Relatives and friends are the most natural resources there are to help and support bioparents and children in need of out-of-home care. DHHS finds and contacts relatives and other people with close connections to the family when a child enters state custody. These caregivers need to meet the educational. emotional, behavioral and developmental needs of the children and youth that come into their home.



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THE KINSHIP CONNECTION TRAINING

Designed specifically for kinship and relative foster parents!

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Presented by the Nebraska Foster & Adoptive Parent Association

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: THESE INFORMATIONAL CLASSES ARE FOR RELATIVE & KINSHIP FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT TAKEN PRE-SERVICE CLASSES TO BE LICENSED FOSTER PARENTS.

"The Kinship Connection" is an exciting new venture with the Department of Health and Human Services. NFAPA is pleased to present a training specific to relative and kinship families within the state child welfare system.

This FREE training is customized to help support kinship or relative foster parents with the challenges that come along with caring for the children in their homes and supporting the families and children as they maneuver the child welfare system.



Grandparents and other relatives caring for children have unique needs. Traditional training may not be effective, as these

individuals may already have experience in raising children. However, kinship caregivers can benefit from information on the child welfare system, and the financial and legal, and other supportive services available to them. A resource guide is provided covering topics such as, legal and policy issues, changes in family dynamics, and navigating the child welfare system.

Additional training topics include, Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS), Trauma and Attachment, Behavior Management, Loss and Grief, Crossing the Thin Line as a Relative, as well as Respite Care. We touch base on areas such as FASD, RAD and Trauma and the Brain.

This free training is a one time, 6 hour class that includes a resource guide. Registration is required!



Parenting Across Color Lines (PACL) is a monthly support group where we can share our ideas and increase awareness of racial identity. We have open discussions, explore differences, share our experiences and feelings and strengthen racial identity in our transracial families. Please call the office if interested.

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Monday, February 18, 2019 from 9 am – 4 pm

Visit our website to view our schedule of classes, access our past newsletters, and even register for a class! www.nfapa.org

Do you have questions?

Contact one of our Resource Family Consultants (RFC). RFCs work with foster parents as they navigate the child welfare system. The RFC Program specializes in one-on-one relationships, which provide foster parents emotional encouragement, skill reinforcement and parenting strategies. unique to providing out-of-home care.

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