Foster Parent Foundation Module 1: Partners in Permanency
This workshop introduces the parent or caregiver to the primary goals of child protective services and how these services can help achieve protection and permanence for children and their families. The parent or caregiver is introduced into his or her role as a member of the team and how collaboration with caseworkers, the child protection agency and other professionals is imperative to serving the child, birth family and foster parent. The importance of advocacy for the child is also emphasized as the best interest of the child needs to be considered during case planning, with schools and other service agencies/providers.

Tues Aug 1 2017, 6:00pm-9:00pm 8505

Foster Parent Foundation Module 2: Cultural Dynamics in Placement
This workshop presents an overview of culture and the ways in which our values and codes of conduct are impacted by culture. Participants learn to separate culture from race and learn to identify the many and complex ingredients of cultural identity. Caregivers also will learn methods to more successfully parent a child from a different culture.

Thurs Aug 3 2017, 6:00pm-9:00pm 8506

Foster Parent Foundation Module 3: Maintaining Family Connectedness
This workshop provides information about the losses experienced by birth families, expected behaviors of grieving birth parents and ways to work effectively with birth families along a continuum of contacts. Parents or caregivers also learn how to identify key members of the child’s birth family and the significance of sibling connections.

Thurs Aug 17 2017, 6:00pm-9:00pm 8507

Foster Parent Foundation Module 4a: Dynamics of Abuse and Neglect Part 1
This workshop familiarizes the parent or caregiver with the dynamics of physical and sexual abuse, emotional maltreatment and neglect, as well as the physical and behavioral indicators in children. Parents or caregivers also become familiar with the types of family situations that can contribute to abuse and neglect. Laws regarding mandatory reporting of suspected abuse and neglect are also examined.

Sat Aug 19 2017, 9:00am-12:00pm 8508

Foster Parent Foundation Module 4b: Dynamics of Abuse and Neglect Part 2
This workshop familiarizes the parent or caregiver with the dynamics of physical and sexual abuse, emotional maltreatment and neglect, as well as the physical and behavioral indicators in children. Parents or caregivers also become familiar with the types of family situations that can contribute to abuse and neglect. Laws regarding mandatory reporting of suspected abuse and neglect are also examined.

Sat Aug 19, 1:00pm-4:00pm 8509

Foster Parent Foundation Module 5: Impact of Maltreatment on Child Development
This workshop describes the impact of maltreatment on a child’s development, including outlining typical child development in the five developmental domains, as well as developmental delays that are associated with the different forms of abuse and neglect. Parents or caregivers will learn about resources to address developmental delays. In addition, parents or caregivers will understand that children will experience differing degrees of traumatization due to their resiliency factors, and will also need to learn life skills differently due to their abuse histories.

Thurs Aug 24 2017, 6:00pm-9:00pm 8510

Foster Parent Foundation Module 6: Attachment
This workshop demonstrates normal, healthy attachment and how it influences child development. Parents/caregivers are introduced to how attachment is the foundation for guidance and positive discipline, and how it is impacted by separation from primary parents, siblings and other attachment figures. Participants also learn to identify stages in the grieving process as well as strategies to reduce the trauma to children who have experienced separations from significant others.

Thurs Sept 14 2017, 6:00pm-9:00pm 8511

Foster Parent Foundation Module 7: Separation and Placement
This module examines the effects of separation on the child within their cultural context. Participants also learn to identify stages in the grieving process as well as strategies to reduce the trauma to children who have experienced separations from significant others. In addition, the course also examines issues related to emotional conflict and the impact of multiple placements on the child.

Sat Sept 16 2017, 9:00am-12:00pm 8512

Foster Parent Foundation Module 8: Guidance and Positive Discipline
This workshop examines the reasons for behavioral problems in foster and adopted children. The workshop also explains the agency policy regarding corporal punishment and the underlying reasons for that policy. Finally, participants receive information on positive ways to manage behavior, including natural and logical consequences, contracting and rewards.

Sat Sept 16 2017, 1:00pm-4:00pm 8513

Foster Parent Foundation Module 9: Effects of Fostering on the Family
This workshop examines the impact of foster care, adoption, and kinship care on the family system. Information is presented on disclosure of important information to foster and adoptive parents and protocols for handling challenges specific to foster care. The workshop enables prospective parents to develop effective coping strategies and survival plans.

Thurs Sept 28 2017, 6:00pm-9:00pm 8514

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