

FPC offers research-based, topic-specific courses taught by child psychologists, pediatricians, and behavioral specialists. Our faculty includes Dr. Rick Delaney, Betsy Keefer Smalley, Dr. Bob Nickel, Dr. Jim Kagan, Dr. Joseph Crumbley, Charley Joyce LICSW and more. Since it launched in 2005, FPC has conducted more than 40,000 online training sessions in 50 states, the UK, Australia and Canada. FPC training certificates are accepted by more than 1,000 agencies and organizations throughout the English speaking world.

The Latest Evaluation Research on Foster Parent College

Foster Parent College Online Evaluation Findings, March 2007.

Report on a pilot study conducted in Ohio by the Institute for Human Services (IHS) for the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program.

Web-Enhanced Pre-Service Training for Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Parents, January 2009.

Phase I Final Progress Report on Small Business Innovation Research Grant #1 R43 HD054032-01A1 to Northwest Media from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Online Professional Training on Foster and Adoptive Care, January 2008.

Phase I Final Progress Report on Small Business Innovation Research Grant #1 R43 HD047970-01A2 to Northwest Media from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

For full reports of these and other studies, visit FosterParentCollege and click on Evaluation Research under the "home" tab.



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Online training for CASA/GAL



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THE CARE SYSTEM
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& ODD
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In June 2008, the National CASA Association officially recognized Foster Parent College as a source for continuing education credit for volunteers. Foster Parent College materials can be an informative and convenient way for CASA/GAL volunteers to learn about the challenges facing both youth in care and foster parents. As a CASA/GAL volunteer, these materials will be most useful when you view them through the lens of your four primary roles: to examine the situation, facilitate a collaborative relationship between all parties involved in the case, advocate in court for the child's best interest and keep track of whether the orders of the court are being carried out.

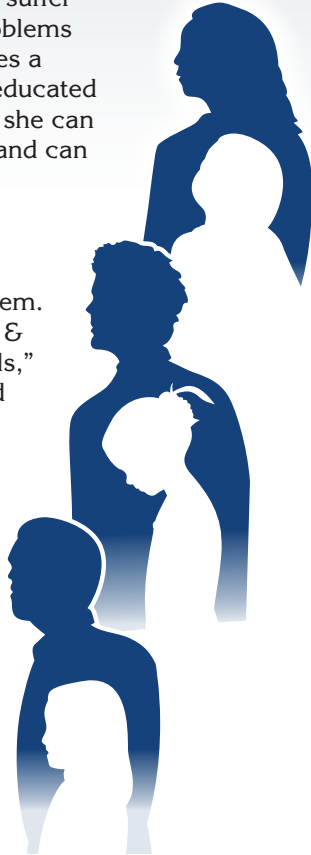
— Brian Washburn, Training Director, National CASA

CASA/GAL & Foster Parent College

Statistically, up to 80% of children in foster care suffer mental health disorders or severe emotional problems (Stephen Hornberger, CWLA), which complicates a CASA's job. However, when a CASA becomes educated about a child's mental or emotional challenges, she can more effectively advocate for the child's needs and can better facilitate treatment plans and services.

That's where Foster Parent College steps in. We offer 26 visual learning courses on a range of issues faced by children and families in the system. Topics include "Child Abuse & Neglect," "Grief & Loss in the Care System," "Working with Schools," "R.A.D." and more. These interactive self-paced classes are available online, 24/7, and yield at least two hours of in-service credited training.

Like CASA, FPC works hard to be part of the solution.



Recommendations for Advocate Training

- **ADHD/ADD/ODD** – Symptoms, diagnosis, medication, power struggles, keeping things positive, advocating for the children.
- **Child Abuse & Neglect** – Causes and signs of abuse, developing empathy for abusers, when and how to report to authorities.
- **Children with Autism** – Common behaviors and solutions, medical issues, general treatment options and available resources.
- **Culturally Competent Parenting** – Strategies for maintaining a child's cultural identity and confidence in a transcultural resource family.
- **Kinship Care** – Challenges and benefits of kinship placement, family feuds, allegiance to birth parents, uniting the family, understanding the roles of family members.
- **R.A.D. Reactive Attachment Disorder** – Emotionally promiscuous and hyper-vigilant attachment disorder, RAD with other diagnoses.
- **Substance Exposed Newborns** – Medical and developmental issues, working with the professional team, and parenting strategies that help affected infants thrive.
- **Working with Schools** – Strategies for building a positive relationship with a child's school.

We currently offer 27 classes and have more in various stages of research and development.

Getting Started

Each online course includes a 30- to 40-minute presentation with dramatic vignettes, interviews and instruction, a review questionnaire, printable handouts, and access to a discussion board on the topic. Most courses cost \$10. For free previews of classes, visit FosterParentCollege.com.

Individual CASA/GAL volunteers may set up an account at FosterParentCollege.com. There is no cost to establish an account, but you will need an email address. Once signed up, you can enroll in classes and pay for them online with a credit card.

To set up a group account and purchase training units in bulk to give to volunteers, please call Laurie Coffman at 800-777-6636.

