



Division of Children and Family Services

Winter 2026 Prospective Caregiver Preservice Training Schedule

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Mission Statement:

The North Central Ohio Regional Training Center is an educational resource and support system which implements the mission of the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services by providing a learning environment for continuous performance improvement of agency staff, foster parents, and targeted community partners.



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Welcome! Your journey to becoming a
certified caregiver starts here.

Preservice Training is required for all new caregivers.


If you are getting certified through a county agency, these
pages will give you the information you need to register
and complete the Preservice Training Series.

Cuyahoga County caregivers must register for Preservice
Training by contacting the Recruitment Department:

 216-881-5775

 www.everychildneedsfamily.com

Or visit the Preservice Class Schedules website:

 www.cfs.cuyahogacounty.us

If you are getting certified through a private foster care or
adoption agency, please contact the Cuyahoga County
Division of Children and Family Services Recruitment
Department for requirements.



Capacitación para padres de crianza

Actualmente estamos buscando aumentar nuestro número de familias de crianza bilingüe. Tener padres de crianza que puedan hablar y comprender el idioma abrirá mejores líneas de comunicación en el hogar y permitirá una mejor defensa en nombre de los jóvenes. Tenemos una capacitación bilingüe en persona para padres de crianza a partir del 4 de Septiembre.



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**Have CAPS LMS
Questions**

**Need customized
training schedule?**

**Need make-up
training sessions?**

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CAREGIVER COACH PROGRAM



We are excited to announce a new service for caregivers!

Caregiver Coaching is a short-term intervention that provides foster, adoptive, and kinship caregivers interested in becoming certified with hands-on, here and now tools for bringing about rapid and dramatic improvement in their skill set.

Through a variety of formats, including both in-person and virtual, the coach works with caregivers to provide a customized experience that includes teaching effective parenting methods and enhancing their knowledge of community based resources.

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GUIDELINES FOR AN OPTIMAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Program Structure

The OCWTP is a cooperative effort of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Public Children Services Association of the Ohio, the Institute for Human Services, and eight Regional Training Centers (RTCs). Funding for the program is provided by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Calendar

The Training calendar is distributed on a quarterly basis:

Winter (January-March)


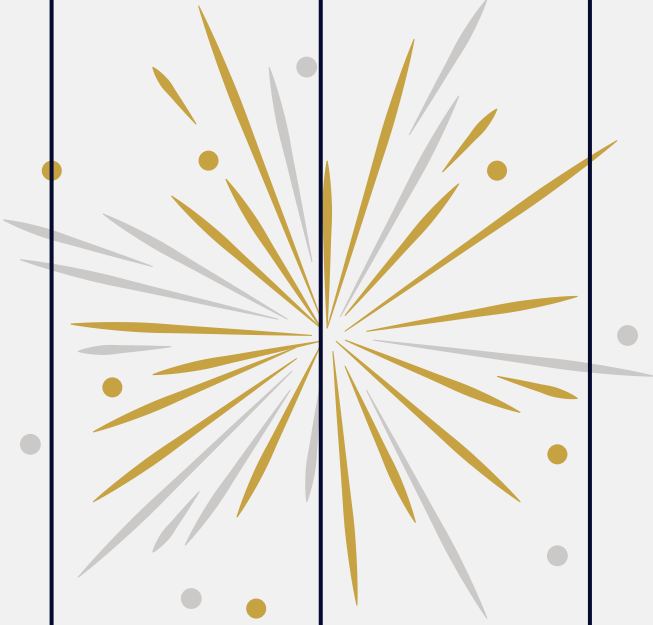
Spring (April-June)

Summer (July-September)

Fall (October-December)

- 1) Missing more than 5 minutes of training content will require you to retake the training complete session.**
- 2) Electronic devices should be silenced during training sessions and used outside of the learning environment when needed.**
- 3) All virtual sessions will be held on Zoom. Each participant must connect individually from a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet.**
- 4) Cameras are required to be on for the entire duration of the virtual sessions. The class and chat are recorded and saved to track participation.**
- 5) Minimize distractions-obtain childcare prior to the start of a session.**

January 2026
Prospective Caregiver
Preservice Training

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3
			<div>NEW Year's DAY</div> <div></div> <div></div>		



January 2026

Prospective Caregiver Preservice Training

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10
	The Basics of Placement		Effects of Caregiving		Trauma Overview
	6pm-8:30pm		6:00pm to 8:00pm		9am-10:30am
	CPS-NCORTC - 25194		CPS-NCORTC - 25283		CPS-NCORTC - 25281
	Location: VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM		Location: Virtual CAPS/ZOOM		Location: Virtual CAPS/ZOOM
			*****		Impact of Trauma on Children in Care
			Permanency		10:45am-12:15pm
			8:15pm to 9:15pm		CPS-NCORTC - 25278
			CPS-NCORTC - 25285		Maintaining the Childs Connections
			Location: VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM		1:15pmp-2:45pm
					CPS-NCORTC- 25403
					LOCATION: VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM
					Partnering with Primary Families
					3:00pm -4:30pm
					CPS-NCORTC- 25408
					LOCATION: VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM


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Preservice Training

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>12</p> <p>ADULT, CHILD AND INFANT CPR/ FIRST AID</p> <p>6:00PM -9:15PM</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC- 25198</p> <p>Location : VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Discipline Foundations</p> <p>9:30am-11:30am</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC - 20155</p> <p>Location: VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM</p> <p>*****</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Child Development 9:00am-11:00am</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC - 19875</p> <p>Location: Virtual CAPS/ZOOM *****</p> <p>Adolescent Development 11:15am-12:15pm</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC - 20352</p> <p>Location: Virtual CAPS/ZOOM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>19</p>  <p>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>ADULT, CHILD AND INFANT CPR/ FIRST AID</p> <p>6:00PM -9:15PM</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC- 25217</p> <p>Location : VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>

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The Basics Of Placement	January 6,2026	6pm to 8:30pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25149
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, helps learners understand how children come into care and are matched with a family. Laws influencing matching decisions are discussed, including MEPA, ICWA, Title VI. Learners will understand the importance making an informed decision about the placement and how to create an environment in which the child feels safe.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Effects of Caregiving	January 8, 2026	6pm to 8:00pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25283
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, discusses how to find and apply good child development information. It introduces the importance of providing positive childhood experiences and supporting nurturing relationships. Learners are made aware of the concept of normalcy and how to apply the reasonable and prudent parenting standard.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Permanency	January 8, 2026	8:15pm to 9:15pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25285
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, explains the importance of permanency and reviews permanency options for children in care, including reunification and adoption. Adoption supports, including subsidies, are discussed. Learners will consider how they can help prepare children for permanency.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families.</p>				
Trauma Overview	January 10, 2026	9am to10:30am	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25281
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, defines trauma and explores how trauma influences brain architecture, development, and the ability to attach. Learners will consider how trauma may impact not just the child, but others on the child protection team. Learners will think about how their trauma histories may impact how they will provide care.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
The Impact of Trauma on Children In Care	January 10, 2026	10:45a to 12:15pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25278
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, focuses on how trauma impacts the children in care. Learners will consider what new skills and knowledge they will need to provide appropriate care to children who have been impacted by trauma.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				

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Maintaining the Child's Connection	January 10,2026	1:15pm to 2:245pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25403
<p>This course, part of the Preservice training series, helps learners understand how children come into care and are matched with a family. Laws influencing matching decisions are discussed, including MEPA, ICWA, Title VI. Learners will understand the importance making an informed decision about the placement and how to create an environment in which the child feels safe.</p>				
Partnering with Primary Families	January 10, 2026	3pm to4:30pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25408
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, explores the importance of maintaining the child's connections to their primary family and other important adults and peers. Learners will be introduced to the C.A.R.E. Guide, Ohio's recommended best practice in co-parenting. Learners will consider strategies to support the child's important relationships.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Adult Child Infant CPR	January 12, 2026	6:00pm to 9:15pm	Kandice Chapman , Trainer	Virtual-Session #25198
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, provides caregivers with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, first aid, and environmental emergencies. Learners will gain awareness in giving immediate care to an injured or ill person and to decide whether advanced medical care is needed for all ages, including adults, children, and infants.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Discipline Foundations	January 13, 2026	5:30om to 7:30pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25296
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, discusses the knowledge and skills needed to appropriately discipline children. Learners will consider the importance of re-framing behavior and taking an approach that focuses on relationship, managing their emotions, and being intentional. Learners will also discover how to determine if a discipline strategy is appropriate in CAPS.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Enhancing the Child's Sense of Belonging	January 13, 2026	7:45pm to 9:15pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #27122
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, prepares learners to create welcoming and supportive homes for children entering their care. Learners explore the lived experiences of children in foster care, the importance of belonging, and how assumptions can affect relationships. Through guided reflection and practical strategies, learners will understand what is needed to enhance the sense of belonging for every child in their home.</p>				

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Child Development	January 15, 2026	1:15pm to 2:245pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25403
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, discusses how to find and apply good child development information. It introduces the importance of providing positive childhood experiences and supporting nurturing relationships. Learners are made aware of the concept of normalcy and how to apply the reasonable and prudent parenting standard.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Adolescent Development	January 15, 2026	3pm to 4:30pm	Angela Irby, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25408
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, discusses how to find and apply good child development information. It introduces the importance of providing positive childhood experiences and supporting nurturing relationships. Learners are made aware of the concept of normalcy and how to apply the reasonable and prudent parenting standard.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Adult Child Infant CPR	January 21, 2026	6:00pm to 9:15pm	Kandice Chapman , Trainer	Virtual-Session #25198
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, provides caregivers with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, first aid, and environmental emergencies. Learners will gain awareness in giving immediate care to an injured or ill person and to decide whether advanced medical care is needed for all ages, including adults, children, and infants.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				



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	The Basics of Placement 6pm-8:30pm CPS-NCORTC - 25194 Location: VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM		TRAUMA OVERVIEW 6:00-7:30PM CPS-NCORTC - 25444 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM ***** THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA ON CHILDREN IN CARE 7:45PM -9:15PM CPS-NCORTC - 25455 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM		EFFECTS OF CAREGIVING 9:00am-11:00am - CPS-NCORTC - 25456 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM ***** PERMANENCY 11:15am -12:15pm CPS-NCORTC-25457 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM ***** MAINTAINING THE CHILD’S CONNECTIONS 1:15PM TO 2:45PM CPS-NCORTC-25563 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM ***** PARTNERING WITH PRIMARY FAMILIES CPS-NCORTC-25564 3:00PM TO 4:30PM VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM






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9 ADULT , CHILD AND INFANT CPR/ FIRST AID 6:00-9:15pm CPS-NCORTC - 25200 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM	10 DISCIPLINE FOUNDATIONS 5:30-7:30pm CPS-NCORTC - 25565 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM ***** ENHANCING THE CHILD'S SENSE OF BELONGING 7:45pm-9:15pm CPS-NCORTC - 27125 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM	11	12 CHILD DEVELOPMENT 6:00-8:00pm CPS-NCORTC - 25560 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM ***** ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT 8:15-9:15pm CPS-NCORTC - 25561 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM	13	14 

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23	24	25 ADULT , CHILD AND INFANT CPR/ FIRST AID 6:00-9:15pm CPS-NCORTC - 25201 VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM	26	27	28

February 2026

Prospective Caregiver

The Basics Of Placement	February 3, 2026	6pm to 8:30pm	Susan Darden-Kautz, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25149
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, helps learners understand how children come into care and are matched with a family. Laws influencing matching decisions are discussed, including MEPA, ICWA, Title VI. Learners will understand the importance making an informed decision about the placement and how to create an environment in which the child feels safe.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Trauma Overview	February 5, 2026	6pm to 7:30pm	Susan Darden-Kautz, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25444
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, defines trauma and explores how trauma influences brain architecture, development, and the ability to attach. Learners will consider how trauma may impact not just the child, but others on the child protection team. Learners will think about how their trauma histories may impact how they will provide care.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
The Impact of Trauma on Children in Care	February 5, 2026	7:45pm to 9:15pm	Susan Darden -Kautz- Trainer	Virtual-Session #25455
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, explains the importance of permanency and reviews permanency options for children in care, including reunification and adoption. Adoption supports, including subsidies, are discussed. Learners will consider how they can help prepare children for permanency.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families.</p>				
Effects of Caregiving	February 7, 2026	9am to10:30am	Susan Darden- Kautz,Trainer	Virtual-Session #25456
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, defines trauma and explores how trauma influences brain architecture, development, and the ability to attach. Learners will consider how trauma may impact not just the child, but others on the child protection team. Learners will think about how their trauma histories may impact how they will provide care.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Permanency	February 7. 2026	10:45a to 12:15pm	Susan Darden-Kautz	Virtual-Session #25457
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, explains the importance of permanency and reviews permanency options for children in care, including reunification and adoption. Adoption supports, including subsidies, are discussed. Learners will consider how they can help prepare children for permanency.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families.</p>				

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Certified Caregiver

Maintaining the Child's Connections	February 7, 2026	6pm to 8:30pm	Susan Darden-Kautz, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25149
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, helps learners understand how children come into care and are matched with a family. Laws influencing matching decisions are discussed, including MEPA, ICWA, Title VI. Learners will understand the importance making an informed decision about the placement and how to create an environment in which the child feels safe.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Partnering with Primary Families	February 7, 2026	6pm to 7:30pm	Susan Darden-Kautz, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25564
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, defines trauma and explores how trauma influences brain architecture, development, and the ability to attach. Learners will consider how trauma may impact not just the child, but others on the child protection team. Learners will think about how their trauma histories may impact how they will provide care.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Discipline Foundations	February 10, 2026	5:30pm to 7:30pm	Susan Darden -Kautz- Trainer	Virtual-Session #25565
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, discusses the knowledge and skills needed to appropriately discipline children. Learners will consider the importance of re-framing behavior and taking an approach that focuses on relationship, managing their emotions, and being intentional. Learners will also discover how to determine if a discipline strategy is appropriate in CAPS</p>				
Enhancing the Child's Sense of Belonging	February 10, 2026	7:45pm to 9:15pm	Susan Darden-Kautz, Trainer	Virtual-Session #27121
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, defines trauma and explores how trauma influences brain architecture, development, and the ability to attach. Learners will consider how trauma may impact not just the child, but others on the child protection team. Learners will think about how their trauma histories may impact how they will provide care.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Child Development	February 12, 2026	6:00pm to 8:00pm	Susan Darden -Kautz, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25560
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, discusses how to find and apply good child development information. It introduces the importance of providing positive childhood experiences and supporting nurturing relationships. Learners are made aware of the concept of normalcy and how to apply the reasonable and prudent parenting standard.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				

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Adolescent Development	February 12, 2026	8:15pm to 9:15pm	Susan Darden-Kautz, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25561
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, explores what happens during adolescence, including brain development, identity development, and life skills development. Learners will consider how they can support adolescents through this period of development.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Adult, Child, Infant CPR/First Aid/AED	February 25, 2026	6pm to 9:15pm	Susan Darden-Kautz, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25200
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, provides caregivers with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, first aid, and environmental emergencies. Learners will gain awareness in giving immediate care to an injured or ill person and to decide whether advanced medical care is needed for all ages, including adults, children, and infants.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				



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ADULT, CHILD, INFANT CPR/FIRST AID/AED 6:00-9:15PM CPS-NCORTC - 25201 LOCATION: VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM	THE BASICS OF PLACEMENT 6:00PM -8:30PM CPS-NCORTC - 25568 LOCATION WESTSHORE *****				TRAUMA OVERVIEW 9:00-10:30am CPS-NCORTC - 20069 Location: Westshore ***** IMPACT OF TRAUMA 10:45-12:15pm CPS-NCORTC - 20053 Location: Westshore ***** MAINTAINING THE CHILD'S CONNECTIONS 1:15-2:45pm CPS-NCORTC - 20151 Location: Westshore ***** Partnering with Primary Families 3:00-4:30pm CPS-NCORTC -20367



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9	10	11	12	13	14
	<p>Discipline Foundation</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC - 25585</p> <p>LOCATION: Westshore *****</p> <p>Enhancing the Childs's Sense of Belonging FOUNDATIONS</p> <p>7:45-9:15pm</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC - 27123</p> <p>LOCATION: Westshore</p>		<p>Maintaining the Child's Connections</p> <p>6:00pm -7:30pm</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC - 25589 LOCATION: Westshore *****</p> <p>Partnering with Primary Families 7:45pm to 9:15pm CPS-NCORTC- 25592 LOCATION : Westshore</p>		

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16	17	18	19	20	21
		<p>ADULT, CHILD, INFANT CPR/ FIRST AID/AED</p> <p>6:00-9:15PM CPS-NCORTC - 25222</p> <p>LOCATION: VIRTUAL CAPS/ZOOM</p>	<p>Child Development</p> <p>6:00pm -8:00pm</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC - 25598</p> <p>Location: Westshore *****</p> <p>Adolescent Development 8:15pm-9:15pm</p> <p>CPS-NCORTC - 25600</p> <p>Location: Westshore</p>		
					

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March 2026

Prospective Caregiver

Adult, Child, Infant, CPR/First Aid/AED	March 2, 2026	6pm to 9:15PM	Kandice Chapman, Trainer	Virtual -Session-#25201
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CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, provides caregivers with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, first aid, and environmental emergencies. Learners will gain awareness in giving immediate care to an injured or ill person and to decide whether advanced medical care is needed for all ages, including adults, children, and infants.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families

The Basics of Placement	March 3, 2026	6pm to 8:30pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	In-Person -Session #25568
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CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, helps learners understand how children come into care and are matched with a family. Laws influencing matching decisions are discussed, including MEPA, ICWA, Title VI. Learners will understand the importance making an informed decision about the placement and how to create an environment in which the child feels safe.

Trauma Overview	March 7, 2026	9am to 10:30am	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	In -person-Session #25569
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CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, explains the importance of permanency and reviews permanency options for children in care, including reunification and adoption. Adoption supports, including subsidies, are discussed. Learners will consider how they can help prepare children for permanency.

LOCATION: WESTSHORE-In-person: 9830 Lorain Ave. Cleveland, OH 44102

TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families.

The Impact of Trauma on Children in Care	March 7, 2026	10:45a to 12:15pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	In -person -Session #25579
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CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, defines trauma and explores how trauma influences brain architecture, development, and the ability to attach. Learners will consider how trauma may impact not just the child, but others on the child protection team. Learners will think about how their trauma histories may impact how they will provide care.

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TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families

Effects of Caregiving	March 7. 2026	10:45a to 12:15pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	In -person-#25583
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Permanency	March 7, 2025	3:30p to 4:30pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	In person -#25584
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, provides caregivers with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, first aid, and environmental emergencies. Learners will gain awareness in giving immediate care to an injured or ill person and to decide whether advanced medical care is needed for all ages, including adults, children, and infants.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Discipline Foundations	March 10,2026	5:30p to 7:30pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	In Person Westshore#25585
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, discusses the knowledge and skills needed to appropriately discipline children. Learners will consider the importance of re-framing behavior and taking an approach that focuses on relationship, managing their emotions, and being intentional. Learners will also discover how to determine if a discipline strategy is appropriate in CAPS</p>				
Enhancing the Child's Sense of Belonging	March 10, 2026	7:45p to 9:15pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	In -person -27123
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, defines trauma and explores how trauma influences brain architecture, development, and the ability to attach. Learners will consider how trauma may impact not just the child, but others on the child protection team. Learners will think about how their trauma histories may impact how they will provide care.</p> <p>Location : Westshore 9830 Lorain Ave Cleveland Ohio 44102</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Maintaining the Child's Connection	March 12. 2026	6p to 7:30pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25589
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, defines trauma and explores how trauma influences brain architecture, development, and the ability to attach. Learners will consider how trauma may impact not just the child, but others on the child protection team. Learners will think about how their trauma histories may impact how they will provide care.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Partnering with Primary Families	March 12, 2026	7:45pto9:15pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	Virtual-Session #25592
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, explores the importance of maintaining the child's connections to their primary family and other important adults and peers. Learners will be introduced to the C.A.R.E. Guide, Ohio's recommended best practice in co-parenting. Learners will consider strategies to support the child's important relationships.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				

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Adult, Child, Infant CPR / First Aid/AED	March 18, 2026	6p to 9:15pm	Kandice Chapman, Trainer	Virtual-Session # 25222
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, provides caregivers with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, first aid, and environmental emergencies. Learners will gain awareness in giving immediate care to an injured or ill person and to decide whether advanced medical care is needed for all ages, including adults, children, and infants.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				
Child Development	March 19,2026	6p to 8:00pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	In- Person Session #25585
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, discusses the knowledge and skills needed to appropriately discipline children. Learners will consider the importance of re-framing behavior and taking an approach that focuses on relationship, managing their emotions, and being intentional. Learners will also discover how to determine if a discipline strategy is appropriate in CAPS</p> <p>Location : Westshore 9830 Lorain Ave Cleveland Ohio 44102</p>				
Adolescent Development	March 19, 2026	8:15p to 9:15pm	Ronna Johnson, Trainer	In -Person Session #27123
<p>CONTENT: This course, part of the Preservice training series, explores what happens during adolescence, including brain development, identity development, and life skills development. Learners will consider how they can support adolescents through this period of development.</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p> <p>Location : Westshore 9830 Lorain Ave Cleveland Ohio 44102</p> <p>TARGET AUDIENCE: Preservice Requirement, Resource Readiness Families</p>				

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