

Foster Parent College Certified Consultant Program Gets Underway

We are pleased to announce the launch of the **Foster Parent College Certified Consultant Program**. This new program is designed to offer enhanced customer support for agencies using Foster Parent College (FPC).

FPC supplements in-house training and aids in the retention of quality foster homes by providing targeted, timely online training that meets the individual needs of resource families. But agencies are busy places and sometimes staff need hands-on expert help to implement, use and track their FPC program. By working with a FPC Certified Consultant, agencies can quickly build a vibrant online training program that is cost-effective and is valued by staff and resource families.

Certified Consultants provide the level of service an agency needs. Some agencies might hire a consultant to set up their account and train staff and resource parents to use FPC. Some agencies might contract to have a consultant manage their account, freeing staff to focus on the important work of working directly with children and families.

Larger agencies might choose to put a staff member through the certification process (we offer an agency discount), especially agencies with multiple branch offices. One highly trained staff member can run the FPC online training program, improving overall efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

Potential applicants are screened before acceptance into the program; applicants who are accepted are required to complete a comprehensive 4-week online training program which includes:

- ▶ participation in 4 Webinar trainings (1 hour/week)
- ▶ viewing 3 FPC online courses (3 - 4 hours)
- ▶ passing the final certifying exam (1 - 2 hours)

Changing jobs? Looking for flexible work hours? Eager to help your agency improve its training program?

Consider becoming a Foster Parent College (FPC) Certified Consultant.

Successful applicants have experience in the social services field, are comfortable with computers, and are willing to commit their time and resources to our comprehensive online training program. For more information, visit fosterparentcollege.com, click on Certified Consultants, then click on Becoming a Consultant.

- ▶ weekly online quizzes and self-directed study exercises (4 - 5 hours)

The cost for the Certified Consultant Program training for independent consultants is \$300 through April 30, 2011; a special agency staff training rate is offered at \$200. Rates rise to \$500 and \$300, respectively, on May 1, 2011.

The first round of CCP trainings are scheduled for June, September and November of 2010 so we expect to have a growing cadre of excellent consultants beginning in this fall. Additional trainings are currently scheduled for February, April and June of 2011. Trainings may be added if necessary.

To learn more, visit fosterparentcollege.com and click on "Certified Consultants." There you will find information on how to "Find a Certified Consultant," how to "Become a Certified Consultant," and more "About the Certified Consultant Program."

FPC Certified Consultants are third party vendors who work independently of Northwest Media and who contract directly with agencies. Agencies are responsible for all fees for services they contract for.

What's Happening

May Advanced Parenting Workshops on Anger and Lying begin May 4. Completing a workshop yields 6 training hours and a certificate of completion. Enroll today by visiting www.FosterParentCollege.com.

The Canadian Foster Family Association will hold its annual conference June 7 - 13 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. "Walking Together, Voices for Change" is the theme for 2010 event, hosted by the Saskatchewan Foster Families Association. For more information, visit www.canadianfosterfamilyassociation.com.

Early registration is underway for the 24th Annual Conference on Treatment Foster Care. This FFTA event will be August 1 - 4 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN. Advertising, exhibit and sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information call (800) 414-3382 ext. 113; e-mail mcole@ffta.org; or visit www.ffta.org.

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