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Dear Friends:

"It Takes A Village to Raise Children!" This is our Foster Care and Adoption recruitment theme for 2021 and we need your help! This theme is more relevant now than ever before given the global pandemic facing our communities. Lake County needs more homes to help keep children safe. The agency has scheduled Pre-Service classes regarding foster care and adoption throughout 2021 and these dates and times are on flyers attached to this letter. Per-Service classes can also be completed virtually now too!

Lake County needs foster homes for all ages of children! We would love to hear from you and help you meet your goal of helping children!

We are asking you as our community friends to help us spread the word about this need. If you are willing to support our agency in this endeavor, please post copies of the attached flyers in the common areas of your agency so customers and employees alike can see this information and contact us with further inquiries. Keeping children in Lake County decreases a child's time in care and increases their likelihood of reunifying with their parents as well as furthering a sense of normalcy for these children.

Thank you for your support in helping us get the word out about fostering/adopting children! If you have any questions regarding this, you can reach me at 440-350-4260 or Eugene.Tetrick@jfs.ohio.gov. Also, you can call our Foster Care and Adoption Hotline at 440-350-4218 and they will be able to assist you with questions as well. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eugene Tetrick in black ink.

Gene Tetrick, MSW
Supervisor, Substitute Care Unit

Handwritten signature of Lori O'Brien in black ink.

Lori O'Brien, L.S.W.
Administrator
Children Services Division

WINTER 2021 FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
177 MAIN STREET, PAINESVILLE OHIO 44077
440-350-4218 OR 440-918-4218

Trainer: Ronna Johnson

Saturday, February 13, 2021	Module I: Orientation to Foster Care, Kinship Care, and Adoption
Saturday, February 13, 2021	Module II: The Child Protection Team
Wednesday, February 17, 2021	Module III: Child Development
Monday, February 22, 2021	Module IV: Childhood Trauma and Its Effects
Wednesday, February 24, 2021	Module V: Child Sexual Abuse
Monday, March 1, 2021	Module VI: Minimizing the Trauma of Placement
Wednesday, March 3, 2021	Module VII: Transcending Differences in Placement
Monday, March 8, 2021	Module VIII: Helping the Child Manage Emotions and Behaviors
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	Module IX: Understanding Primary Families
Monday, March 15, 2021	Module X: The Effects of Caregiving on the Caregiving Family
Monday, March 17, 2021	Module XI: Adoption Considerations

**** DATES MAY CHANGE/BE CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC****

Monday/Wednesday sessions are held at the Department from
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday sessions are held at the Department from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Attendance is mandatory for all sessions.

**** CLASSES CAN ALSO BE COMPLETED VIRTUALLY ****

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION OR TO R.S.V.P. TO CLASSES, CALL THE FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION HOTLINE
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FALL 2021 FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

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Trainer: Ronna Johnson

Saturday, September 18, 2021	Module I: Orientation to Foster Care, Kinship Care, and Adoption
Saturday, September 18, 2021	Module II: The Child Protection Team
Tuesday, September 21, 2021	Module III: Child Development
Thursday, September 23, 2021	Module IV: Childhood Trauma and Its Effects
Tuesday, September 28, 2021	Module V: Child Sexual Abuse
Thursday, September 30, 2021	Module VI: Minimizing the Trauma of Placement
Tuesday, October 5, 2021	Module VII: Transcending Differences in Placement
Thursday, October 7, 2021	Module VIII: Helping the Child Manage Emotions and Behaviors
Tuesday, October 12, 2021	Module IX: Understanding Primary Families
Thursday, October 14, 2021	Module X: The Effects of Caregiving on the Caregiving Family
Tuesday, October 19, 2021	Module XI: Adoption Considerations

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