

LUCKY.

(Lives Under Construction Kids & You) January 2010

Department of Children's Services
2555 Plymouth Road
Johnson City, TN 37601
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December Adoptions

Robert & Pat - adoption of a teenage boy
Mike & Rhonda – adoption of a young boy
Steve & Dawnel – adoption of a young boy
Mike & Dianna – adoption of a young boy
Terry & Rhonda – adoption of a sibling group (2 boys & a girl)
Mike & Kris – adoption of a sibling group (2 teenage boys) and a teenage girl
Don & Patricia – subsidized permanent guardianship (SPG) of a young girl



Training Corrections for Education Class

The December newsletter listed the Working with the Education System training class schedule with errors. Please note the changes below. The Saturday, January 30th class in Kingsport will be held from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The Tuesday, February 9th class in Rogersville will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

THURS	1.21.09	6 pm to 8 pm	Greene County DCS Office • 130 Serral Drive •Greenville
SAT	1.30.09	<u>9 am to 11am</u>	Kingsport DCS Office • 707 N. Eastman Road • Kspt
TUES	<u>2.9.09</u>	6 pm to 8 pm	Hope Community Church • 4163 Hwy 11W • Rogersville

To register yourself please visit our new online training website www.tnrpt.org or call (423) 299-KIDS (5437) and leave a message

BOARD PAYMENT CALL-IN DATES

1-800-470-7444

January 6th & 7th for the dates of December 16th to 31st

January 21st & 22nd for the dates of January 1st to 15th

For call-in calendars see: www.state.tn.us/youth/fostercare/fpcalendars.htm

All Families Matter Hotline

1-866-327-9101

(You should receive a response to your call within 24 to 48 hours.)

Remember, please follow the chain of command and try to resolve any issues or concerns in the region first.

Have you tried?

The child's Family Service Worker (FSW)?

Your Resource Parent Support Case Manager (RPSCM)?

The FSW's Team Leader?

Requested a child and family team meeting (CFTM)?

The FSW's Team Coordinator?

Lucretia Sanders, Deputy Regional Administrator?

Sherri Hale, Regional Administrator?



Please visit <http://tennessee.gov/youth/dcsguide.htm>

for any DCS policy.



EMERGENCY
After Hours/On-call #
1-877-54ABUSE



****For emergencies after normal business hours, please use this number.****



CORE Class Schedule

These classes are required for all resource parents in the first and second year following their PATH approval. All resource parents must receive this training.

	Date and Times	Location
Cultural Awareness	THUR 1/21/10 6pm to 9pm	Washington County DCS • 2555 Plymouth Road • Johnson City
	SAT 1/23/10 9am to 12pm	Laughlin Memorial Hospital (5 th floor) • 1420 Tusculum Blvd • Greenville
Fostering Positive	THUR 2/18/10 6pm to 9pm	Kingsport DCS Office • 707 North Eastman Rd • Kingsport
	SAT 3/27/10 9am to 12pm	Hawkins County DCS Office • 4017 Highway 66 South, Suite 1 • Rogersville
Positive Discipline	THUR 3/11/10 6pm to 9pm	Carter County DCS • 206 Cherokee Park Dr. Suite 2 • Elizabethton
	TUE 3/16/10 6pm to 9pm	Greene County DCS • 130 Serral Drive • Greenville
Working with the Education System	THURS 1.21.09 6 pm to 8 pm	Greene County DCS Office • 130 Serral Drive • Greenville
	SAT 1.30.09 9 am to 11am	Kingsport DCS Office • 707 N. Eastman Road • Kingsport
	TUES 2.9.09 6 pm to 8 pm	Hope Community Church • 4163 Hwy 11W • Rogersville
Parenting the Sexually Abused Child	SAT 1/9/10 9am to 12pm	Blountville DCS Office • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville
	SAT 1/23/10 1pm to 4pm	Laughlin Memorial Hospital (5 th floor) • 1420 Tusculum Blvd • Greenville

Elective Class Schedule*

(*Now required per new training policy.)

Partnership In Action	SAT 1/9/10 1pm to 3pm	Blountville DCS • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville
Engaging & Parenting Teens	SAT 3/6/10 1pm to 3pm	Washington County DCS • 2555 Plymouth Road • Johnson City
Professionalism & Ethics	SAT 3/27/10 1pm to 2:30pm	Hawkins County DCS • 4017 Highway 66 South, Suite 1 • Rogersville

CPR/First Aid Class Schedule

This 4 hour awareness class will teach resource parents basic CPR and first aid skills that can sustain or save a life while professional emergency help is on the way. Resource parents will not be certified in CPR or first aid, but will meet the minimum requirements for DCS and will receive a certificate of participation. This class is required for all resource parents. Resource parents must receive this training every two years.

SAT 1.2.10	9 am to 1 pm	Hawkins County DCS Office
THUR 1.21.10	6 pm to 10 pm	Kingsport DCS Office • 707 North Eastman Rd • Kingsport
SAT 2.27.10	12 pm to 4 pm	Greene County DCS Office • 130 Serral Drive • Greeneville



Medication Administration Class Schedule

This 4-hour workshop will provide resource parents the knowledge base to safely and effectively administer medications to children in care. Resource parents will learn of the types of medications the children will likely receive and how to safely administer them. Major topics covered in this workshop range from safe storage, and disposal of medication to common errors in medication administration. This class is required for all resource parents. Resource parents must receive this training every two years.

SAT 1.2.10	1 pm to 5 pm	Hawkins County DCS Office
TUE 1.19.10	6 pm to 10 pm	Kingsport DCS Office • 707 North Eastman Rd • Kingsport
SAT 2.20.10	12 pm to 4 pm	Greene County DCS Office • 130 Serral Drive • Greeneville

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When calling, please be sure to give the names of the people in your household who will be attending, an email address (if you have one), phone numbers and the name, date and location of the class you wish to attend. You will receive a confirmation by phone or email within 2 business days. If you do not, please call again.

Resource Parent Advocate

Jill Thompson

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Completion of DCS Forms

When completing any DCS form, please fill in all blanks. This is a must in our accreditation process as we cannot have any questions left blank. Filling in the blanks for questions that do not apply to you or you do not have an answer could mean using a dash or "n/a" (not applicable) in the answer field. Please keep this in mind when completing your annual reassessment forms.



Annual Reassessment Visits

Please keep in mind when scheduling your annual resource home visits with your Resource Parent Support Case Manager (RPSCM) that both resource parents should be at home during the visit. It is really best for all members of the home to be in attendance if possible.

REMINDER: NEW TRAINING POLICY

As of October 15, 2009, the training required for first and second year resource parents has changed. You must now complete 11 hours of training instead of the 15 for your FIRST year, however you are still required to take certain core classes. You must take 15 hours every year after your first year. The guidelines are listed below.

FIRST YEAR: You must take:

- a. Working with the Education System (also known as Education Training) (2 hours)
- b. Positive Discipline I (3 hours)

AND

Two of the following core classes,

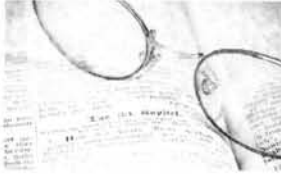
- a. Working with Birth Parents (3 hours)
- b. Cultural Awareness
- c. Parenting the Sexually Abused Child
- d. Fostering Positive Behavior for Resource Parents

SECOND YEAR: You must take the remaining TWO core classes that you did not take in the first year. AND

THREE electives,

- Engaging & Parenting Teens (2 hours)
- Positive Discipline II (3 hours)
- Professionalism & Ethics (1.5 hours)
- Partnership in Action (2 hours)

*Or any other elective offered by approved DCS trainers and listed in the newsletter.



Training Hours



Central Office in Nashville has advised Resource Parent Support Teams across the state that quarterly audits on all resource homes will be completed. It is extremely important that you complete your required training hours within your reassessment period and provide documentation of those hours to your Resource Parent Support Case Manager (RPSCM). Also, please note that our policy regarding the type of training that can be counted is being revised. There will also be the requirement of a form for those hours that are not taken in a classroom type setting with a certificate available, for example, movies, books and/or articles.

With the recent training policy changed mentioned in the December 2009 LUCKY newsletter, there were requirements added for resource parents to take the elective courses. Even if you have been fostering for several years, you will need to take those electives if you have not already done so. Please check the training schedule and plan to take those as soon as possible. You may also check with your RPSCM if you are unsure of what training courses that you need or have had in the past. If you have been fostering for several years and are still lacking the required trainings, please take them all as soon as possible! Time is limited for those homes to remain open.

There are no differences in training requirements for traditional homes and kinship homes. All resource parents are required to take the same training courses.

The foster parent college is still available if you have completed your core class requirements. This is free online training approved by the Department. You will need to email Ronya Faulkner at ronya.faulkner@tccw.org with an email address for both resource parents. Please copy your RPSCM on the email. All RPSCM email addresses are located in the newsletter each month.



If you have questions regarding your training hours, please contact your Resource Parent Support Case Manager (RPSCM).

January

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MLK
Day

DCS Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



SAVE THE DATE
FOSTER PARENT SPRING CONFERENCE
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010
BOONES CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH