



# Notable News

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An exclusive publication for  
Mahoning County Foster Caregivers

### OUR MISSION

“Mahoning County Children Services,  
in partnership with the community, is  
committed to being the leader in protecting  
children while helping to preserve families”



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## From the desk of the President

I'm hoping that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's and that you've been able to stay warm. This weather has been crazy cold. Brrrr!

As the new year begins, we reflect on our past and look forward to a hopeful 2018. Please remember to keep all the children in your thoughts. I am wishing that 2018 is their best year yet!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new foster parents/caregivers. You have taken a leap of faith with unconditional love, rough days, and tender moments. It may be the most rewarding journey you may take in life. *Thank you* for making this leap with us!

Please know that our FPA is here to help you with any questions or concerns you may have. Do not hesitate to reach out at anytime. I encourage you to *attend our meetings* where you can network with other foster caregivers. We are a great resource for each other!

I would like everyone to start thinking about our Annual Golf Outing fundraiser which is in June. At our next monthly meeting, we will begin organizing and planning the event. Please bring your ideas!

The next FPA meeting date and time will be in February newsletter and I will also send an email reminder. If we do not have your email address please let me know.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Stay warm and thank you for all you do

*Tammy Parteleno*

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### FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### Get Involved!

The Foster Parent Association of Mahoning County needs officers! Please Contact Tammy Parteleno, 239-682-2534, if you are interested in any of the following positions.

**Vice President**

**Treasurer**

**Secretary**

# Mahoning County Waiting Children Seek Families

## Introducing... Tshombe and Devanere

These two cuties are full of energy and their smiles will brighten up anyone’s day. Tshombe is 5 years old. He loves school and is doing well in his Kindergarten class. He loves attention and interacting with his peers. Devanere is 4 years old and enjoys staying active and busy. He thinks he is the boss and catches on to things quickly. They are bonded to one another as well as their foster parent. These children would thrive in a home with structure and lots of activities to keep them busy. Tshombe and Devanere are part of a sibling group and there are two other older siblings (Ja’tay, 15 and Chant’e, 16) available. We would like the children to stay together if possible but, do not want to prolong their permanency.



Devanere and Tshombe

To learn more about Tshombe and Devanere contact Mahoning County Children Services:

**Sarah Pinciario, Caseworker**

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[Sarah.Pinciario@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Sarah.Pinciario@jfs.ohio.gov)

To Meet More Waiting Children Available for Adoption, visit our website:

[mahoningkids.com](http://mahoningkids.com)

### AGENCY NEWS

#### Board Bills

Board Bills are due the 7th of every month. Remember these can be done electronically. Please email Kathy Thomas: [Kathy.Thomas@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Kathy.Thomas@jfs.ohio.gov) if you haven’t already gotten set up!

#### Change in Mileage Reimbursement

The Internal Revenue Services has **increased** mileage reimbursement from 53.5 cents per mile to **54.5 cents per mile** starting January 1st. Please adjust your mileage reimbursement forms accordingly.

#### Emergency List

We are in desperate need of Emergency Homes for children ages 0 to 18! Please consider being on the Emergency List! For more information contact Theresa Pancoe at (330) 941-8888 or [Theresa.Pancoe@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Theresa.Pancoe@jfs.ohio.gov).

RULE REVIEWS

ORC 5103.0326 Non-renewals of Foster Care License

Please Note that Mahoning County Children Services may choose to recommend that ODJFS not renew a foster home certificate if the foster family has refused to accept a placement during the current certification period. ODJFS may also revoke a certification of the foster caregiver if they have not provided placement for a child during the preceding 12 month period.

5101:2-42-67 Preparation of lifebook.

**\*\* See attachment of chapter 7 from your foster parent manual for *required* Lifebook information. Foster parents are required to maintain updated lifebooks throughout a child’s time in fostercare.**

- (A) When a child remains in substitute care for longer than six months, the public children services agency (PCSA) or private child placing agency (PCPA) shall begin to prepare a lifebook . The lifebook shall be updated every six months so long as the child remains in substitute care and shall include, but not limited to, the following information:
- (B) The PCSA or PCPA may prepare a lifebook for a child sooner than six months after the child's placement.
- (C) The PCSA or PCPA shall ensure that the lifebook is shared with the child during the placement, as appropriate to the child's age and understanding, and the lifebook should accompany the child when a placement move occurs and when the child is leaving substitute care .
- (D) The PCSA or PCPA shall not place identifying information, as defined in rule [5101:2-1-01](#) of the Administrative Code, in the lifebook. The child may add identifying information to the lifebook.
- (E) If a child in the permanent custody of a PCSA or PCPA is placed for adoption, the lifebook shall be given to the child and a copy shall be maintained in the child's record.

CPR / FIRST AID TRAINING

CPR/FIRST AID Requirement

Remember to register for adult/infant/child CPR and First Aid once every recertification period.  
This is a COA requirement for your foster care license.

The necessary classes required for your foster care license are offered at Thomas Trainers. You may access these classes online at <http://thomastrainers.com/OurSchedule.html> or contact your licensing worker for more information.

JANUARY 2018				
Wednesday Jan 10, 2018	5:00 PM	First Aid	Auditorium	
Wednesday Jan 10, 2018	5:30 PM	CPR / AED	Room 220A	
Saturday Jan 13, 2018	9:00 AM	Child Abuse Prevention	Auditorium	3 hour & 6 hour certifications
Saturday Jan 13, 2018	11:30 AM	CPR / AED	Room 220A	
Wednesday Jan 17, 2018	5:00 PM	BLS Provider CPR	Room 220A	
Saturday Jan 20, 2018	9:00 AM	Communicable Diseases	Auditorium	3 hour & 6 hour certifications
Saturday Jan 20, 2018	11:30 AM	CPR / AED	Room 220A	
Saturday Jan 27, 2018	9:00 AM	CPR / AED	Auditorium	
Saturday Jan 27, 2018	12:00 PM	First Aid	Auditorium	

## SHOUT OUTS

Thanks to Vicky Palmer for the GENEROUS donation of Avon Lions for the children in our foster care! It is GREATLY appreciated by all.

Thanks to everyone who helped our children transition to their parents, relatives, or to their forever homes in 20176. Let’s keep up the good work in 2018!

Thank you Mary Noble for coming out during the holidays in 0 degree weather to the hospital for a potential placement. You are AMAZING!

## FOSTERPARENTCOLLEGE.COM

Online foster parent training for foster, adoptive and kinship parents. These interactive courses provide valuable information, insights and advice from experts on dealing with serious child behavior problems such as eating disorders, fire setting, lying, etc.

Trainings are self directed and are completed online by the foster parent. Courses are about 45-60 minutes if you are using high speed internet, followed by an interactive question and answer section. Many courses include supplemental reading materials as “handouts”. When you finish viewing the course and answering the review questions, you will receive a Certificate of Completion, which the foster parent can print out or forward to their agency foster care coordinator. Discussion boards are also available for any course, to share experiences and thoughts with others.

Each Foster Parent College course is good for two (2) training hours. Foster parents can have up to 12 hours (or 6 Foster Parent College courses) "out-of-classroom" training each re-certification period.

Foster parents need to register through the NEORTC Foster Parent Training Program. **To register, please contact Vickie Webb at 330-379-1935 or email at [webbv@summitkids.org](mailto:webbv@summitkids.org) to register.** Foster parents need to give their name, the county they are from and an email address. Each foster parent must have their own individual email address. After registration, foster parents will receive a welcome email message from Foster Parent College with a password and information on how to access Foster Parent College.

**THIS TRAINING IS FREE OF CHARGE TO FOSTER PARENTS.**

Foster Parent College course topics include: Anger Pie, Children with Autism, Childhood Anxiety Disorders, ADHD, Self Harm, Stealing, Running Away, Wetting or Soiling, Sexualized Behavior, Sleep Problems, Lying, Fire Setting, Anger Outbursts, Eating Disorders, Grief and Loss, Positive Parenting, House Safety, Working with Schools, Kinship Care, Working with Birth Parents.

## TRAINING REMINDER

**Please make sure that when you attend a training to sign in and name the agency/county where you are from, otherwise, you may not get credit**

***REMINDER PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO TRAININGS***

You can earn up to 3 credit hours for reading a book; however; you must contact your licensing worker for a book review outline that is required for training credit. You can also earn 3 training hours by watching *Despicable Me*, *Juno*, *Like Dandelion Dust* or *Meet the Robinsons* and completing the movie guide. You can contact your licensing worker about getting the movie guide. Movies can be rented from your local video store, Redbox, Netflix or your local library.

**SIPS** ask your licensing worker for SIPS.

These are supplements to help with completion of a minimal amount of training hours. Each SIPS can only be completed once.

Online addresses: [www.fosterparentcollege.com](http://www.fosterparentcollege.com), [www.fosterparent.com](http://www.fosterparent.com) and [www.fosterclub.com](http://www.fosterclub.com).

Webinars are also a great way to get your hours. Akron Children’s Hospital offers many informative webinars regarding children’s health issues. Please note that you can earn up to 12 hours in a 2 year time frame by reading a book, watching a movie, doing SIPS, or going online.

# Trainings

Please remember that your 40 hours of ongoing training is due *no later than 30 days* prior to your license expiration date.

<b>MAHONING COUNTY</b>  All trainings will be held at the Mahoning County Children Services’ building at 222 W. Federal St., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Youngstown, OH 44503. You can register through E-track at <a href="https://e-track.teds.com/Everyone/TEDSEveryOne.jsp">https://e-track.teds.com/Everyone/TEDSEveryOne.jsp</a> or by calling your licensing worker. To show our appreciation, light snacks and beverages will be provided from the agency at our trainings.			
<b>Monday, January 22, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	924-29 When Love is Not Enough— Session 2: Building Brains <b>No Prerequisite Required.</b> Presented by: Kathleen Terry	<b>Wednesday, January 31, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	925-13 Bleeding Heart of Purple Heart: Parenting Today’s Troubled Youth Presented by: Brian Lowery
<b>Monday, February 5, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	991-30 Understanding Trauma and Trauma Bonding When Caring for Victims of Human Trafficking Presented by: Tanisha Knighton	<b>Wednesday, February 28, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	941-11 Hard Target: Keeping Them Safe in Cyberspace Presented by: Anthony President
<b>Wednesday, March 14, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	924-30 When Love is Not Enough— Session 3: Headed for Healing <b>No Prerequisite Required.</b> Presented by: Kathleen Terry	<b>Monday, March 19, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	925-135 Helping Foster Parents Avoid Common Parenting Traps: Steering Clear of the Quicksand Presented by: John Ward
<b>Wednesday, April 4, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	941-22 Helping Children with Peer Pressure Presented by: Susan Tucker	<b>Wednesday, April 18, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	941-28 Independent Living Issues for Caregivers Presented by: Bert Nero
<b>Wednesday, April 25, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	988-37 Understanding Birth Parent Addiction and the Impact on the Children in Your Home Presented by: China Darrington		

<b>TRUMBULL COUNTY</b>  All trainings will be held at 2282 Reeves Rd., N.E., Warren, OH 44481. You can register through E-Track at <a href="https://e-track.teds.com/Everyone/TEDSEveryOne.jsp">https://e-track.teds.com/Everyone/TEDSEveryOne.jsp</a> or contact your licensing worker.			
<b>Thursday, January 4, 2018</b> <b>6:00-9:00 PM</b>	995-5 Psychotropic Medication— Questions to Ask: The Who, What, How, When and Why of Kids on Meds Presented by: Stacy Simera	<b>Saturday, January 6, 2018</b> <b>9:00AM –4:00 PM</b>	952-5 Preventing Foster Care and Adoption Disruptions Presented by: Jim Still-Pepper
<b>Monday, January 22, 2018</b> <b>6:00-9:00 PM</b>	945-3 Relax! It’s Only a Crisis Presented by: David Zidar	<b>Wednesday, February 7, 2018</b> <b>6:00-9:00 PM</b>	947-4 Effectively Dealing with Children’s Issues in Visitation Presented by: Susan Tucker
<b>Wednesday, February 14, 2018</b> <b>6:00-9:00 PM</b>	988-7 Don’t Talk.. Don’t Trust.. Don’t Feel: Growing Up with an Addicted Parent Presented by: Brian Lowery	<b>Saturday, February 24, 2018</b> <b>9:00AM-12:00 PM</b>	923-FF5A-S Healthy Sexual Development of Children and Teens Presented by: Patricia Martinek
<b>Saturday, February 24, 2018</b> <b>1:00-4:00 PM</b>	923-FF6A-S Role of the Caregivers in the Healthy Sexual Development of Children and Teens Presented by: Patricia Martinek	<b>Wednesday, March 7, 2018</b> <b>6:00-9:00 PM</b>	989-65 Understanding and Managing the Stress of Caregiving Presented by: Karen Vadino
<b>Thursday, March 22, 2018</b> <b>6:00-9:00 PM</b>	980-5 Power Negotiation Presented by: Anthony President	<b>Saturday, March 24, 2018</b> <b>9:00AM –4:00 PM</b>	927-FF11-S Cultural Issues in Foster Care: Dealing with the Dynamics of Difference Presented by: CeCe Norwood

<div>SUMMIT COUNTY</div> <div>All trainings will be held at the Education Center at 264 S. Arlington St., Akron, OH 44306. You can register through E-track at <a href="https://e-track.teds.com/EveryOne/TEDSEveryOne.jsp">https://e-track.teds.com/EveryOne/TEDSEveryOne.jsp</a> or by calling your licensing worker.</div>			
<b>Monday, January 8, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	925-141 Crisis Intervention for Children and Adolescents Presented by: Karla McDay	<b>Thursday, January 18, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	948-9 Wounded Child, Healing Home: The Impact of Parenting Traumatized Children on the Adoptive or Foster Family Presented by: Ann Bagley
<b>Saturday, January 20, 2018</b> <b>9:00 AM —4:00 PM</b>	995-10 How Can a Superhero Help Me? Ways Superhero Play Can Help Abused and Neglected Children Presented by: Linda Davis	<b>Saturday, January 27, 2018</b> <b>9:00 AM —4:00 PM</b>	946-5 Pediatric HeartSaver First Aid—American Heart Association Presented by: Ronna Johnson <b>Limited to 9 Parents</b>
<b>Saturday, February 3, 2018</b> <b>9:00 AM —4:00 PM</b>	925-FF8-S Discipline in Foster Care: Managing Our Behavior to Manage Theirs Presented by: David Zidar	<b>Saturday, February 10, 2018</b> <b>9:00 AM —4:00 PM</b>	946-5 Pediatric HeartSaver First Aid—American Heart Association Presented by: Ronna Johnson
<b>Thursday, February 15, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	925-130 Maximizing Honesty and Honest Behaviors in Foster Children Presented by: Brian Lowery	<b>Thursday, February 22, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	943-28 Human Trafficking Basics for Caregivers Presented by: Tanisha Knighton
<b>Saturday, March 3, 2018</b> <b>9:00 AM —4:00 PM</b>	941-FF14-S Fostering Self-Reliance in Children and Youth: Roots and Wings Presented by: Amanda Davis	<b>Monday, March 5, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b> <b>AND</b> <b>Wednesday, March 7, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	946-5 Pediatric HeartSaver First Aid—American Heart Association Presented by: Ronna Johnson <b>Must Attend Both Sessions</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 21, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	941-45 Transitioning Your Foster Child into Adulthood: What Do I Do Now? Presented by: Jackie Johnson	<b>Thursday, March 22, 2018</b> <b>9:00AM —12:00 PM</b>	201-84 Building Relationships Between Caseworkers and foster Caregivers JOINT: FP/Staff Training Presented by: Val Larkin
<b>Friday, March 30, 2018</b> <b>9:00AM —4:00 PM</b>	952-18 Preventing Foster and Adoption Care Disruptions JOINT: FP/Staff Training Presented by: Jim Still-Pepper		

<div>COLUMBIANA COUNTY</div> <div>Trainings are held at Southwoods Executive Centre, 100 DeBartolo Place, Suite 220A, Boardman, OH 44512.</div>			
<b>Thursday, January 4, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	925-62 Beauty and the Beast: Providing Trauma—Sensitive Care to a Child Presented by: Kathleen Terry	<b>Thursday, January 18, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	946-6 Demystifying Diabetes: Focus on Caregiver Skills and Knowledge Presented by: Ronna Johnson
<b>Tuesday, February 6, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	988-37 Understanding Birth Parent Addiction and the Impact on the Children in Your Home Presented by: China Darrington	<b>Tuesday, February 13, 2018</b> <b>6:00—9:00 PM</b>	925-141 Crisis Intervention for Children and Adolescents Presented by: Karla McDay



# EVENTS

<b>April</b>	<b><i>National Child Abuse and Neglect Month</i></b> <b>Pinwheels for Prevention Community Event</b> <b>Above the Rim Charity Basketball Event</b>
<b>May</b>	<b><i>National Foster Care Awareness Month</i></b>
<b>June</b>	<b><i>High School Graduation Party</i></b> for agency involved youth who are graduating  <b><i>Mahoning County Foster Parent Association</i></b> Annual Golf Scramble Event
<b>August</b>	<b>Canfield Fair</b> our biggest Community Outreach Event. Aug 30-Labor Day
<b>October</b>	<b><i>Halloween Trick &amp; Treats</i></b> at the Agency with Eagle’s Christian Preschool
<b>November</b>	<b><i>National Adoption Awareness Month</i></b> “Adoption Day Celebration Event”
<b>December</b>	<b><i>Gifts For Kids Holiday Campaign</i></b>  Ensures all children on our caseloads receive a Christmas gift.

\* Stay Tuned for Dates/Times/Locations \*

Event Questions? Contact:

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