

Workshops Description Session A
Friday February 25, 2022
10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

A-1. Nuts and Bolts: The federal regulations for IDEIA 2004 includes a section called Procedural Safeguards. These safeguards are designed to protect the rights of parent and their child with a disability and at the same time give families and school systems several mechanisms by which to resolve their disputes. Understanding the IDEIA Procedural Safeguard is especially important to the parent of the student with a disability This Presentation will provide a review in lay terms the meaning pf your parental rights son you may effectively collaborate with your child's school to ensure compliance and increase student academic and behavioral success
Presenter: Dr. Kimberly Gore-Mobley.

A-2. Navigating Early Childhood Services for Young Children in Foster Care: Serving young children in foster care is no small task, Research in the neurosciences has proved that 80 percent of brain development takes place in the by the time a child is five years old, with the first three years seeing the maximum growth. Children in this age group are particularly vulnerable to adverse effects of foster care placement in these early years, quality care and education give children a head start on skill development, school readiness, and future success. This workshop will provide an. overview of the services, support and resources designed to meet the needs of children in foster care under the age of five. The DFCA Early Childhood Collaboration U along with representative from the department of early care and learning (DECAL), will focus on critical areas such as early childhood education options early intervention services and childcare (CAPS). Presenter: Donjae Calhoun.

A-3. Surviving Diversity, we are All in This Together: This workshop will provide recommendations and technics for guiding the foster family through unexpected and difficult events. Whether with the foster children, their families as the foster parents themselves and their families, serious problems are sure to arise. This workshop will explore methods derived from actual experience in surviving these issues with a positive outcome.
Presenters: Jim and Iris Gandy.

A-4. Encouraging Resilience in The Era of The Covid; Strategies to Caregivers of Children in Child Welfare: There is a significant research literature that describes the impact of adverse childhood experience (ACE's)and how they affect the developmental trajectory of children. Additionally, we understand the multiplicative impact when a child experience multiple ACE's. What is not known are the impact of (ACE). Covid 19 that impact the whole of a child's life, socially, emotionally, and academically. Researchers predict that the full impact of the Covid pandemic on the psychological adjustment of children will not be fully understood for years as developmental outcome. Children involved in the child welfare system need guidance and support now as do their caregivers foster parent, therapists, and case managers. In this presentation, proven strategies for encouraging positive adjustment or resilience to adversity are found and discussed that promoted positive psychological adjustment. The presentation focuses on the intersection of the various caregiver system school, foster home and therapy that affect the adjustment of foster home and how those system together can promote positive developmental responses to the pandemic. Presenter: Dr. LeRoy Reese.

A-5. Adding Tools to The Toolbox, Traumas Informed Practices and Training for Foster Parents. Through the support of funding from Resilient Georgia, whose mission is to develop a trauma informed public and private network, working towards creating a more integrated behavioral health system, Vashti has been able to provide professional learning and training opportunities to youth serving organizations as well as foster parents. Our workshop will discuss briefly (ACE's) Adverse Childhood Experience, the importance of trauma informed care and practices, the training avail to foster parents through our professional learning program, and we will also share data from program participants. Presenters: Elijah Miranda and Alex English.

A-6. The Difference Between You and I, How Youth in Foster Care Translate Your Communication and Love Language: This workshop is a trauma Informed presentation focusing on the barriers as well as communication alternatives and reciprocation from caregivers to foster youth. The Presenter will go over Love Language translation after Trauma, 2. Treatment Team communication with youth Centered Communication, 3, Not About Me without me Policy and four. Care centered verbiage. Presenter: Whitney Lam Gilliard

A-7. Let's Talk Adoption: Whether you are a prospective adoptive parent, a resource parent, or a partnership parent, you want to attend this workshop if you have children placed in your home who cannot return to their parents. Participants attending this workshop will gain knowledge of the requirements and the process to adopt children from Georgia's child welfare system. The primary focus will be on laws governing adoption policy in Georgia and Georgia's best practice supported by adoption policy. Presenter: Karla Wells.

A-8. Post Adoption Services Through Adoption Assistance/ SMI- WHERE'S MY CHECK: Georgia's Department of Family and Children Services looks to provide quality supportive services to adoptive families from the time a child is first placed in the home until the child becomes an adult. These services range from referrals for preventive therapeutic resources to crisis intervention services. This workshop will provide an overview of adoption assistance benefits and describe efforts to improve awareness and access to post adoption services. SMI (System Methods Inc) staff will discuss how foster parents and adoptive parents can look up information regarding their payment using "WHERE" IS MY CHECK." Presenters: Evangel Wicks, Leah Waters-Jamison, Angel Whitman, Becky Jones, and Jennifer Dukes

A-9. Teenagers in 2022: Creating a Positive Foster Experience to Teens and Families: This presentation will tackle misconceptions and assumptions about teenagers needing care through the foster and congregate care system in Georgia. Often overlooked and forgotten investing in teenagers and supporting them through foster congregate care can be a valuable and impactful experience that can change the lives of young people. While the adolescent period may be perceived as challenging, these young people have great dreams and plans. With the right care and training foster families and congregate care facilities can form meaningful relationships to support teens to achieve greatness. Presenter: Julie Wade

Workshop Description Session B
Friday February 25,2022
3:15p.m.- 4:45p.m.

B-1. The Transracial Family- "WHAT IS WRONG WITH BEING COLORBLIND"? This workshop will take the audience through my own journey of understanding how my good intentions and belief in colorblindness were not providing my son with the support and love they needed. This presentation will be a judgement free opportunity for foster parent of a difference color to reflect and examine their own perspective while also receiving practical next steps for education, cultural awareness, and resources to better support their children of color. WHAT IS WRONG WITH BEING COLORBLINB. Presenter: Kate Blair

B-2. To Adoption and Beyond: This workshop will explore the juvenile court process from the time a child is taken into care through the adoption stage and learn about Superior Court and how that differs from Juvenile Court. This session will answer questions such as: What are my rights in the Juvenile Court process? How do I effectively advocate for my family and my foster child? Will I be able to adopt my foster child? How long does all this take.? What happens after termination of parental rights? How does the adoption process work? What if I have struggles post adoption? This workshop will provide attendees with an overview of both Juvenile and

Superior Court (Foster Care and Adoption) and will also introduce some helpful post-adoptive resource.
Presenter: Julie Wilkes Wisotsky

B-3. Connect Now: Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Awareness and Prevention: Participants will be able to describe what Adverse Childhood Experience are. Participants will discover ways to help prevent or mitigate childhood trauma, also they will learn about opportunities to become involved in child abuse prevention, education in their communities. Every day connections are more important than we ever believed. Science tells us that relationships have the power to shape our brains. Relationships helps us learn better, work better, parent better. When we experience tough times. They help us heal. With each connection, we develop a healthier stronger community. This presentation will provide an overview of the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs) study including a review of the Georgia data. Participants will learn about Connections Matter. Georgia an in - depth training to engage community members in building caring connections to improve resiliency, prevent childhood trauma, and understand how our interaction can support those who have experience trauma.
Presenters: Tiffany Sawyer and Deborah Choosewood.

B-4. IT TAKES TWO TO MAKE A THING GO RIGHT/ COLLABRATION WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL: Are you eager to go beyond participating in your child's education to engaging in your child's education? If so, then this workshop is for you! Learning strategies to engage positively with your child's school administrative team and special education teacher is exciting and has proven to increase the success of the child, specifically, a child with disability. Come and join me in learning best practice behaviors and academic strategies to help your child achieve success in school and home. We all know IT TAKES TWO TO MAKE A THING GO RIGHT! Presenter:
Kimberly Gore- Mobley

B-5. Bikers Against Child Abuse/ BACA: BACA exist with the intent to create a safe environment for abused children. We exist as a body of bikers. We empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. All attendees will learn how to empower the children in their home, and to keep them safe and from being afraid. Presenters: Bras Hayes, Betty Herring and Stephen Tiller

B-6. The Effects of Domestic Violence Have on Children: This presentation focuses on the effect of domestic violence on children and youth. The information is provided on development issues, emotional reactions and behaviors, and ways to help children with their feelings. This presentation is ideal for providers that work with children such as Foster Parents, childcare center, school personnel, afterschool programs, guidance counselors and social service providers. Presenters Daisy Hernandez and Jessica Scott

B-7. Birth and Foster Parent Partnership: Building a Positive Relationship. Hear from a representative from the birth and foster parent partnership (BFPP) who will share their experience in building and supporting meaningful partnership. We will discuss how children and youth are more likely to thrive when the important adults in their lives work together and sharer responsibilities and decision-making. Learn about the BFPP tools developed by parents and partners of the BFPP. Together let's build partnership that last. Presenter: S. Collen Puckett

B-8. Georgia Foster Parent Bill of Rights: The presenter will go into full detail of the Georgia Foster Parent Bill of Right including why there is a Bill of Rights for Foster Parent. Participants will learn what is grieve-able and what is not grieve-able, how to file a grievance, time limits for a respond at all levels. You do not have to be under an allegation to file a grievance. When to contact a AFPAG advocate. Presenters: Angela Whidby

B-9. TBRI With Teens: Caregivers will be coached in ways that TBRI is used most effectively with teens. Video examples and interactive case studies will be used to promote discussion and help caregivers understand the

applicability of TBRI strategies for youth and adults and adaptation that will help them in connecting more effectively with that population. Presenters: Allyson Christianson and Mary Margaret Mauser

Workshop Description C
Saturday February 26, 2022
9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

C-1. Skin and Hair Care for Infants to Adolescents: Understanding how to properly care for a child's hair and skin can create a positive self-image in children and youth. In this workshop, participants will learn basic hair care, hair cleansing regimen and styling techniques. This workshop will debunk common skin and hair care myths, provide a cross diagram of hair textures in relation to ethnicity, help caregivers create positive skin and hair care experiences for the child, and increase product knowledge. Presenter: Kimberly Cutter-Williams

C-2. NEUROFEEDBACK: EVIDENCE BASED TREATMENT FOR MANY ISSUES, AND PROBLEM AREAS INCLUDING, POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER, DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, OCVD, PAIN ATTACHS, AUTISM AND OPPOSITIONAL DEFIANT DISORDER. This presentation will discuss research studies about the use of Neurofeedback with the above referenced problem areas, also, case study data will be presented looking pre-test data before the start of Neurofeedback and post-test data following neurofeedback treatment. Presenters: Drs. Sarah and Jack Farrar

C-3. Adoption Assistance and Post Adoption Services in Georgia / SMI WHERE IS MY CHECK? Georgia's Department of Family and Children Services seeks to provide quality supportive services to adoptive and foster families from the time a child is first placed in the home until the child becomes an adult these services range from referrals for Preventive Therapeutic Resources to Crisis Intervention Services. This workshop will provide an overview of adoption assistance benefits and describe efforts to improve awareness and access to Post Adoption Services SMI System and Methods, Inc. staff will discuss how foster parents and adoptive parents can look up information about payment using where is my check. Presenters: Evangel Wicks, Leah Jamison, Angel Wittman, Becky Jones, and Jennifer Duke

C-4 Interstate Compact on The Placement of Children (ICPC). ICPC and Caregivers. The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) governs the process for placing children across state lines to ensure children receive the same protection and services that would be provided if they remained in their home state. ICPC applies when a placement for a child is identified in another state and pertains to adoptions, licensed, or approved foster homes, parents, and relatives when the parent or relative does not have legal authority to place the child, and group homes/residential placement Presenter Niesha Robinson

C-5. Helping Parents PARENT. This workshop will focus on three concepts are they are, Parenting- what does it need from me? Children / Teens need parents- WHO-THAT -Will and Developing Resilience that is strong will help: PARENTS to.... and CHILDREN to....., Presenter: Brenda Gillespie

C-6. Understanding Amerigroup 360: This workshop will provide participants with information and tools needed to secure health care services for children placed in their care. The Department of Community Health (DCH) showed a need for enhanced care coordination and service integration for children in foster care and receiving adoption assistance, and youth in DJJ custody who live in community residential facilities. This interactive workshop will discuss and provide information on the recent changes to health care services as well as information on improving the health and well-being of children/youth. Presenter: Ronald Dunham

C-7. The Brown's Trip During Covid-19: TRIP TO HOLLAND BY EMILY PEARL KINGSLEY. Emily Perl Kingsley's analogy of "WELCOME TO HOLLAND" will show how a perfect plan to parent can end up taking a detour and can become an incredibly challenging trip. But it is not the end or is it the only trip you can take, so buckle up and let us be RESILIENT so we can Parent with Love. True Story.... Presenter: Debra Suzette Brown

C-8. Navigating Adoption Search and Reunion Through the Georgia Adoption Reunion Registry. As you and your family think about the complex dynamics of search and reunion, it can seem overwhelming and scary. However, knowing there is a program with subjects' matter experts to support you throughout this journey can provide you with the confidence and resilience needed to engage in a healthy re-connection Presenter: Stacy Meadows

C-9 Advocating for Children in Foster Care. This session will explore how caregivers and CASA volunteers can unite around shared goals of looking to improve a child experience in foster care and to ensure his or her well-being. Discussions will center around maintaining familial connections through birth parent. partnership and engagement, ensuring educational stability and advocating for and ensuring age, cultural. And developmentally proper treatment services and supports. Presenters ANGELA TYNER and LORI PUPP

Workshop Description D
Saturday February 26, 2022
1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

D-1 Choosing Happiness Following Hurt. The goal of this workshop is to help participants unpack residual effects from earlier trauma experiences and learn how to process through the associated emotions and move toward happiness, fulfillment, and positive relationships and/or to help those we love to do the same. Participants will Define trauma, explore some of the immediate and long-term effects of trauma, develop an understanding of the emotions tied to those effect, Understand the benefits of forgiveness, and learn practical ways to effectively manage our emotions instead of simply coping. Presenter Souraya Christine Ballew

D-2. Partnering with Parents to Support Reunification. In this session participants will learn the significant role foster parents play in supporting birth parents and their reunification efforts. We will also discuss supporting foster parents through the challenges, complex dynamics, and grief and loss they will encounter through this work. Presenter: Samantha Walker

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D-7. The Effects of Childhood Trauma: Trauma on The Brain and How It Causes Server Emotional PSYCHOLOGICAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND THE USE OF NEUROFEEDBACKTP ADDRESS THESE PROBLEM. When a child is traumatized, their brain often becomes dysregulated resulting in many individuals not having the capability to self-regulate and thus are stuck in a severely damaged state. It can be easier for some to forget certain memories because they are unbearable painful. The repassed memories expose themselves in different form such as oppositional defiance like- action or depressed like- state but there is hope. There is a non- medicinal form of treatment for child or individual experiencing unpleasant psychological symptoms- neurofeedback pairs behaviors. Most children enjoy neurofeedback treatment because it does not at once require talking or investigating past experiences such as repressed memories. Presenter Jack and Sarah Farrar.

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