

Transforming Foster Care: A Support to Families NOT a Replacement

FREE Live Virtual Course

March 21st
1 pm–4:15 pm EDT

3 Social Work CE Credits Available
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Foster care has evolved a great deal over the past 150 years. This session will trace the evolution of foster care including the current rethinking of child welfare. We will explore the changing role of foster parents and kinship caregivers as essential members of the team supporting the child and family. Is your agency ready to develop, support and empower caregiving families for these critical roles?

Practitioners involved with youth in mental health, child welfare, legal systems, and schools regularly work alongside these caregivers but often lack the depth of understanding about the evolution of, and best practices for, working with the caregivers. It is essential that those involved in multi-disciplinary service provision teams for youth involved in foster and kin care are operating from the same foundation in which to build and strengthen their approach to supporting children and families.

This intermediate-level course is appropriate for human services professionals who support foster and kinship care providers in an effort to ensure best outcomes for the youth they collectively serve.

Participants will be able to identify:

- the critical factors influencing the role and perception of foster care from its origins until the present time.
- the roles and responsibilities of today's foster parents and kin caregivers as members of the team supporting children, youth and their families.
- strategies to build the capacity of their organization to ensure consistent and effective support for foster parents and kinship caregivers.

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Note: This course is offered via Zoom. A few days prior to the session you will receive connectivity instructions via email. To earn CE credits, participants must attend the session in its entirety, remain on camera, complete an evaluation, and pay the \$20 CE fee at time of registration.

Questions? Email training@ihs-trainet.com or contact our office at 614-251-6000 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT. If you need additional accessibility supports, please contact us in advance of the training to make necessary arrangements. **[View our Grievance and Refund Policy.](#)**

About the Trainers:



Denise Goodman, PhD, ACSW, LISW is a well-known state and national trainer whose insight into foster care, kinship care, and adoption are helping to reform children services practice across the country. She has been a foster parent and has worked as a child-care worker, ongoing protective worker, and coordinator of residential treatment. Denise currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC).



Maureen Heffernan, MSSA, LISW-S is an independent child welfare consultant and trainer. She has worked across the United States assisting child welfare jurisdictions to achieve better and more equitable outcomes for vulnerable children, youth, and their families. Her focus areas include youth permanency, family search and engagement, kinship care, foster care, and the recruitment, development, and support of foster and adoptive families. She has extensive work experience in public and private child welfare settings is a trainer in the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program and is an Adjunct Instructor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.