KINSHIP CAREGIVERS CARING FOR LGBT YOUTH

MS. SUSAN KAUTZ

E-TRACK ID #: 982-10-NOS DATE: Saturday, August 25, 2018 TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6 REGISTRATION: Limited to 30 COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 982

LOCATION: Jane Edna Hunter., 3955 Euclid Avenue, RM 334, Cleveland, Oh, 44115

CONTENT: This training was developed to increase the competence of any family providing out-of-home care for LGBTQ youth: foster families, kinship care families, guardianship families, or adoptive families. The curriculum is meant to enhance the skills of those providing direct care for LGBTQ youth.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
BIPOLAR DISORDER IN CHILDREN

MS. JANICE MORABETO

E-TRACK ID #: 995-59    DATE: Wednesday, August 29, 2018    TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6    REGISTRATION: Limited to 30    COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 995

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: Bipolar Disorder is a chronic mood disorder that is characterized by extreme highs and lows that can be confusing for family members, teachers, and others who are involved in the child’s life. Until recently, mental health and medical diagnosticians were reluctant to diagnose this disorder in children, due to the fact that the symptoms do not strictly adhere to those cited in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-Fourth Edition (DSM-IV) for adults. New research and the addition of the prepuberal and early adolescent Bipolar I disorder phenotype (PEA-BP) in the DSM-IV has helped clinicians better address and treat this troubling disorder in children. This course will review the similarities and differences between childhood and adulthood Bipolar I disorder, provide an overview of signs and symptoms in children, and explore the treatment options available today.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
MOTIVATING AND MANAGING TEEN BEHAVIORS

MR. DAVID ZIDAR

E-TRACK ID #: 941-16  DATE: Saturday, August 25, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 941

LOCATION: Jane Edna Hunter., 3955 Euclid Avenue, RM 3A, Cleveland , Oh, 44115

CONTENT: This three-hour training will assist foster parents in identifying and understanding acting-out behaviors, learning therapeutic approaches to dealing with children and adolescents who are in crisis, and employing techniques to prevent and manage negative behaviors and crisis situations.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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THE CAREGIVER’S VOICE: BEING A VALUABLE PART OF AN EFFECTIVE CHILD WELFARE TEAM

MS. BERT NERO

E-TRACK ID #: 922-FF13-S2  DATE: Saturday, August 25, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 922

LOCATION: Jane Edna Hunter., 3955 Euclid Avenue, RM 343, Cleveland , Oh, 44115

CONTENT: This workshop will explore the roles and responsibilities of all members of the child welfare team, particularly focusing on primary team members: the foster caregiver, the caseworker, and the birth parent. Both caregivers and caseworkers are encouraged to attend this workshop to learn strategies for working together more effectively. The training will enhance communication and collaboration skills of caregivers in working with the licensing agency, the birth parents, schools, courts, and other service providers.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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DISCIPLINE IN FOSTER CARE: MANAGING OUR BEHAVIOR TO MANAGE THEIRS

MS. JANICE FELTON-WILLIAMS

E-TRACK ID #: 925-FF8-S  DATE: Saturday, August 25 , 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 925

LOCATION: Adoption Network, 4614 Prospect Avenue, Suite 550, Cleveland, OH. 44115

CONTENT: Behavior management with all children is much broader than simply stopping negative behaviors. Discipline involves enhancing the caregivers' ability to guide the child and enhance his/her self-esteem. This workshop focuses first on understanding the caregiver's overall style of parenting and approach to children. We will explore how changing the caregiver's approach and parenting strategies will have an impact on the child's behavior. It will be necessary to discuss the special issues of parenting a child who has a history of abuse or neglect. Additionally, we will discuss a few specific strategies for enhancing the caregiver's ability to individualize discipline to the needs and issues of each child.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: WHY DO I HAVE TO LIVE WITH YOU…?

DR. EUGENE SMILEY

E-TRACK ID #: 924-6  DATE: Monday, August 27, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: All children are impacted by the loss of their birth parents and family when removal and foster care placement are facilitated. Reasons for foster care placement are often complicated, difficult to explain, and confusing to the child or adolescent placed in care. Children of all ages enter care with many questions, concerns, and anxiety. The child may ask direct questions, clam up, or use non-verbal, negative behaviors and attitudes when they have no words to express what they are feeling. This workshop will help foster parents become more effective in initiating and negotiating difficult conversations with children placed in their care. They will develop better listening skills and gain expertise in implementing practical, age-appropriate approaches to opening conversation between themselves and their foster children. More ease and effectiveness in negotiating difficult conversations will lessen the incidents of disruptions in foster care placement.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
A Close Knit Group

Deanna’Marie, Dequarius and Shermon are a close knit group who want to be adopted together. Deanna loves to sing and dance and is a girly-girl. Dequarius is an honor roll student and likes sports. Shermon is also a good student who is outgoing with a good sense of humor.

Math Teacher or A Chef

Kamarie is a sweet and "quiet-natured" young man who likes to draw and be outdoors. He is a sports fanatic and plays football and basketball. He aspires to be a math teacher or chef.

Dedicated Student

Jadyn is dedicated to her schoolwork and part-time job. She feels connections with family are very important. She also enjoys art and music.

If you would like more information on these or other children in need of a permanent family, please call the Adoption Inquiry Line at 216-881-5457.
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**FACILITATING AND ASSESSING PARENT/CHILD VISITATION**

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**INDEPENDENT LIVING ISSUES FOR CAREGIVERS**

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SOCIAL AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA: UNDERSTANDING, PROTECTING AND LIVING HARMONIOUSLY WITH THE DIGITAL NATIVE GENERATION

MS. CHRISTINA ROSEBROUGH-ZODY

E-TRACK ID #: 950-27 DATE: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6 REGISTRATION: Limited to 30 COMPETENCY Addressed: 950

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: In this workshop, participants will get a broad range of knowledge and practical skills to answer the following questions: Who are those in the Digital Native Generation? What does identity mean for young people who have dozens of online profiles and avatars? What are the privacy issues and laws/regulations surrounding privacy for children in care? How can we protect children's privacy? How does the concept of safety translate into an increasingly virtual world? How can we communicate with children and preserve memories for them in the virtual world? Participants will also be taught how to preserve any evidence, if necessary.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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YOUR DAY IN COURT

MS. CHRISTINA ROSEBROUGH-ZODY

E-TRACK ID #: 950-4 DATE: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3 REGISTRATION: Limited to 30 COMPETENCY Addressed: 950

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: Foster parents will learn to identify the methodology used in the stages of a court hearing and trial. Participants will become familiar with the process of preparing for testimony, both in and out of the courtroom. Foster parents and caregivers will learn and demonstrate techniques for testifying in an administrative hearing or courtroom. Participants will also be able to recognize areas of potential liability in regards to their actions while testifying. It is recommended that participants take the workshop, An Overview of Legal Issues for Foster Parents, prior to attending this session; however, this is not mandatory.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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CRISIS INTERVENTION FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

MS. KARLA McDAY

E-TRACK ID #: 925-141 DATE: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3 REGISTRATION: Limited to 30 COMPETENCY Addressed: 925

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This three-hour training will assist foster parents in identifying and understanding acting-out behaviors, learning therapeutic approaches to dealing with children and adolescents who are in crisis, and employing techniques to prevent and manage negative behaviors and crisis situations.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
PROBLEM SOLVING AS EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE

MS. KIMBERLY LANGLEY

E-TRACK ID #: 925-55      DATE: Wednesday, September 5, 2018      TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3      REGISTRATION: Limited to 30      COMPETENCY Addressed: 925

LOCATION: Adoption Network, 4614 Prospect Avenue, Suite 550, Cleveland, OH. 44115

CONTENT: If the goal of good discipline is to help children and youth to become self-directing, then parents and caregivers have to teach kids to THINK! Through multiple examples and skills practice, this workshop presents strategies that will prove to be immediately useful for discipline. Content includes use of slogans, written contracts, written logs, a five-step approach to verbal problem solving, using role-play to practice difficult social interactions, refusal skills, methods for dealing with anger, and the DIBS approach to learning from mistakes.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT I: MANAGING SURFACE BEHAVIORS WITH ACTING - OUT CHILDREN

MR. BRIAN LOWERY

E-TRACK ID #: 925-1      DATE: Monday, September 10, 2018      TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3      REGISTRATION: Limited to 30      COMPETENCY Addressed: 925

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This program explores major pre-placement dynamics, including separation, and how these dynamics influence behavior. It also gives substitute caregivers a model for structuring a supportive and therapeutic setting for behaviorally challenged children. Further, it reviews fundamental social learning theory, and finally, examines 10 tried-and-true techniques for handling surface behaviors and the application of these techniques in a culturally sensitive milieu

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

EFFECTIVE WAYS TO PARENT CHILDREN WITH DEFIANT BEHAVIORS: STAYING ON YOUR TOES

MR. JOHN WARD

E-TRACK ID #: 925-137      DATE: Tuesday, September 11, 2018      TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 6      REGISTRATION: Limited to 30      COMPETENCY Addressed: 925

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: Children with defiant behaviors frequently challenge their foster caregivers, and they often don't respond to typical parenting techniques. This training will teach you how to apply step-by-step techniques and fail-proof consequences that work even with children who resist authority and have explosive behaviors. You will learn how to help children to be accountable for their behaviors and how to implement effective child behavior management strategies. Participants who have parented or are currently parenting a child with defiant behaviors will benefit most from this training

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

MR. JOHN WARD

E-TRACK ID #: 925-43  DATE: Tuesday, September 11, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 925

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: We often speak truth, but not always in a loving way. At other times we show love by holding back truth. Either way, we lose genuineness in relationships. This course will introduce proven, practical applications for "speaking the truth in love" in order to restore and deepen stalled or conflictive relationships, especially with teens. Participants will learn how to become more helpful to others by being more genuine, focused, and confident in confrontations. Participants will learn how to: Ask questions that create deeper insight, Help others set and reach healthy goals, Confront in love and restore damaged trust

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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UNDERSTANDING THE LEGAL PROCESS AND THE ROLE OF THE FOSTER CAREGIVER IN CHILD WELFARE CASES

MS. LINDA JULIAN

E-TRACK ID #: 950-29  DATE: Wednesday, September 12, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 950

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This training will provide foster caregivers with an understanding of the legal system, the participants in the legal system, and their role as foster caregivers in the legal system.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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CHANGING HATS: FOSTER TO ADOPT

MS. ANN BAGLEY

E-TRACK ID #: 948-PA01-S  DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2018  TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 948

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: A revolving door - That is what life is like for many children caught in the foster care system. Some children move through that revolving door as they are reunited with birth families. Others spin around in that revolving door as they proceed from one foster home to another. For some children, that revolving door stops, and they are adopted by their foster parents. The phenomenon of foster parent adoption is increasing as more and more agencies recognize the tremendous value of a child's foster family when an adoptive placement is under consideration. This workshop will explore the benefits of foster parent adoption and present tools for foster parents to use in making a sound decision regarding permanency. Strategies will be presented for helping a child cope with the transition from foster care to adoption.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
AFTER ADOPTION: UNDERSTANDING THE LIFELONG JOURNEY

MS. ANN BAGLEY

E-TRACK ID #: 948-PA04-S  DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2018  TIME: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 948

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: Adoption is *not* simply an event in the life of the adopted person, adopted family, and birth parent; it is a lifelong process. This three-hour interactive workshop is about the journey of adoption as seen through the eyes of those who have been touched by the process. Highlighting this workshop will be the presentation of the international award-winning documentary – *First Person Plural*. Participants will have an opportunity to walk through the adoptive experience with an adult adoptee, adoptive parents, birth parents, and birth siblings. The film is a life-changing experience.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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WORKING WITH AGGRESSIVE CHILDREN

SR. MADELEINE RYBICKI

E-TRACK ID #: 925-80  DATE: Monday, September 17, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 925

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This workshop will define anger and share with the participant’s various methods and techniques to de-escalate the child’s anger and aggressive behaviors. The trainer will present and teach valuable communication skills necessary to deal appropriately with the child’s aggression. The participants will learn appropriate social skills to teach the youth how to gain stronger coping skills to deal with their anger.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

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THE OPENNESS PUZZLE: 3-2-1 CONTACT!

MS. BETH CARDINA

E-TRACK ID #: 949-PA16-S  DATE: Tuesday, September 18, 2018  TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3  REGISTRATION: Limited to 30  COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 949

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This workshop provides a brief overview of the reasons for openness in adoption, as well as an examination of many anxieties felt by adoptive parents in open adoption relationships with birth family members. Participants will explore different options in openness and will receive some guidelines for use in decision-making about when openness is appropriate.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
TRUST – BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION: CONNECTING PRINCIPLES

MS. ANN BAGLEY

E-TRACK ID #: 991-43       DATE: Wednesday, September 19, 2018       TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3       REGISTRATION: Limited to 30       COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 991

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This module of the Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®) series will guide participants through the attachment cycle, attachment styles, and what to do when things go wrong in attachment. Participants will learn to use the TBRI® connecting strategies of mindful engagement, choices, compromises, and life value terms. Participants must complete the series introduction (Trust-Based Relational Intervention Module 1: Introduction, 991-42-NOS) before attending this learning.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers; Agency Staff

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FACILITATING AND ASSESSING PARENT/CHILD VISITATION

MS. SUSAN TUCKER

E-TRACK ID #: 949-15       DATE: Wednesday, September 19, 2018       TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3       REGISTRATION: Limited to 30       COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 925

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: This workshop will prepare caregivers to become a part of the reunification process by supervising and facilitating visits between children and primary families. Caregivers will learn strategies and techniques for ensuring positive visits and using visits as opportunities to coach and mentor parents in parenting and nurturing skills. Caregivers will also learn ways to help parents practice the necessary skills to be involved with their children during and after out-of-home placement.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

INDEPENDENT LIVING ISSUES FOR CAREGIVERS

MS. BERT NERO

E-TRACK ID #: 941-28       DATE: Wednesday, September 19, 2018       TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3       REGISTRATION: Limited to 30       COMPETENCY ADDRESSED: 941

LOCATION: Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center at 9830 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

CONTENT: The transition from removal to reconnection (permanency) is a fragile process, especially when the permanence plan is independent living. If foster care was historically seen as "rescuing" a child from harm or injury, that is not the whole picture in today’s foster care system. There is a growing expectation that foster parents will be able to prepare an adolescent for independent living, and that foster parents will actively support the adolescent in his/her efforts to live on his/her own. The goal of this workshop is to provide information about why the involvement of foster caregivers with adolescents is critical. This training will enhance the skills the foster caregiver already possesses in engaging adolescents, defusing issues, and developing strategies of support.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
THE ART OF LISTENING AND CONFRONTING CONFLICT FOR FOSTER CAREGIVERS

MR. JOHN WARD

E-TRACK ID #: 926-3      DATE: Saturday, September 22, 2018      TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3      REGISTRATION: Limited to 30      COMPETENCY ADDRESSSED: 926

LOCATION: Adoption Network, 4614 Prospect Avenue, Suite 550, Cleveland, OH. 44115

CONTENT: We will discuss practical applications that will help you restore and deepen stalled or conflictive relationships, especially with your teen. You will learn how to ask helpful questions that yield fresh insight and deeper understanding and obtain the tools to manage difficult change. You will discover how to improve your ability to help others by becoming more genuine, focused, and confident in your confrontations with others. You will also learn essential skills for handling emotionally charged teens, adults, and circumstances gracefully. We will discuss how to identify your emotional triggers, deal with explosive personalities, and build bridges that lead to resolution. We will learn how to break through barriers, communicate empathy, and show understanding and respect in the midst of a crisis or conflict.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers

TACKLING BED-WETTING AND OTHER TOILETING ISSUES

MS. RONNA JOHNSON

E-TRACK ID #: 990-40      DATE: Wednesday, September 26, 2018      TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CREDIT HOURS: 3      REGISTRATION: Limited to 30      COMPETENCY ADDRESSSED: 990

LOCATION: Adoption Network, 4614 Prospect Avenue, Suite 550, Cleveland, OH. 44115

CONTENT: Bed-wetting and other toileting issues can present an overwhelming challenge to caregivers. Unfortunately, toileting concerns not only undermine a child's self-esteem, but they also frequently destabilize the child's relationships and become the catalyst for placement disruptions. This course will explore the typical developmental process for achieving toileting success, address the various risk factors common to children within the child welfare system that can interfere with this process, provide an understanding of the potential roots of bed-wetting and encopresis, identify recommended assessments, and offer specific approaches which caregivers can utilize to address these challenges to help to protect relationships and minimize the trauma for children.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Licensed Caregiver Homes; Kinship Caregivers
Tionna is a loving and caring person who enjoys spending time with her sisters and friends. She spends time on social media, working, or playing basketball on her high school team. Kiarrah is a compassionate and determined individual who values spending time with her sisters, listening to music, and being on the phone. She is interested in becoming a cheerleader one day. Johnae likes to play the piano, clarinet and trumpet, going to the mall and eating ice cream. Donajia is a happy and creative little girl. She loves playing with her dolls, going outside to play and spending time with her sisters.

Marquise loves watching sports, especially the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Oregon Ducks. He enjoys being active, adventurous and is always willing to try new things. He plays video games, likes to go fishing, and participates in sports. He is currently on the high school football team! Although he is not quite sure what he wants to do when he grows up, but he hopes he can do something related to sports.

Kenneth prefers to be called Kenny, and he loves to sing! In fact, his favorite singer is Christian artist, Toby Mack. He is extremely bright and friendly. He enjoys going to overnight camp and meeting new friends.

If you would like more information on these or other children in need of a permanent family, please call the Adoption Inquiry Line at 216-881-5457.
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Ann Bagley has worked in children's services since 1975. She has worked primarily in placement services including residential treatment, therapeutic and family foster care, and adoption. With a strong commitment to concurrent planning and principles of best practice, she is an experienced trainer, group facilitator and has a solid knowledge base in the areas of attachment and adoption issues, concurrent planning, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, sexual abuse, family systems, familiarity with educational special services, and Developmental Disabilities. She is also an adoptive parent.

Jamole Callahan is a graduate of Central State University where he studied music education. He entered foster care at the age of 13 and was shifted though 9 foster homes. At 18 he was emancipated out of care, and with the assistance of one of his mentors/teachers, he was encouraged to further his education. He is an approved OCWTP trainer and travels around the country as a motivational speaker regarding foster care issues.

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