Shenandoah Valley Foster Care and Adoption PRE-SERVICE TRAINING SCHEDULE



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 Lauren Wimer at (540)245-5917 or lauren.wimer@dss.virginia.gov for information or to register.

Please register by March 31, 2021.

SPRING Schedule, 2021

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

April 8, 2021 (6-9pm): Introduction to Modern Foster Care.

April 15, 2021 (6-9pm): Protecting and Nurturing Children and Youth

Online topics to complete: Child Welfare Team, Child Abuse and Neglect, and Child Development

April 22, 2021 (6-9pm): Loss, Trauma and Resilience

Online topics to complete: Attachment, Behavior, and Caring for Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused

April 29, 2021 (6-9pm): Self-Esteem & Identity

Online topics to complete: Working with Primary Families and Cultural Issues in Parenting

May 6, 2021 (6-9pm): Supporting Family Relationships

May 13, 2021 (6-9pm): Panel Night/Process, Requirements & Resource Parent Handbook.

Online topics to complete: Reducing Family Stress, The Impact of Fostering, and Foster Care to Adoption

May 20, 2021 (6-9pm): Permanency and Adoption

All sessions will be held virtually via Zoom

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.