

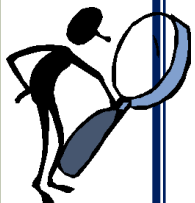
# Shenandoah Valley Foster Care and Adoption PRE-SERVICE TRAINING SCHEDULE



**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 Cassady Bush at (540)245-5836 or [cassady.bush@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:cassady.bush@dss.virginia.gov) for information or to register.

*Please register by January 16, 2025*

## **WINTER Schedule, 2025**

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

Thursday, January 23, 2025 (6-9pm VIRTUAL): Introduction to Modern Foster Care.

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

Thursday, January 30, 2025 (6-9PM VIRTUAL): Loss, Trauma and Resilience, Self-Esteem

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

Saturday, February 8, 2025 (9:30am -4:30pm IN PERSON) Identity, Supporting Family Relationships & Protecting and Nurturing Children and Youth

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

Thursday, February 13, 2025 (6-9pm VIRTUAL): Panel Night/Process, Requirements & Resource Parent Handbook.

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

This class is a hybrid (virtual/in person) class. The virtual classes will be held via zoom. The in person classes location will be at Shenandoah Valley Social Services

*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.*