



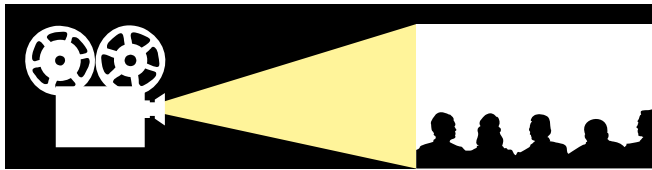
Geauga County Job & Family Services

Permanency Planning

September 2008 Newsletter

Here it is September again. Kids are back to school and schedules are again needing to be adjusted to fit everyone's activities into them. While we want our kids to be active in school and their community, we also need to remember that kids need down time and play time. This can be just as important as the structured times they have. Here are some things to keep in mind as you are getting everyone ready for a successful school year.

1. Have a designated time and place for homework
2. If the child is older build in breaks about every half hour of studying
3. Students often need a snack when they get home from school before or while they are doing homework, so have some healthy snacks on hand and ready.
4. For long-term projects help child identify when things need to be completed and put them on the family calendar of events so they don't get forgotten.
5. Learn how best the child studies (sitting at a table, having a stress ball to squeeze, typing on the computer, etc) and help child utilize that method
6. Make sure child has all the needed supplies to complete their homework activities
7. Parents and students can sign a homework agreement that states what each will do such as:
 - a. Parents will give assistance only when asked
 - b. Parents will provide tools and transportation necessary for homework completion
 - c. Parents will make time to talk with student about homework.
 - d. Student will ask for assistance when needed
 - e. Student will keep parents updated to homework assignments, keep assignment logs current and keep open communication with parents about homework.
 - f. Student will give plenty of notice when supplies are needed
 - g. Students will create a schedule and stick to it
 - h. Students will bring home assignments and show grades to parents.
 - i. Student and parent will negotiate when homework will be completed by and the place it will be completed. This can be changed if homework is not completed on time or homework area becomes unproductive.
 - j. Student and parent can set up rewards for completion of homework, turning in assignments on time, grades, etc. that can be weekly or long term. This is a chance to be creative and motivate the child with what is important to them.
8. Parents plan doctor or other appointments after school or during vacations to prevent learning disruptions
9. Everyone needs a consistent and reasonable bedtime routine
10. Try to have a Family Dinner at least 3 time a week for everyone to catch up and talk
11. Parents should schedule in some time where the child has some sort of physical activity every day, whether it is structured or unstructured to get rid of extra energy.
12. Remember whenever possible gets things set out the night before (whether that is bowls, spoons & cereal for breakfast, clothing, making lunches, lunch money, school books and reports ,etc) this will help the morning go more smoothly for everyone.
13. If the morning or evening routine is not working take time to evaluate what is not working and make changes, it will make everyone's day better. Just because this is how you have been doing it if it is not working it is time to do something different.



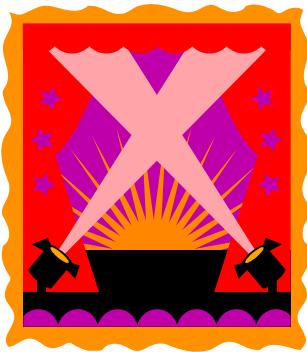
“Child Spotlight of the Month”

CAITLYN

Enclosed with this month’s newsletter is a flyer for a child that is looking for an adoptive family. Could that family be you? Or do you know someone who might be able to provide the forever family that CAITLYN is looking for? Take a look and let us know if you or someone you know might be interested in adopting Caitlyn.

Did you know September . .

- *College Savings Month
- *National Chicken Month
- *National Childhood Injury Prevention Month
- *National Potato Month
- *Self Improvement Month
- *1-5 National Waffle Week
- *14-20 Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week
- *21-27 National Keep Kids Creative Week
- *1 Labor Day
- *7 National Grandparents Day
- *19 Talk Like A Pirate Day



This month we are introducing two more important staff of the Agency that you may have contact with.

Now Presenting: Tracy Prohaska & Jill Barath



Tracy has worked for GCJFS since March 2004. She earned her Bachelors in Social Work from Cleveland State University. She started as a coordinator on the Income Maintenance team and helped determine eligibility for emergency assistance and day care assistance. Tracy then moved to the ongoing team in Social Services and has been

a part of the team for about 3 years. As an ongoing worker, she has the opportunity to

help families reach the goal of reunification by helping connect them with resources and add additional support for their family. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends and going to sporting events. GO CAVS!

Jill graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelors in Human Development and Family Studies. She has been at the Agency for about 3 years on the specialized team. She has some different responsibilities than an ongoing worker such as: sitting on committees for technology, Family Service team committee, & staff relations committee. She also mentors new workers and support staff when they need assistance. She transports children for visits and appointments, as well as supervises some visits with children and their parents. She coordinates the independent living program for teens in our custody. As well as these duties she also carries half a social service caseload which can include monitoring children and families progress towards their goals, preparing paperwork for court and testimony, organizing and communicating with all people involved with a case and reunifying children with their parents. In keeping with the mission of the agency Jill was a kinship home for 3 children and helped them reunify back with their mother.



****We are still looking for stories from foster or adoptive families and foster and adoptive children. We would like to be able to use these stories to help families understand the need for families in our county. We understand that not everyone’s experiences are always positive but we want you to be honest and tell us what it has been like for you. This goes for the kids as well.**

Help Me Grow Program: Help Me Grow is a voluntary program for pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers between the ages of birth and five years old. The goal of the program is to assure that newborns, infants, and toddlers have the best possible start in life. Help Me Grow provides services that promote children's growth and development and support families during their children's early years.

A Help Me Grow Service Coordinator can make visits to your home to provide you with information about community services and resources for Geauga Families. Your child will also be screened for health and overall development to make sure he/she meets important milestones. The purpose of Help Me Grow is to help parents help their children reach their fullest potential because the first five years of life are so important to a child's overall educational, social, and emotional development.

On September 19, Help me Grow is having a give away of new and gently used items for infant and toddlers. If you have items that you would like to donate please bring them in to the Agency by September 17. Please remember that they are unable to take car seats or stuffed animals. This is a great way to help another family and clean out items that are no longer being used in your home.

ALERT! The regional training is going to be pro-rating how many hours a quarter that each county gets for training hours. So there may not be as many ongoing training hours available. When the agency finds out further information you will be updated.

Did you know? There is scholarship money available to foster parents who want to attend conferences or other trainings that may not be offered by the Regional training center. So if you find a training that would meet your training needs to help you deal with a child in your home, call your permanency planning worker to see what funds are available for you to attend.

TRAINING REMINDERS:

- ❖ Remember training sessions are for adults only. Unfortunately there is no child care available to families at training sessions, please make child care arrangements for your children prior to coming to training.
- ❖ Please set all cell phones and pagers to vibrate before the training begins. If you are going to take a call during the training sessions, please excuse yourself and answer it in the lobby.
- ❖ Please be on time for all trainings. There is a state **15 minute** rule that we all must adhere to. If you miss more than 15 minutes of a training then you cannot get credit for it. This includes arriving late, leaving early, coming back from breaks late, or taking a call during the training.
- ❖ If you are interested in signing up for trainings @ Geauga County JFS please call to register at least a week in advance so that we can accurately count the number of people attending. For most training we need a minimum of 6 people attending or else we have to cancel the training. Timely registration is greatly appreciated.
Even if you are not currently a certified foster or adoptive family with us, you are still welcome to attend our trainings. All we ask is that you call to register.
- ❖ Want to know what other trainings are being held by other counties? Visit the Northeast Regional Training Center website at <http://www.ocwtp.com/neortc.htm> .



As we all try to preserve the environment, if you would rather have the monthly newsletter sent to you via email please let either your permanency planning worker know or contact Kathi Serafino, LSW at 440-285-9141 or griffk@odjfs.state.oh.us. We will then take you off the mailing list and add you to the email list for the newsletter.

We are looking for foster or adoptive families that would be interested in sitting on committees through our Agency regarding funding for services for foster and adoptive children. If interested please contact Rebecca Calabrese, Tracy Prohaska, Kathi Serafino or Sarah Welch at 440-285-9141.

Geauga County Job & Family Services On-Going Training Schedule

THE IMPACT OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT ON NORMAL DEVELOPMENT – 912	
Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2008	Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: David Zidar	Location: Geauga County JFS
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will learn the role of abuse on child development. • Foster parents will have a brief review of legal definitions of abuse and neglect. • Foster parents will learn methods to help children learn new positive memories. • Foster parents will learn the skills needed to better integrate with the treating therapist. 	

THIRD PARTY INVESTIGATIONS – 920	
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2008	Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: Janice Lilac-Powell	Location: Geauga County JFS
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will learn about the increased potential for allegations. • Foster parents will become familiar with the investigation process. • Foster parents will explore the difference between a rule violation and a third party investigation. 	

BEFORE YOU TAKE THE FIRST DRINK: PREVENTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN – 939	
Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2008	Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: Katie Terry	Location: Geauga County JFS
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will understand some of the basic models of prevention and treatment of substance abuse. • Foster parents will have a basic understanding of how to set up the home environment to prevent problems with alcohol or other drugs. • Foster parents will understand some basic steps to teach children how to refuse alcohol or drugs when offered. 	

SEXUAL ABUSE - PO9 *	
Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2008	Time: 6:00-9:00pm
Trainer: Ann Bagley	Location: Geauga County JFS
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will be prepared to care for children who have been sexually abused and to become familiar with the effects of sexual abuse on children. • Foster parents will learn appropriate sexual behavior. • Foster parents will learn how to construct their family system to incorporate the placement of a sexually abused child to ensure the child's safety and success. 	

PERMANENCY ISSUES FOR CHILDREN – P11*	
Date: Saturday, October 4, 2008	Time: 9:00-12:00 PM
Trainer: Ann Bagley	Location: Geauga County JFS
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will understand the three common parental responses to the difference between adoption parenting and birth parenting, and know the potential outcomes of each response. • Foster parents will recognize common post adoption issues for both the parent and the child, including loss, identity, control and divided loyalties. • Foster parents will understand the values of supportive services from the placing agency, or a post placement service provider, during the childhood and early adulthood of the adoptive child. 	

PERMANENCY ISSUES FOR FAMILIES – P12***Date:** Saturday, October 4, 2008**Time:** 1:00-4:00 PM**Trainer:** Ann Bagley**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will become aware of post adoption issues for both parent and child, including loss, identity, control and divided loyalties.
- Foster parents will learn the importance of talking to the child about adoption in a developmentally appropriate way, and handling difficult information regarding the birth family in a positive manner.
- Foster parents will become aware of resources such as adoption subsidies, and/or SSI, that provide material to the child in the adoptive family.

***The above three trainings (Sexual Abuse, Permanency Issues for Children, and Permanency Issues for Families) are required for pre-approved adoptive homes. Some counties require these trainings in pre-service. Please check with your county agency to see if you have already completed this training, and can earn hours toward your re-certification.**

LEGAL ISSUES II – 920**Date:** Tuesday, October 7, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Christina Rosebrough-Schneider**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn the different stages of hearings.
- Foster parents will understand how to effectively prepare for testimony.
- Foster parents will learn techniques on testifying in court.

COMPUTER SAFETY - 910**Date:** Thursday, October 9, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Pieri Levandofsky**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand the role computers play in a child's education.
- Foster parents will be come aware of the pitfalls of unsupervised usage.
- Foster parents will learn techniques to successfully monitor a child's computer activities.

HAIR, HAIR EVERYWHERE! MULTI-CULTURAL HAIR AND SKIN CARE - 936**Date:** Saturday, October 18, 2008**Time:** 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**Trainer:** Joseph Cooper**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand how physical characteristics may impact the self-esteem of children and adolescents in their care.
- Foster parents will learn the basic hair, skin and nail care of multi-cultural placements.

IMPACTING VISITATION FOR SUCCESS – 915**Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2008**Time:** 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**Trainer:** Anthony President**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will explore the positive and negative effects that visits may have on children in care.
- Foster parents will understanding how they can help prepare children for visits and help them process the visit afterwards using empathetic communication techniques and active listening skills.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT I – 914**Date:** Tuesday, November 25, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Brian Lowery**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand the dynamics of separation and the effects on parents and foster children.
- Foster parents will explore the components of a therapeutic household.
- Foster parents will understand the ABC's of behavioral theory and learn 10 techniques for handling surface behaviors.

SIBLING SEXUAL ABUSE – 922**Date:** Thursday, December 4, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** David Zidar**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn to identify sexually inappropriate behavior.
- Foster parents will learn the role of trauma, cycles and patterns of the offending child.
- Foster parents will learn how to help these children manage their behavior.

INTERVENTIONS WITH REACTIVE ATTACHEMENT DISORDER CHILDREN – 913**Date:** Tuesday, December 16, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** David Zidar**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn the origins of Reactive Attachment Disorder.
- Foster parents will learn the diagnostic criteria for Reactive Attachment Disorder.
- Foster parents will learn the techniques to manage behavior.

**Geauga County Job & Family Services
Pre-Service Training Schedule
Trainer: Ann Bagley**

DATE	TIME	PRE-SERVICE TOPIC	COURSE NO.
Saturday, September 6, 2008	9 -12 PM	Orientation and Overview	PS1
Saturday, September 6, 2008	1 - 4 PM	Teambuilding	PS2
Saturday, September 13, 2008	9 -12 PM	Abuse and Neglect and Impact on Child Development	PS3
Saturday, September 13, 2008	1 – 4 PM	Attachment and Separation	PS4
Saturday September 20, 2008	9 -12 PM	Discipline	PS5
Saturday, September 20, 2008	1 – 4 PM	Cultural Issues in Placement	PS6
Saturday, September 27, 2008	9 – 12 PM	Working with Primary Families	PS7
Saturday, September 27, 2008	1 – 4 PM	Effects of Caregiving on the Family	PS8

Lake County Job & Family Services
On-Going Training Schedule
 177 Main Street
 Painesville, Ohio 44077-3402
 440-350-4218 or 440-918-4218

BEYOND TIME OUT: MANAGING BEHAVIOR OF MALTREATED PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN - 925	
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2008	Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: Brian Lowery	Location: Lake County DJFS
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will learn the physical, cognitive and psychological development of preschoolers. • Foster parents will learn the effects of maltreatment during this stage of development. • Foster parents will learn positive parenting strategies for this stage of development. 	

MANAGING AND HEALING TRAUMA BASED CHILDREN - 921	
Date: Saturday, September 20, 2008	Time: 9:00 - 4:00 PM
Trainer: Beverly Richards	Location: Lake County DJFS
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will understand the “Stress Model” of behavior. • Foster parents will be able to understand and intervene effectively with children’s disruptive behavior. • Foster parents will learn how to create a healing environment for children to thrive and grow. 	

LIVING THE LEGACY: DRAMATIC EFFECTS OF PRENATAL DRUG EXPOSURE – 929	
Date: Thursday, October 2, 2008	Time: 6:00-9:00 PM
Trainer: Ronna Johnson	Location: Lake County JFS
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will gain an awareness of commonly abused drugs and their impact on the developing fetus. • Foster parents will be able to identify special needs common to drug exposed infants and toddlers. • Foster parents will learn strategies for advocating with medical, educational and therapeutic resources in the community. 	

TOOLBOX FOR CHANGE: ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES – 921	
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2008	Time: 6:00-9:00 PM
Trainer: Katie Terry	Location: Lake County JFS
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will understand the importance of a psychological/psychiatric assessment. • Foster parents will gain a basic understanding of the five characteristics of psychotropic medications. • Foster parents will understand the uses of therapies and their efficacy in treating mental health issues. 	

SEXUAL ABUSE - PO9 *	
Date: Monday, November 3, 2008	Time: 6:00-9:00pm
Trainer: Emily Wetherill	Location: Lake County JFS
Objectives:	
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PERMANENCY ISSUES FOR CHILDREN – P11***Date:** Wednesday, November 5, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Janice Lilac-Powell**Location:** Lake County JFS**Objectives:**

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PERMANENCY ISSUES FOR FAMILIES – P12***Date:** Monday, November 10, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Emily Wetherill**Location:** Lake County JFS**Objectives:**

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- Foster parents will learn the importance of talking to the child about adoption in a developmentally appropriate way, and handling difficult information regarding the birth family in a positive manner.
- Foster parents will become aware of resources such as adoption subsidies, and/or SSI, that provide material to the child in the adoptive family.

DEFUSING CRISIS SITUATIONS SAFELY AND SANELY – F21**Date:** Saturday, November 15, 2008**Time:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**Trainer:** Emily Wetherill**Location:** Lake County CSB**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand how anger is an unmet need.
- Foster parents will learn the stages of anger and conflict.
- Foster parents will learn de-escalation skills.

YOU CAN'T MAKE ME: MANAGING BEHAVIOR OF MALTREATED SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN - 926**Date:** Tuesday, November 18, 2008**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM**Trainer:** Brian Lowery**Location:** Lake County CSB**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn the physical, cognitive and psychological development of school age children.
- Foster parents will learn the effects of maltreatment during this stage of development.
- Foster parents will learn positive parenting strategies for this stage of development.

MULTI-CULTURAL VALUES PARENTING FOR YOUTH WITH A HISTORY OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR – 937**Date:** Thursday, December 4, 2008**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM**Trainer:** James Yokley**Location:** Lake County CSB**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn parenting with Social Responsibility Therapy, a culturally sensitive treatment approach for youth with abusive behaviors.
- Foster parents will learn how to teach multi-cultural and pro-social values in their home using a point level system for pre-teens and a behavioral feedback slip for teens.

**Lake County Job & Family Services
Pre-Service Training Schedule
Trainers: Janice Lilac- Powell & Emily Wetherill**

DATE	TIME	PRE-SERVICE TOPIC	COURSE NO.
Monday, October 6, 2008	6 – 9 PM	Orientation and Overview	PS1
Wednesday, October 8, 2008	6 – 9 PM	Teambuilding	PS2
Wednesday, October 15, 2008	6 - 9 PM	Abuse and Neglect and Impact on Child Development	PS3
Monday, October 20, 2008	6 -9 PM	Attachment and Separation	PS4
Wednesday, October 22, 2008	9 -12 PM	Discipline	PS5
Saturday, October 25, 2008	9 -12 PM	Managing Behavior	PS6a
Saturday, October 25, 2008	1 -4 PM	Cultural Issues in Placement	PS6
Monday, October 27, 2008	6 -9PM	Working with Primary Families	PS7
Wednesday, October 29, 2008	6 -9 PM	Effects of Caregiving on the Family	PS8

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On-Going Training Schedule
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Ashtabula, Ohio 44005-1175
440-998-1811**

CAMELS ARE ESSENTIAL: ATTACHMENT AND EARLY BRAIN TRAUMA - 912	
Date: Saturday, September 6, 2008	Time: 9:00 - 4:00 PM
Trainer: Francesca Muscari	Location: Ashtabula County CSB
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will learn about brain development of a traumatized child. • Foster parents will understand the impact of trauma, separation, loss and grief on a child. • Foster parents will understand what the “cycle of need” is and how it is important in the first two years of life. 	

CULTURE AND DIVERSITY ISSUES IN FOSTER CARE - 937	
Date: Monday, September 22, 2008	Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: Brian Lowery	Location: Ashtabula County CSB
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will be introduced to the concept of cultural sensitivity. • Foster parents will be challenged to examine their own values and codes of conduct making an effort to learn more about these issues. • Foster parents will begin to recognize the unique opportunities inherent in a diverse foster family experience. 	

PREVENTING AND DE-ESCALATING CRISIS – P6A	
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2008	Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: Emily Wetherill	Location: Ashtabula County CSB
Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents will become aware of the reasons children may have negative behavior. • Foster parents will become aware of the difference between punishment and discipline. • Foster parents will become familiar with non-physical discipline techniques, including natural and logical consequences and rewarding positive behavior. 	

SHAPING SELF-CONCEPT - 914**Date:** Monday, September 29, 2008**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM**Trainer:** Francesca Muscari**Location:** Ashtabula County CSB**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn win-win strategies for discipline.
- Foster parents will learn techniques for repairing damaged self-esteem.
- Foster parents will learn ways to assist children in their own problem-solving abilities.

CAUTION, STOP AND YIELD: SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS - 921**Date:** Monday, October 6, 2008**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM**Trainer:** Katie Terry**Location:** Ashtabula County CSB**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand how neurotransmitters work and how trauma affects the brain.
- Foster parents will acquire a basic understanding of Reactive Attachment Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and some interventions that work.

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GAMES PREDATORS PLAY: KEEPING KIDS SAFE - 911**Date:** Thursday, November 6, 2008**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM**Trainer:** Ed Petrish**Location:** Ashtabula County CSB**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn how to empower their children with essential safety skills.
- Foster parents will identify how to recognize dangerous situations and predator lures.
- Foster parents will become aware of the dangers in our streets, schools, and possibly our own homes.

PARENTING CHILDREN WITH COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: PLEASE DON'T SHARE – 936**Date:** Saturday, November 8, 2008**Time:** 9:00 - 12:00 PM**Trainer:** Ronna Johnson**Location:** Ashtabula County CSB**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn to recognize the symptoms of communicable diseases.
- Foster parents will learn what universal precautions to use in caring for children with communicable diseases.

EATING FOR THE HEALTH OF IT – 914**Date:** Saturday, November 8, 2008**Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 PM**Trainer:** Ronna Johnson**Location:** Ashtabula County CSB**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand nutritional guidelines for children birth through adolescence.
- Foster parents will be able to identify risk factors that put children at risk for the development of eating disorders, and “red flags” that should be taken seriously.
- Foster parents will gain an understanding of the interventions and supports available to assist children with eating disorders.

SEXUAL ABUSE - PO9 ***Date:** Saturday, November 22, 2008**Time:** 1:00-4:00pm**Trainer:** Ann Bagley**Location:** Ashtabula County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will be prepared to care for children who have been sexually abused and to become familiar with the effects of sexual abuse on children.
- Foster parents will learn appropriate sexual behavior.
- Foster parents will learn how to construct their family system to incorporate the placement of a sexually abused child to ensure the child’s safety and success.

THE EFFICACY OF FORGIVENESS IN FOSTER CARE – 915**Date:** Monday, November 24, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00pm**Trainer:** Brian Lowery**Location:** Ashtabula County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand the historical development of reunification.
- Foster parents will develop an appreciation of foster children’s birth family by exploring the nature of the “biological bond”.
- Foster parents will learn how to promote and build “Parent-Foster Parent Teams”.

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TEAMING WITH THE PARENTIFIED CHILD – 911**Date:** Thursday, December 4, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Anthony President**Location:** Ashtabula County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will be able to define the characteristics of the parentified child.
- Foster parents will learn the negative long-term effects of being a parentified child.
- Foster parents will learn techniques to help the parentified child readjust to a typical childhood role.

Ashtabula County Children's Services Board Pre Service Training Schedule

DATE	TIME	PRE-SERVICE TOPIC	COURSE NO.
Monday, September 15, 2008	6 – 9 PM	Sexual Abuse	PS9
Thursday, September 18, 2008	6 – 9 PM	Permanency Issues for Children	PS 11
Monday, September 22, 2008	6 – 9 PM	Permanency Issues for Families	PS 12

Trainer: Ann Bagley

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Saturday, October 25, 2008	9 -12 PM	Orientation and Overview	PS1
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Saturday, November 1, 2008	1 – 4 PM	Attachment and Separation	PS4
Saturday, November 8, 2008	9 -12 PM	Discipline	PS5
Saturday, November 8, 2008	1 – 4 PM	Managing Behavior	PS6a
Saturday, November 15, 2008	9 – 12 PM	Cultural Issues in Placement	PS6
Saturday, November 15, 2008	1 - 4 PM	Working with Primary Families	PS7
Saturday, November 22, 2008	9 - 12 PM	Effects of Caregiving on the Family	PS8



Caitlyn

Caitlyn is a typical teen girl. She enjoys talking on the phone, surfing the internet, chatting with her friends, hanging out with boys, and listening to music. Caitlyn does not always receive the best grades in school, but she continues to work on this. Caitlyn does have an IEP so that she can get the extra guidance she needs at school. Caitlyn has also been trying to learn new ways to deal with the many events that life presents, and she seems to be making some progress in this area. Caitlyn is looking forward to having a family of her own and appears to understand the meaning of adoption. Caitlyn would be best matched with a family who is able to provide her with clear boundaries, consistent structure, and the ability to work as a “family team”.

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