

Foster, Adoptive, Kinship, and Birth Parent Training

If you are a foster parent, adoptive parent, kinship/relative parent, or birth parent, these FREE trainings are customized to help support your needs in raising the children in your home, understanding some of the unique and sometimes challenging needs that children and their families often face in the child welfare system.



Raising Traumatized Children #619-16

Date/time: Saturday, November 12, 2016 • Registration 8:30 AM • Program 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Location: The Leona Group, 2125 University Park Drive, Okemos, MI 48864

Cost: Free to all birth, adoptive, foster, and kinship parents

Presenters: **Jonathon Albert, BS, CTS**, is supervisor at the Judson Center Post Adoption Resource Center (PARC). He is a certified trauma specialist from the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children. He has worked with PARC for the last four years and also has 13 years of experience working with children as an educator. Jonathan was raised with an adopted sister through a kinship adoption and has adopted four children from the child welfare system. He is a step-parent to four children and has two birth children.

T.C. Lopez, LLMSW, is trained in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and has a specialization in trauma. He formerly worked as a case manager for one of the Post Adoption Resource Centers and is currently a home-based clinician at Family Outreach Center in Grand Rapids, working with foster, adoptive, and birth families. He grew up in a family that included two adopted siblings.

Description: You will not want to miss this training if you are raising children from the child welfare system! T.C. and Jonathon have hands-on experience working with families whose children have experienced trauma. This training will look at the impact of trauma on children's behavior and functioning at home and in school. It will emphasize how parents can help their children develop self-regulation and co-regulation skills as well as understand why taking care of yourself is important. If you want to learn effective strategies to parent traumatized children and learn how to better support yourself, attend this training. This training will utilize role playing, exercises, large group discussion, and visual displays.

Beginning and intermediate skill levels

Target audience:

- ✓ Birth Parents
- ✓ Adoptive Parents
- ✓ Foster Parents
- ✓ Kinship Parents

How to register for trainings

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