

Statewide Training

June 2023

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Tuesday, 6/6 7:30-9:00 PM

Racial, Intergenerational and Historical Trauma Ruth Bodian

An understanding of racial, and intergenerational and historical trauma provides a broader and more comprehensive view of the forces and experiences that impact our children and their families. We will discuss how this understanding can be used to promote healing and resilience.

Thursday, 6/8 7:30-9:00 PM

Reaching the Seemingly Unreachable: Freeing Children from Worry Jeanine Fitzgerald

Most children are afraid of the dark and monsters. Some are scared of bugs and heights. But there are others who have excessive fears and worries that hold them back from living joyfully. This session is a brief journey into ways to transform fear and worry into something more pleasurable.

Monday 6/12 7:30-9:00 PM

Recovery and Repair After Conflict Dr. Gwen Bass, Eva Reynolds and Kelly Thibodeau

All educators, foster and/or adoptive parents themselves, these trainers provide detailed relevant information rooted in their own experiences. Disagreements, meltdowns, and upsets occur in every family. Although they are often unpleasant, tantrums and conflicts provide opportunities to strengthen relationships and deepen self-awareness. Explore tactics for finding meaningful resolutions and for coming back together after tough moments.

Tuesday, 6/13 7:30-8:30 PM

Medicalist Interventions and Addressing Transmedicalism GBPLAG

Medical Interventions: What is out there for folks and what should a caregiver keep in mind? Especially for transgender persons, the medical landscape can be frustrating, confusing and bigoted. This session will focus on rising above those challenges and supporting our LBGT+ loved ones throughout the process.

Wednesday, 6/14 6:30-8:00 PM

Understanding the Impact of Loss on Attachment and Helping Children Cope Michael Medeiros

Separation, loss, and grief are inherent parts of the foster care experience, and complex issues associated with dealing with loss impact everyone: children, birth parents/families of origin, and foster families. Hosted by trainer, foster and adoptive parent - Michael Medeiros.

Thursday, 6/15 7:30-9:00 PM

Paying for College for Adoptive Children Helene Leue

If you have adopted, are in the process or only just considering adoption - it is never too early to start planning for college. What are your options? What resources are available to you? Join us to have your questions answered or just to learn more!

Wednesday, 6/21 6:30-8:00 PM

Understanding & Responding to the Sexual Behaviors of Children Michael Medeiros

Attendees will increase their knowledge and skills to: identify "developmentally expected" sexual behaviors of children and youth, distinguish developmentally expected behaviors from those that might be inappropriate, coercive, abusive or illegal, and respond to all sexual behaviors in ways that promote healthy development of children and that support bystanders who may be affected. Hosted by trainer, foster and adoptive parent - Michael Medeiros.

Thursday, 6/22 7:30-9:00 PM

Welcoming a Child into your Home Helene Leue

Whether you are a long-time foster parent or brand new to providing care-join this discussion to talk about tips, tricks and the oh no moments around welcoming a child into your home.

Monday, 6/26 7:30-9:00 PM

Supporting Birth Family Relationships Dr. Gwen Bass, Eva Reynolds and Kelly Thibodeau

Please join us as trainers: Dr. Gwen Bass, Kelly Thibodeau and Eva Reynolds continue their training series with us. All educators, foster and/or adoptive parents themselves, these trainers provide detailed relevant information rooted in their own experiences. Forging connections and maintaining relationships with our children's families can be a complicated and daunting undertaking, but learning how to navigate these relationships is critical to the wellbeing of the children in our care. We will discuss how to nurture and manage these significant relationships in a healthy way.

Tuesday, 6/27 7:30-9:00 PM

Reaching the Seemingly Unreachable: The Gift of Sensitivity Jeanine Fitzgerald

Based on research and professional experience, sensitivity is a normal variation in innate temperament. Highly sensitive children are those born with a tendency to notice more in their environment and deeply reflect on everything before acting. As a result, sensitive children tend to be empathic, intuitive, creative, cautious and conscientious. They are also more overwhelmed by "high volume" or large quantities of input arriving at once. They try to avoid this but when it is not possible to do so, they seem easily upset. If this sounds like a child you know, this session is for you.

All trainings are open to parents across Massachusetts and are provided **FREE** of charge.