

Supporting Foster Parents

FREE Live Virtual Course

CE Credits Available for a \$35 fee*

June 14th and 16th from 1-4pm EDT 5.5 CE Credits
(Breaks not included)

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Supporting Foster Parents 6 hrs (Two 3-hr virtual sessions) June 14th and 16th from 1pm-4pm EDT

This 6-hour intermediate-level training will explore characteristics of relative and foster caregivers, reasons they leave service, and strategies to support and assist them.

How would life be different for children in out-of-home care, and the staff who support them, if the number of kin caregivers and foster families was doubled? Retaining current caregivers is a critical element necessary to ensure the needed pool of foster and relative families is available.

Participants will also learn how to implement an agency-wide campaign to involve staff in all roles across the agency in strengthening support for foster and kin caregivers.

Participants will be able to:

1. Explain the role of foster parents and kin caregivers in the achievement of child welfare outcomes.
2. Know the most common reasons that foster parents leave service.
3. Choose and apply strategies to support foster parents and kinship caregivers.
4. Design an agency-wide campaign to improve support and retention of foster parents and kin caregivers.



Continuing Education Credits

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Note: This course is offered in multiples segments via Zoom. A few days prior to the session you will receive connectivity instructions via email. **To earn CE credits, participants must attend both sessions in entirety, complete an evaluation, and pay the \$35 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, LISW, ACSW 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 an Adjunct Instructor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.