



Department of
Children & Youth

Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center

NEORTC

ONGOING FOSTER PARENT TRAINING SCHEDULE

FALL 2026

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Identified Resource Readiness Sessions are designated by the letters **RR**

COUNTY LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
ASHLAND DJFS 15 W. FOURTH ST., ASHLAND, OHIO 44805						
Ashland	Saturday	9/26/2026	8:30am-12:30pm	31706	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Ashland	Saturday	9/26/2026	1:30pm-4:30pm	31708	Normalcy and the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard	Ronna Johnson
Ashland	Monday	11/2/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	32478	Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course for Multiracial Families	Lauren Burnette
ASHTABULA CS 3914 C COURT, ASHTABULA, OHIO 44004						
NO TRAINING						
COLUMBIANA DJFS GOVERNMENT SERVICE CENTER, 7989 DICKEY DR., LISBON, OHIO 44432						
NO TRAINING						
GEAUGA DJFS 12611 RAVENWOOD DR., CHARDON, OHIO 44024						
NO TRAINING						
HOLMES DJFS 85 N. GRANT ST., MILLERSBURG, OHIO 44654-0072						
NO TRAINING						
LAKE DJFS 177 MAIN ST., PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077-3402						
Lake RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	29805	Accessing Services and Support for Youth and Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Lake RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	29806	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Lake	Thursday	11/19/2026	6:00pm-7:50pm	32480	Kinship Parenting	Lauri Wolfe
Lake	Thursday	11/19/2026	8:00pm-9:30pm	32522	Building Parental Resilience for Kinship Care	Lauri Wolfe

LORAIN CS 226 MIDDLE AVE., ELYRIA, OHIO 44035-5644						
Park in the garage attached to the backside of the Lorain County Administration Building (access to parking garage is off 3rd St.) Entrance into the building will only be available at lower level of parking garage. Someone will be at the door to let you in (usually 15 minutes before and until 5 minutes after class begins) and direct you to room location. There is no cost to park in the garage after 4:30 pm. Please call cell - 440-213-5474, if you have any trouble with directions.						
Lorain	Monday	11/23/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	32523	Using Discipline to Teach Self-Regulation	Ronna Johnson
MAHONING CS 222 W. FEDERAL ST. 3RD FLOOR, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44503						
Parking is available in parking garage underneath the building. Entrance for parking lot/garage is on W. Commerce St., which is the street behind MCCS. Enter lot after waiting for parking arm to raise. Drive through the lot and park in parking garage. Enter building through the doors on your left (non-employee doors). Take elevator to <u>third floor</u> for training. Do not park on Federal St. or try to enter from the front doors on Federal St. as these doors are locked afterhours. Parking garage will close 15 min after the start of training.						
Mahoning	Wednesday	12/9/2026	5:30pm-9:30pm	32614	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Deanna Prezioso
MEDINA DJFS 232 NORTHLAND DR., MEDINA, OHIO 44256						
Entrance and parking are in the Employee Parking Lot off Walter Road in the back of the JFS building. From 232 Northland Drive, turn left onto Huntington Street, left on Longview Road, left onto Walter Road.						
NO TRAINING						
PORTAGE DJFS 253 S. CHESTNUT ST., RAVENNA, OHIO 44266						
NO TRAINING						
STARK DJFS CORNERSTONE, 402 SECOND STREET SE, CANTON, OHIO 44702						
Stark	Tuesday	9/15/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	31890	Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course of Multiracial Families	Lauren Burnette
Stark	Saturday	10/3/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	32419	Quality Caregiver Documentation	Lauri Wolfe
Stark RR	Saturday	10/3/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	32420	Accessing Services and Support for Youth and Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
SUMMIT CSB EDUCATION CENTER, 264 S. ARLINGTON ST., AKRON, OHIO 44306						
The Education Center is separate from the Main Building. Turn left at the entrance gate. Turn left at the 2nd entrance to the parking lot on the left. Turn right into the Training Center parking lot.						
Summit	Saturday	9/19/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	31891	Normalcy and the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard	Beth Cardina
Summit	Friday	10/16/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	31911	Tools for Takeoff: Independent Living Transition Planning	Tony Iniguez
Summit	Friday	10/16/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	31912	Caregiver's Experience of Secondary Trauma	Tony Iniguez
Summit	Friday	10/16/2026	5:00pm-9:00pm	24940	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Saturday	10/17/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	31913	Doable Discipline	Jim Still-Pepper

Summit	Saturday	10/17/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	31915	Tug of War: The Ins and Outs of Power Struggles	Jim Still-Pepper
Summit	Saturday	10/17/2026	1:00pm-8:00pm	32605	Pro-Social Skills: An Alternative to Punishment	David Zidar
Summit	Sunday	10/18/2026	9:00am-12:15pm	32421	Building Connections in Caregiving Families: Strengthening Positive Communication and Understanding to Support Children in Care	Liat Johnson
Summit	Sunday	10/18/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	32422	Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course for Multiracial Families	Lauren Burnette
Summit	Saturday	12/12/2026	9:30am-1:30pm	24941	AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing	Ronna Johnson
Summit	Saturday	12/19/2026	9:00am-4:00pm	32631	Parenting a Child with a Disability	Jim Still-Pepper
TRUMBULL CS 2282 REEVES ROAD NE, WARREN, OHIO 44483-4354						
Enter Trumbull County CSB. Turn left at stop sign. Follow drive to behind Building A and park. Enter building under black canopy.						
Trumbull	Saturday	10/3/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	32438	Recognizing the Impact of Unconscious Judgments in Foster Care	Christine Kelly Cross
Trumbull RR	Saturday	10/3/2026	1:00pm-4:15pm	32442	Self-Care for Foster Parents: Taking Care of Yourself While Taking Care of Others	Christine Kelly Cross
Trumbull RR	Monday	11/30/2026	6:15pm-9:15pm	32607	Confidence in the Court Process for Resource Caregivers	Lauri Wolfe
Trumbull RR	Thursday	12/17/2026	6:30pm-8:30pm	32666	Attachment	Ronna Johnson
WAYNE CS 2534 BURBANK RD., WOOSTER, OHIO 44691-1600						
Wayne	Saturday	10/10/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	32446	Behavior Management	David Zidar
Wayne	Saturday	10/10/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	32450	Self-Injury: Assessment and Interventions	David Zidar
Wayne RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	9:00am-12:00pm	30586	Safe Sleep and Infant Safety: Supporting Babies in Foster Care	Ronna Johnson
Wayne RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	1:00pm-5:15pm	30584	The Basics of Caring for Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused	David Zidar

VIRTUAL TRAINING						
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VIRTUAL	DAY	DATE	TIME	ID	SESSION TITLE	INSTRUCTOR
Virtual RR	Tuesday	9/1/2026	7:30pm-9:00pm	28113	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Carla Storer
Virtual RR	Wednesday	9/2/2026	6:30pm-8:30pm	31711	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Saturday	9/12/2026	7:00am-8:00am	31733	Planting Seeds of Self Worth: A Guide for You and Your Child	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Saturday	9/12/2026	8:30am-11:45am	31735	Trauma-Informed Discipline	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Saturday	9/12/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	31737	Why Kids Lie... and How to Encourage Truthfulness	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Sunday	9/13/2026	1:00pm-4:45pm	32354	Autism and Sensory Processing Disorder: Understanding and Supporting Children with Special Needs	Allison Aldrich
Virtual	Monday	9/14/2026	7:30pm-9:30pm	31893	Confidentiality Considerations for Resourceee Caregivers	Randall Muth
Virtual	Wednesday	9/16/2026	6:30pm-9:30pm	32353	Honoring Heritage, Empowering Futures: Supporting Latino Children in Care	Tony Iniguez
Virtual RR	Friday	9/18/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	31713	Communicable Diseases - Protecting Your Family's Health	Angela Buckalew
Virtual RR	Saturday	9/19/2026	7:00am-8:30am	28102	Foster Care - A Means to Support Families	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Saturday	9/19/2026	1:00pm-4:00pm	33985	Food Fight! Common and Complex Food Issues Foster-Adoptive Children May Have	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual RR	Wednesday	9/23/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	28216	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Tuesday	9/29/2026	8:00pm-10:00pm	31739	Adoption and Guardianship Prep Module 1: Expectations and Motivations	Susan Darden-Kautz
Virtual RR	Thursday	10/1/2026	6:30pm-8:00pm	28218	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Carmen Toro-Wooten
Virtual RR	Sunday	10/4/2026	2:00pm-4:00pm	32462	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling

Virtual RR	Tuesday	10/13/2026	9:00pm-10:00pm	28220	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Carla Storer
Virtual	Monday	10/19/2026	7:30pm-9:00pm	32466	What Caregivers Should Know about Online Safety for Youth Who Have Experienced Out-of-Home Care	Elliott Hinkle
Virtual RR	Wednesday	10/21/2026	8:00pm-9:30pm	28217	Foster Care - A Means to Support Families	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual	Friday	10/23/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	32606	Survivor-Led Human Trafficking Awareness Interdisciplinary Training	Teresa Merriweather
Virtual RR	Tuesday	10/27/2026	7:00pm-9:00pm	32472	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Tuesday	10/27/2026	8:00pm-10:00pm	32475	Adoption and Guardianship Prep Module 2: The Impact of Trauma	Susan Darden-Kautz
Virtual	Sunday	11/1/2026	7:00am-10:00am	32526	Medical Advocacy for Children with Special Health Care Needs	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Tuesday	11/3/2026	6:30pm-9:30pm	32608	NCTSN: Trauma 101	Debra McMullen
Virtual	Wednesday	11/4/2026	7:00pm-10:00pm	32528	Connect: Supporting Children Exposed to Domestic Violence	Michele Bell
Virtual RR	Friday	11/6/2026	6:30pm-9:45pm	32611	Communicable Diseases- Protecting Your Family's Health	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Saturday	11/7/2026	8:30am-9:30am	28276	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Carla Storer
Virtual RR	Thursday	11/12/2026	7:00pm-10:00pm	28274	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual RR	Saturday	11/14/2026	8:00am-11:15am	32609	Communicable Diseases-Protecting Your Family's Health	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Monday	11/16/2026	6:30pm-8:00pm	28221	Foster Care - A Means to Support Families	Jody Johnston Pawel
Virtual RR	Thursday	11/19/2026	6:30pm-8:30pm	32612	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Tuesday	11/24/2026	8:00pm-10:00pm	32527	Adoption and Guardianship Prep Module 3: Relational Health and Attachment	Susan Darden-Kautz
Virtual RR	Tuesday	12/1/2026	6:00pm-9:15pm	32626	Communicable Diseases - Protecting Your Family's Health	Kandice Chapman

Virtual RR	Wednesday	12/2/2026	6:00pm-9:00pm	28280	Engaging Primary Families	Ronna Johnson
Virtual	Saturday	12/5/2026	7:00am-8:50am	32617	Kinship Parenting	Lauri Wolfe
Virtual	Sunday	12/6/2026	9:00am-10:30am	32619	Building Parental Resilience for Kinship Care	Lauri Wolfe
Virtual RR	Tuesday	12/8/2026	7:30pm-9:00pm	28275	Reunification as the Primary Permanency Goal	Carmen Toro-Wooten
Virtual RR	Friday	12/11/2026	7:00pm-9:00pm	32627	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual RR	Sunday	12/13/2026	1:30pm-2:30pm	28279	Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and their Community	Carla Storer
Virtual RR	Tuesday	12/22/2026	6:00pm-8:00pm	32628	Empower & Advocate: Talking Sexual Health with Youth in Care	Megan Wendling
Virtual	Tuesday	12/29/2026	8:00pm-10:00pm	32615	Adoption and Guardianship Prep Module 4: Therapeutic Parenting	Susan Darden-Kautz



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FOSTER PARENT TRAINING BLITZ

264 South Arlington Street
Akron, OH 44306

Friday, October 16 - Sunday, October 18, 2026

All sessions will be held in person at NEORTC

Registration Required
through link below

[CAPS LMS](#)

NEORTC Training Contacts:

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The Ohio Child Welfare Training Program (OCWTP) is an approved Continuing Education Provider through the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board. OCWTP programs designated as approved for licensure credit hours can be used by licensees toward license renewal requirements. Only individuals completing training in its entirety will receive Certificates of Training.

Social Work Approved Provider number: **RSXX038702**/Counselor Approved Provider number: **RCX012101**

Participants CANNOT use the same workshop to satisfy renewal requirements for both.



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**NEORTC'S
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🍁TRAINING TITLE🍁	🍁DATE/TIME🍁	🍁INSTRUCTOR🍁
Tools for Takeoff: Independent Living Transition Planning <i>Session ID 31911</i>	Friday, October 16 9:00am-12:00pm	Tony Iniguez
Caregiver's Experience of Secondary Trauma <i>Session ID 31912</i>	Friday, October 16 1:00am-4:00pm	Tony Iniguez
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Curly Hair and Skin Care: A Course for Multiracial Families <i>Session ID 32422</i>	Sunday, October 18 1:00 am - 4:00 pm	Lauren Burnette



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ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP **PREP SERIES & GAP**

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SEPT
2026

ADOPTION & GUARDIANSHIP
PREP MODULE 1: EXPECTATION
AND MOTIVATIONS
8:00PM-10:00PM

27

OCT
2026

ADOPTION & GUARDIANSHIP
PREP MODULE 2: THE IMPACT
OF TRAUMA
8:00PM-10:00PM

24

NOV
2026

ADOPTION & GUARDIANSHIP
PREP MODULE 3: RELATIONAL
HEALTH & ATTACHMENT
8:00PM-10:00PM

29

DEC
2026

ADOPTION & GUARDIANSHIP
PREP MODULE 4:
THERAPUTIC PARENTING
8:00PM-10:00PM

25

JAN
2027

GAP: TRANSITIONING FROM
FOSTER CARE TO ADOPTION
6:00PM-9:00PM

TRAINING CONTACT: KIM GEAR
KIMBERLEY.GEAR@SUMMITKIDS.ORG



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In Person Training Opportunity



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Summit County Children Services - 264 S. Arlington Street, Akron, OH 44306

AHA Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and Adult and Child CPR without Skills Testing

This course utilizes the American Heart Association Pediatric First Aid and CPR course materials but does not include skills testing. The participant receives a comprehensive overview of first aid basics for children, as well as CPR and AED use for all ages.

This workshop is approved for OCWTP training hours only and does not certify the participant in CPR or First Aid.

Day of the Week	Date	Time
Friday	02/27/26	5:30pm-9:30pm
Saturday	04/18/26	1:00pm-5:00p
Saturday	06/13/26	9:00am-1:00pm
Saturday	08/29/26	1:00pm-5:00pm
Friday	10/16/26	5:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday	12/12/26	9:30am-1:30pm

Trainer: Ronna Johnson

LINK FOR REGISTRATION: [CAPS LMS](#)

NEORTC Training Coordinator: Kim Gear, MSSA, LSW

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Day of the Week	Date	Time
Saturday	01/30/27	9:00am-1:00pm
Sunday	03/07/27	8:30am-12:30pm
Friday	05/21/27	5:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday	08/07/27	5:30pm-9:30pm
Saturday	10/09/27	9:00am-1:00pm
Sunday	12/05/27	1:00pm-5:00pm

Instructors: Ronna Johnson & Angela Buckalew

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Celebrating National Foster Care Month

RESOURCE READINESS TRAINING



IN PERSON WITH SUMMIT COUNTY

Location: Redemption Chapel 3900 Kent Road, Stow, OH 44224

Thursday, April 29, 2027 Instructor: Ronna Johnson

- Mental Health Considerations 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Parenting a Child with a History of Sexual Trauma 6:15pm-7:45pm

Topics Covered: Mental Health, Self-Regulation, and Self-Care/ Caring for Children Who Have been Sexually Abused

Friday, April 30, 2027 Instructor: Ronna Johnson

- Safe Sleep and Infant Safety: Supporting Babies in Foster Care 5:30pm-8:30pm

Topics Covered: Family Safety

Saturday, May 1, 2027 Instructors: Lauri Wolfe & Ronna Johnson

- Confidence is the Court Process for Resource Caregivers 9:00am-12:00pm
- Accessing Services and Supports for Youth and Caregivers 1:00pm-4:00pm
- Optimizing Health, Development, and Safety Outcomes for Substance Exposed Infants 4:30pm-7:30pm

Topics Covered: Legal and Ethical Issues for Caregivers/ Community Health and Social Services Available to Children and their Foster Families/ Substance Abuse

Sunday, May 2, 2027 Instructor: Sharon Dunlevy

- Attachment 1:30pm-3:30pm
- The Education Rights of Children in Ohio 3:45pm-5:45pm

Topics Covered: Trauma and its Impact on Children and the Family; Promoting Attachment/ Education Advocacy

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN

Visit [CAPS LMS](#) to register today.

NEORTC Training Contact:

Kimberley Gear, MSSA, LSW

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All certified foster parent or kinship caregivers are invited to attend.

You do not need to be a church member or Summit specific foster parent/caregiver to attend these sessions.