

SOLUTIONS for agencies and caseworkers

Just Ask!

Question: I think it would be valuable to have a group discussion about a particular subject that is pertinent to the issues that my parents are dealing with, e.g. lying. Does FPC have an option for that?

Answer: Foster Parent College's online management system offers the unique option of starting a discussion with your trainees/parents. While in the "Courses" tab, you will see four sub-tabs. Click on "Extracurricular" and then click on "Add Topic." Administrators can add a topic and begin, monitor, and take part in your own discussion. You can also choose who will be included in the discussion.



Got a question? *Just Ask!* Email your questions to Lisa at press@northwestmedia.com and she'll find the answer.

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Resources for Working with Traumatized Children

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the US, where 906,000 children are victims of abuse or neglect every year. Every child's response to abuse is different, presenting unique challenges to the social workers and resource parents who work with them. Below are recommended books and training resources for helping abused children recover.

The FPC course "Child Abuse and Neglect" provides a solid foundation for recognizing and understanding child maltreatment. The course was developed with the Ohio IHS and features sections on distinguishing abuse from ordinary childhood mishaps; understanding and empathizing with abusing parents; and understanding when and how to report.

In addition, FPC faculty members Rick Delaney and Charley Joyce co-authored the book, "Behavior with a Purpose:

Thoughtful Solutions to Common Problems of Adoptive, Foster and Kinship Youth," which is sold on our sister site, SocialLearning.com. The book is written from the point of view that understanding the motivations behind challenging child behaviors can help foster, adoptive and kinship parents create a context and support for healing.

We also recommend "The Traumatized Child Series," "Wounded Children, Healing Homes: How Traumatized Children Impact Adoptive and Foster Families," "The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog," and "Parenting the Hurt Child." There are Foster Parent College classes on R.A.D., anger, sexualized behavior and other specific behavior challenges common among abused children. These and other titles are available on www.SocialLearning.com.

FFTA Event Registration Is Open

Registration is open for the FFTA 8th Annual Public Policy Institute & Advocacy Day, which will be held May 3-4, 2010 at the Capitol Skyline Hotel in Washington, DC. The two-day program will provide a combination of opportunities to learn, advocate, build relationships with your federal legislators, and network with other leaders in the field.

Pre-registration for the event is open through April 29; on-site registration will also be available. There are limited rooms at the group discount rate and discounted rooms are available only through April 1. For more information call (800) 414-3382 ext. 113; e-mail mcole@ffta.org; or www.ffta.org.

What's Happening

A new FosterParentCollege class will go live in the coming weeks; watch for details.

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Youth Workers On The Rise, the Midwest Regional Child and Youth Care Conference, will happen May 25, 26 and 27 at Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) in the Kettle-Moraine district of Waukesha, WI. For details, please contact Jody Rhodes, jodyrhodes@sbcglobal.net call the WACYCP Milwaukee headquarters at (414) 227-3130, or visit www.wacycp.org.

FPC Advanced Parenting Workshops begin April 6 so please sign up your parents today. Workshops are available on Anger and Lying.

Champions for Children. We'd like to share the story of foster parents, volunteers and agency staff whose efforts on behalf of displaced children are inspiring. Please email your nominations to Lisa at press@northwestmedia.com. Thank you.