

Foster & Adoptive Parent Advocacy Center (FAPAC)

Spring, Summer & Fall 2011 Training Schedule

Childcare is available by registration until filled for all trainings!

March 2011

- Training: **Post – Adoption Contact Agreements**

Date: March 19, 2011

Time: 9:30 am - 1: 00 pm

Participants: DC foster, kinship and adoptive parents

Location: FAPAC

Presenter: Children's Law Center

Meals: Breakfast provided

Learning objectives: Participants will develop a working knowledge about new DC legislation which allows for voluntary/court enforceable contracts between adoptive parents and birth parents in order to assist in making the most informed decision for their children and families.

April 2011

- Training: **Adoption and Guardianship/ New options for foster parents: How to make an informed decision**

Date: April 9, 2011

Time: 9:30 am - 1: 00 pm

Participants: DC foster, kinship and adoptive parents and social workers

Location: FAPAC

Presenter: Children's Law Center

Meal: Breakfast Provided

Learning objectives: Participants will develop a working knowledge about new DC legislation which allows for foster parents to achieve permanency through guardianship,(previously an option only available to kin), in order to assist in making the most informed decision for their children and families.

June 2011

- Training: **Legal Issues in Child Welfare and Legal Clinic**

Date: June 4, 2011

Time: Training: (9:30 registration) 10:00 – 1:00

Clinic (by advanced registration): 1:30 –3:30

Participants: DC foster, kinship and adoptive parents

Location: FAPAC

Presenters: Harvey Schweitzer and Volunteer Lawyers Project

Meal: Breakfast provided

Learning objectives: Participants will develop a working knowledge of the overview of legal issues relevant to them as foster, kinship and adoptive parents of children from the DC child welfare system. Individual legal consultation will be available by advance registration.

July 2011

- Training: **Exposure to Violence**

Date: Saturday, July 23

Time: (9:30 a.m. registration) 10:00-3:00

Location: FAPAC

Participants: Foster, kinship and adoptive parents and social workers

Presenter: Elena Cohen

Meal: Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Learning objectives: Participants will learn about the developmental and behavioral impact that prior exposure to violence could have on the children in their homes. Participants will learn about the potential link between exposure to violence and increased depression, decreased academic achievement and posttraumatic stress disorder. Foster parents and social workers will learn critical strategies to help children who are dealing with the psychological impacts of having been exposed to violence in their homes and communities.

September 2011

- Training: **Keeping Families Stable**

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2011

Time: (8:30 a.m. registration) 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: To be announced

Participants: Foster, kinship and adoptive parents and social workers of DC children

Meals: Continental Breakfast and lunch

Learning objectives: Join us as we dig deep into the reasons that placements fall apart, specifically for our older youth. Join us to develop strategies to meet the challenges that come with parenting adolescents in the “system.”

For foster, kinship and adoptive parents and social workers of DC children

Co-sponsored by
 Family and Youth Initiative
 Foundations for Home and Community
 Kayla’s Village
 Kidspace
 Progressive Life Center

- Training: ***Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders***

Date: September 24

Time: (9:30 registration) 10:00 -3:00

Place: to be announced

Presenter: Kathleen Mitchell, NOFA

Participants: Foster parents and social workers

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Learning objectives: Participants will learn about how prenatal alcohol exposure impacts a developing fetus and will learn about the lifelong behaviors and characteristics of FASD. Participants will learn about early intervention and environmental modifications and other ways to improve outcomes for children with FASD in their homes and families.

October 2011

- Training: ***Foster parents and birth parents as partners***

Date/time/location/presenter: To be announced

Participants: DC foster parents and birth parents

Location: To be announced

Meal: Breakfast Provided

Learning objectives: Participants will learn to understand the critical reasons for working together for improved outcomes for their children. In this interactive workshop, participants will learn to overcome barriers to birth/foster parent partnership both for individuals as well as collectively, and will work together to build a momentum for FAPAC’s model of a DC wide birth/foster parent partnership.

