FOSTER PARENT COALITON:
SUMMER/FALL 2012 SERIES

Through community leadership, the DHS helps to improve the quality of life in Michigan by protecting children and vulnerable adults, delivering juvenile justice services, and providing support to strengthen families and individuals string for independence.

The Winter/Spring series offers a vast selection of subjects. Take time to review the entire book and select courses that are of special interest to you or one that relates to a specific problem area.

TRAINING RULES and GUIDELINES

• Registration may be made only 30 days before the class.

• If you cannot attend, please call and cancel. This helps the trainer plan for materials and space.

• Be on time and be prepared to stay for the entire class. Late-comers disrupt the class and may result in reduced credit hours, or will not be allowed in class.

• Children are not allowed in the training. They cannot be left unattended in vehicles or public lobbies. (Protective Services may be notified of child left unattended).

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15160 W Eight Mile Rd
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26645 W. Six Mile Rd.
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(313) 271-3050 ext. 137

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20100 Greenfield
Detroit, MI 48235
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15061 Northline Rd
Southgate, MI 48195
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12723 Telegraph Rd, Ste 200
Redford, MI 48240
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21700 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 1300
Southfield, MI 48075
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114 Orchard Lake Road
Pontiac, MI 48341
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16250 Northland Dr., Ste. 250
Southfield, MI 48075
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20600 Eureka Rd. Ste. 715
Taylor, MI 48180
Tina
(734) 284-6264

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30215 Southfield Rd
Southfield, MI 48076
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(248) 530-5370
Internet Training for Foster Parents

Interactive training is also available on the www.dshs.wa.gov website under “Interactive Training”:

- Child Development
- Discipline & Punishment
- Ruling the Roost
- Exploring Alternatives
- Natural & Logical Consequences
- Modifying the Environment

SUMMER/FALL 2012 SERIES

COALITION for FOSTER PARENT TRAINING

The coalition is a group of public and private child placement agencies who work together to provide training opportunities for foster parents in the community.

PUBLIC and PRIVATE AGENCIES

Currently the coalition includes the following providing training this quarter:

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July—December 2012 Trainings

Internet Training for Foster Parents

**www.usfa.fema.gov/kids**
*U.S. Fire Administration.* Review this website with your children and learn about fire safety in the home. Includes activity pages, fire safety quizzes, and the opportunity for your child to become a Junior Fire Marshall.

**www.coderedrover**

**www.poisonprevention.org**
*National Poison Prevention Council (800-222-1222).* Learn how to prevent accidental poisoning in the home.

**www.4parent.gov**
*U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services.* Website for parents, grandparents, mentors and guardians. 4parents.gov is a guide to help you and your pre-teen or mid-teen discuss important, yet difficult, issues about healthy choices, abstinence, sex and relationships.

**www.dshs.wa.gov**
*Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.* Choose “Training” from the Quick Links on the website. Then go to “Video Training”. Online videos available include:

- Behavioral Challenges in Foster Care
- De-escalation Techniques in Foster Care
- Effects of Domestic Violence in Children
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Fetal Alcohol Related Conditions
- Giving Our Youth Wings to Fly
- Working with Children who Display Physically Aggressive Behaviors
- Working with Children who Display Sexual Behavior Problems
- many more.
**Internet Training for Foster Parents**

**www.fosterparentnet.org**
*Foster Parent Net.* Site includes chat rooms, discussion groups, education, and links for foster parents. Online courses include: How to Start a Support Group, and Drugs of Abuse—What Every Parent Needs to Know.

**www.fosterparents.com**
*Foster Care and Adoptive Community* offers 65 courses with new topics added continuously. Categories include: Alcohol & Drug Related Issues, Behavioral Issues, Disorders, Educational & School Issues, General Issues, Health & Medical Issues, Infants/ Toddlers/Preschoolers, Pre-Teens & Teens, Reactive Attachment & Bonding Issues. There is a cost of about $5—$10/course and you receive a certificate when you complete a workshop.

**www.fosterparenttraining.com**
*Foster Parent Training.* This site offers over 200 hours of training sessions for foster parents. Topics include: Behavior Management, Discipline & Punishment, Principles of Natural & Logical Consequences, Dealing with Dishonesty, FAS/FAE, Oppositional Defiant Disorder & Conduct Disorder, Bipolar Disorders, Learning Disorders, Children’s Sexual Disorders, Suicide, and more. **Note: There is a fee for these trainings.**

**www.health.org/multimedia**
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services. Includes webcasts, web chats, e-books, Power Point presentations, and talking books about substance abuse and mental health issues. Information can help foster & adoptive parents understand the issues facing birth parents and how those issues have affected the foster child. Also includes links to brochures and free (or low-cost) videos.

**www.tffifamilyservices.org**
*TFI Family Services.* This private foster/adopt agency in Kansas offers training articles on a variety of topics including: Ways to Express Anger Constructively, The Roles of Families in Promoting Self-Esteem, Personal Identity and Cultural Identity, among other topics. Choose link to “Foster Care” then “Training Opportunities” then “Between Families Training Inserts” and answer the questions at the end of each.

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**July**

**PROVIDING CROSS CULTURAL CARE**
*(Credit Hours 2)*

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Where: Orchards Children’s Services  
30215 Southfield Road  
Southfield, MI 48076  

Contact Person: La Tosha Lymon  
Phone: (248) 530-5370  
Sponsored by: Orchards Children’s Services

**UNDERSTANDING THE LICENSING RULES**
*(Credit Hours 2)*

This training will explain the State of Michigan Licensing rules for foster homes, and the agency’s interpretation of the rules. This training will assist the foster parent with maintaining rule compliance.

Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2012  
Time: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
Where: The Children’s Center  
90 Selden  
Detroit, MI 48201  

Contact Person: Jeanine Thornton  
Phone: (313) 262-0952  
Sponsored by: The Children’s Center
July

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE** (Credit Hours 2)

The effects of substance abuse on the individual and the family will be discussed. Foster parents will walk away with a general understanding of how substance abuse develops, as well as the associated signs and symptoms.

Date: Thursday, July 19, 2012  
Time: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Where: Ennis Center for Children  
20100 Greenfield  
Detroit, MI 48235

Contact Person: Receptionist  
Phone: (313) 342-2699  
Sponsored by: Ennis Center for Children

**KNOW THE RULES** (Credit Hours 2)

This training assists foster parents with maintaining rule compliance by providing a careful examination of the rules for foster homes.

Date: Friday, July 20 2012  
Time: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
Where: Wayne County Children’s Services (DHS)  
13233 Hamilton Ave.  
Highland Park, MI 48203

Contact Person: Tammy Spencer  
Phone: (313) 852-1857  
Sponsored by: WCDHS

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**Internet Training for Foster Parents**

**www.adoption.com**  
Adoption.com. This site includes forums for foster and adoptive parents to communicate with other foster parents throughout the country. Also includes links to online training.

**www.adoptionlearningpartners.org**  
Adoption Learning Partners: An Online Adoption Education Community. An online adoption education community. Topics include: Journey of Attachment, Let’s Talk Adoption: A Lifetime of Family Conversations, Conspicuous Families: Race, Culture & Adoption, and Adopting the Older Child. Cost: $30—$35.

**www.caseylifeskills.org**  
Casey Life Skills. Free and easy to use tools to help young people prepare for adulthood. Includes a “Life Skills Assessment” for teens.

**www.childtraumaacademy.com**  
Child Trauma Academy. Some of the topics available on this site include: The Amazing Human Brain and Human Development, Surviving Childhood: An Introduction to the Impact of Trauma, and the Cost of Caring: Secondary Traumatic Stress and the Impact of Working with High Risk Children and Families. **Note: No certificates of completion are available.

**www.fosterclub.com**  
Foster Club—The National Network for Youth in Foster Care. Although this website is aimed at youth in foster care, it also includes “Foster Club for Grownups” and free training.

**www.fosterparentcollege.com**  

**www.safekids.org**  
National Safe Kids Campaign. This website includes safety tips,
December

YOUTH IN TRANSITION SERVICES  (Credit Hours 2)

Information based training to equip foster and adoptive parents with the tools available to assist youth in successfully receiving services and funding for college.

Date:  Monday, December 10, 2012
Time:  5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Where:  Homes for Black Children
        511 E. Larned
        Detroit, MI 48226

Contact Person:  Steve Simpson
Phone:  (313) 961-4777 ext. 133
Sponsored by : Homes for Black Children
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July

COMMUNICATING WITH THE FOSTER CARE WORKER  (Credit Hours 2)

Information that foster parents should share with the family foster care worker that is often disregarded, overlooked, or forgotten. It could be information that the family foster care worker needs to provide more efficient services to the children and their parents.

Date:  Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Time:  2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Where:  Catholic Social Services of Wayne County
        9851 Hamilton
        Detroit, MI 48202

Contact Person:  Tanya Griffith
Phone:  (313) 883-2296
Sponsored by : Catholic Social Services of Wayne County
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August

FOSTER PARENT ADOPTION  (Credit Hours 2)

This session explores tools to assist foster parents in their decision to adopt. The required documents and legal process will be reviewed.

Date:  Monday, August 6, 2012  
Time:  5:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.  
Where:  Homes for Black Children  
511 E. Larned  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact Person:  Steve Simpson  
Phone: (313) 961-4777 ext. 133  
Sponsored by:  Homes for Black Children

WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL  (Credit Hours 2)

Date:  Thursday, August 9, 2012  
Time:  10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
Where:  Orchards Children’s Services  
30215 Southfield Road  
Southfield, MI 48076

Contact Person:  La Tosha Lymon  
Phone: (248) 530-5370  
Sponsored by:  Orchards Children’s Services

November

IMPROVING SELF ESTEEM IN CHILDREN  (Credit Hours 2)

Training focusing on the self esteem issues faced by many foster children. Foster parents will receive resources regarding techniques on self esteem building for children in need of supportive services.

Date:  Thursday, November 29, 2012  
Time:  5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Where:  Ennis Center for Children  
20100 Greenfield Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48235

Contact Person:  Receptionist  
Phone: (313) 342-2699  
Sponsored by:  Ennis Center for Children

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November

PRIDE 8: PLANNING FOR CHANGE  (Credit Hours 2)

How are families different after having a child placed in their care? This session takes a practical view of what to expect during the first hours, days, and weeks of a child’s placement with a family. Participants will learn what to ask the worker and how to talk to a child. The signs and symptoms of sexual abuse and how to create a Safe Home are also addressed.

Date:  Tuesday, November 13, 2012  
Time:  6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Where:  Judson Center  
       The Pinnacle Building  
       12723 Telegraph Rd., Suite 200  
       Redford, MI 48239  

Contact Person:  Licensing            Phone:  (313) 794-5653

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BUILDING SELF ESTEEM IN YOUTH  (Credit Hours 2)

This informative training will provide caregivers with tools to build a child’s self esteem.

Date:  Wednesday, November 15, 2012  
Time:  10:00 p.m.—12:00 p.m.  
Where:  Methodist Children’s Home Society  
       26645 W. Six Mile Rd.  
       Redford, MI 48240  

Contact Person:  JJ Gallagher            Phone:  (313) 531-6191

Sponsored by:  Methodist Children’s Home Society

August

THE CULTURALLY COMPETENT FOSTER PARENT  (Credit Hours 2)

This workshop will help foster parents understand the importance of interacting effectively with people from other cultures and will assist the foster parent to understand, communicate and effectively interact with people across cultures.

Date:  Tuesday, August 14, 2012  
Time:  6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Where:  The Children’s Center  
       79 W. Alexandrine  
       Detroit, MI 48201  

Contact Person:  Jeanine Thornton            Phone:  (313) 262-0952

Sponsored by:  The Children’s Center

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DEALING WITH TEENS FROM A FOSTER PARENT STANDPOINT  (Credit Hours 2)

This informative training will provide caregivers with guidance tools to effectively manage their household with a teen placement. It takes hard work and extra organization to deal with teens, but they need structure and a loving environment, too. Participants will receive an insightful resource guide.

Date:  Wednesday, August 15, 2012  
Time:  1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Where:  Methodist Children’s Home Society  
       26645 W. Six Mile Rd.  
       Redford, MI 48240  

Contact Person:  JJ Gallagher            Phone:  (313) 531-6191

Sponsored by:  Methodist Children’s Home Society
August

TEACHING CHILDREN MORALS AND VALUES
(Credit Hours 2)

Foster Parents will learn to teach children how to be successful in their relationships with other people. They will understand the importance of teaching children values so they can create their own strong moral fiber. Foster parents will have the ability to instill in children that they are capable of learning and growing both socially and emotionally with strong morals/values.

Date: Thursday, August 16, 2012
Time: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Where: Ennis Center for Children
20100 Greenfield Rd.
Detroit, MI 48235

Contact Person: Receptionist  Phone: (313) 342-2699
Sponsored by: Ennis Center for Children

PRIDE5: STRENGTHENING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
(Credit Hours 2)

Participants will learn how families instill identity, cultural heritage and self-esteem in children and ways to help a child develop positive cultural identity at different developmental stages. Family connections and continuity is also addressed.

Date: Thursday, August 16, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Where: Judson Center—The Pinnacle Building
12723 Telegraph Rd., Suite 200
Redford, MI 48239

Contact Person: Licensing  Phone: (313) 794-5653

November

PLANNING 4 CHANGE
(Credit Hours 3)

What to expect for your first Placement. The Process. What comes with the child.

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2012
Time: 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Where: Starr Commonwealth
22400 W. Seven Mile Rd.
Detroit, MI 48219

Contact Person: John Dodge or Bridgette Boyd
Phone: (313) 794-4447
Sponsored by: Starr Commonwealth

** Note: Park on the side streets and come in the front steps!
(Sessions start on time; latecomers will be docked training time!)

NUTRITION
(Credit Hours 2)

This interactive workshop will incorporate practical suggestions that will help motivate children to eat healthy and be active.

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Where: Spectrum Child & Family Services
16250 Northland Drive, Suite 250
Southfield, MI 48075

Contact Person: Pam Jaymes
Phone: (248) 423-2368
Sponsored by: Spectrum Child & Family Services
November

CHILD MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES
(Credit Hours 2)

This training will assist foster parents in utilizing appropriate and effective discipline techniques in managing children’s behavior.

Date: Monday, November 5, 2012
Time: 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Where: Homes for Black Children
511 E. Larned
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact Person: Steve Simpson
Phone: (313) 961-4777 ext. 133
Sponsored by: Homes for Black Children

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD
(Credit Hours 2)

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Where: Orchards Children’s Services
30215 Southfield Road
Southfield, MI 48076

Contact Person: LaTosha Lymon
Phone: (248) 593-2167
Sponsored by: Orchards Children’s Services

August

SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES FOR INFANTS
(Credit Hours 2)

This course focuses on how to provide safe sleep environments for infants. It will also cover how unsafe sleeping practices relate to unexpected infant death.

Date: Friday, August 17, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Where: Wayne County Children’s Services (DHS)
13233 Hamilton Ave.
Highland Park, MI 48203

Contact Person: Tammy Spencer
Phone: (313) 852-1857
Sponsored by: WCDHS

IEPs: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW
(Credit Hours 2)

This training will equip foster parents with the knowledge of the ins and outs of the IEP process.

Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Where: Vista Maria
20651 W. Warren Ave.
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Contact Person: Training/Recruitment Department
Phone: (313) 271-3050 ext. 137
Sponsored by: Vista Maria
**August**

**BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM** (Credit Hours 2)

Focusing on self esteem issues faced by foster children and addressing self-esteem building methods and techniques for children in need of supportive services.

**Date:** Thursday, August 30, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Catholic Social Services of Wayne County  
9851 Hamilton  
Detroit, MI 48202

Contact Person: Tanya Griffith  
Phone: (313) 883-2296  
Sponsored by: Catholic Social Services of Wayne County

**October**

**MEDICATIONS** (Credit Hours 2)

Information regarding the varieties of medications foster children are often prescribed and the conditions in which those medications treat.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2012  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Catholic Social Services of Wayne County  
9851 Hamilton  
Detroit, MI 48202

Contact Person: Tanya Griffith  
Phone: (313) 883-2296  
Sponsored by: Catholic Social Services of Wayne County

**PRIDE 8** (Credit Hours 2)

This course will help foster parents in the role of promoting permanency outcomes for children.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2012  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Vista Maria  
20651 W. Warren Ave.  
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Contact Person: Training/Recruitment Department  
Phone: (313) 271-3050 ext. 137  
Sponsored by: Vista Maria
**October**

**STRESS AND BURNOUT PROTECTION**
(Credit Hours 2)

This training will assist foster parents in focusing on your own personal triggers and educating providers in decreasing or eliminating stressors. This training will help foster parents learn coping techniques to avoid burnout.

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2012  
Time: 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.  
Where: The Children’s Center  
79 W. Alexandrine  
Detroit, MI 48201

Contact Person: Jeanine Thornton  
Phone: (313) 262-0952  
Sponsored by: The Children’s Center

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**DEALING WITH TEENS FROM A FOSTER PARENT STANDPOINT**
(Credit Hours 2)

This informative training will provide caregivers with guidance tools to effectively manage their household with a teen placement. It takes hard work and extra organization to deal with teens, but they need structure and a loving environment, too. Participants will receive an insightful resource guide.

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2012  
Time: 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Where: Methodist Children’s Home Society  
26645 W. Six Mile Rd.  
Redford, MI 48240

Contact Person: JJ Gallagher  
Phone: (313) 531-6191  
Sponsored by: Methodist Children’s Home Society

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**September**

**DEVELOPING POSITIVE SELF-ESTEEM IN CHILDREN**
(Credit Hours 2)

This training will explore issues involving children’s self-esteem and what foster parents can do to build the child’s self-esteem.

Date: Monday, September 10, 2012  
Time: 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.  
Where: Homes for Black Children  
511 E. Larned  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact Person: Steve Simpson  
Phone: (313) 961-4777 ext. 133  
Sponsored by: Homes for Black Children

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**HAIRCARE FOR AA/CAUCASIAN**
(Credit Hours 2)

Foster parents will learn how to maintain and care for children’s hair across cultural and racial backgrounds.

Date: Monday, September 10, 2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Where: Judson Center  
The Pinnacle Building  
12723 Telegraph Rd., Suite 200  
Redford, MI 48239

Contact Person: Licensing  
Phone: (313) 794-5653
September

MONEY MATTERS  
(Credit Hours 3)

Money issues of the foster parent. Money issues, Personal possessions and allowance money of foster children.

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2012  
Time: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Where: Starr Commonwealth  
22400 W. Seven Mile Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48219

Contact Person: John Dodge or Bridgette Boyd  
Phone: (313) 794-4447  
Sponsored by: Starr Commonwealth

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October

MANAGING THE DEFIANT CHILD  
(Credit Hours 2)

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Where: Orchards Children’s Services  
30215 Southfield Road  
Southfield, MI 48076

Contact Person: La Tosha Lymon  
Phone: (248) 530-5370  
Sponsored by: Orchards Children’s Services  
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KNOW THE RULES  
(Credit Hours 2)

This training assists foster parents with maintaining rule compliance by providing a careful examination of the rules for foster homes.

Date: Friday, October 12, 2012  
Time: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
Where: Wayne County Children’s Services (DHS)  
13233 Hamilton Ave.  
Highland Park, MI 48203

Contact Person: Tammy Spencer  
Phone: (313) 852-1857  
Sponsored by: WCDHS
### October

**DISCIPLINE**  
(Credit Hours 2)

This interactive workshop will discuss appropriate and effective discipline techniques to promote positive outcomes for children.

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Where: Spectrum Child & Family Services  
16250 Northland Drive, Suite 250  
Southfield, MI 48075

Contact Person: Pam Jaymes  
Phone: (248) 423-2368  
Sponsored by: Spectrum Child & Family Services  
Trainer: Michelle Howard

### HOW TO KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING BULLIED  
(Credit Hours 2)

Foster parents will learn to look for signs indicating a child may be bullied at school. Appropriate techniques for interventions will be discussed as well as techniques on self-esteem building for children in need of supportive services.

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2012  
Time: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Where: Ennis Center for Children  
20100 Greenfield Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48235

Contact Person: Receptionist  
Phone: (313) 342-2699  
Sponsored by: Ennis Center for Children

### September

**PARENTING TROUBLED TEENS**  
(Credit Hours 2)

A foster parent resource to assist in parenting teens that present with behavioral issues. This training will provide foster parents with techniques specific to managing the behaviors associated with the teenage years. The training will also help prepare new foster parents for accepting teenagers into their homes, as well as update the parenting skills utilized by seasoned foster parents.

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2012  
Time: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Where: Ennis Center for Children  
20100 Greenfield Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48235

Contact Person: Receptionist  
Phone: (313) 342-2699  
Sponsored by: Ennis Center for Children

### SEPARATION AND ATTACHMENT  
(Credit Hours 2)

This training will focus on how separation and attachment plays an important role in how children behave. This training will the foster parent understand the impact that foster care has on the separation and attachment cycle for a child.

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2012  
Time: 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.  
Where: The Children’s Center  
79 W. Alexandrine  
Detroit, MI 48201

Contact Person: Jeanine Thornton  
Phone: (313) 262-0952  
Sponsored by: The Children’s Center
**September**

**ALLEGATION PREVENTION**  
(Credit Hours 2)

This course teaches methods that will decrease the risk of being accused of an allegation.

Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Where: Vista Maria  
20651 W. Warren Ave,  
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Contact Person: Training/Recruitment Department  
Phone: (313) 271-3050 ext. 137  
Sponsored by: Vista Maria

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**October**

**WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH BIRTH PARENTS**  
(Credit Hours 2)

This session will assist foster parents in learning how to strengthen relationships and develop a positive rapport with birth parents.

Date: Monday, October 1, 2012  
Time: 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.  
Where: Homes for Black Children  
511 E. Larned  
Detroit, MI 48226

Contact Person: Steve Simpson  
Phone: (313) 961-4777 ext. 133  
Sponsored by: Homes for Black Children

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
(Credit Hours 3)

Special Evaluations, Mandated Reporters, Goal of Foster Care, Foster Parents Role in Visitation, Teamwork—Working Together, Reunification Process.

Date: Thursday, October 4, 2012  
Time: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Where: Starr Commonwealth  
22400 W. Seven Mile Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48219

Contact Person: John Dodge or Bridgette Boyd  
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