

Shenandoah Valley Foster Care and Adoption



Want to know more? Join our next series!

Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education (PRIDE) pre-service training gives the information you need to make an informed decision about whether fostering/adopting is the right choice for your family and provides the skills needed to work with children and families in the foster care system.

Virginia requires completion of pre-service training and assessment as a part of the approval process for all “resource parents” (foster, adoptive, respite, and formal kinship care). All adult household members must complete background checks. More information about the process, including checks and other health & home requirements, will be reviewed in our first training session.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Contact Heather Hudnall at (540)245-5869 or heather.hudnall@dss.virginia.gov for information or to register.
Please register by January 2, 2020.

Winter Schedule, 2020

This series features in-person training as well as on-line learning between sessions:

- 1) January 9, 2020 (6 – 9pm): *Introduction to Modern Foster Care/Process and Requirements*
- 2) January 11, 2020 (9:30am – 4:30pm): *Protecting and Nurturing Children & Youth*
Online topics to complete after Session 1: *Child Welfare Team, Child Abuse and Neglect, and Child Development*
- 3) January 18, 2020 (9:30am – 4:30pm): *Loss, Trauma, and Resilience / Understanding Behavior*
Online topics to complete: *Attachment, Behavior, and Caring for Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused*
- 4) January 23, 2020 (6 – 9pm): *Supporting Children’s Relationships*
Online topics to complete: *Working with Primary Families and Cultural Issues in Parenting*
- 5) January 30, 2020 (6 – 9pm): *Planning for Change*
Online topics to complete: *Reducing Family Stress, The Impact of Fostering, and Foster Care to Adoption*
- 6) February 6, 2020 (6 - 9pm): Adoption

All in-person sessions will be held at SVSS

68 Dick Huff Lane, Verona
(enter through the Red Cross Door at the back of the building and follow the signs to the training room)

All sessions are required (for both parents if a two-parent household). Light meals will be provided. Please note that the information presented is not appropriate for children and we regret that we are unable to provide child care.