

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

July – September 2025

The TFI Family Services Training Department is pleased to present a quarterly list of exciting and informative trainings. Please share the list with any current or potential foster or adoptive parents, relative or kinship providers, or child welfare professionals who may be interested in attending.

All trainings are virtual unless otherwise specified in the training description.

Training Enrollment

Kansas

TFI/MNS staff members should enroll through the agency learning management system, as well as through the Kansas Children's Alliance site. Foster/adoptive parents, relative/kinship providers, and other child welfare professionals should enroll through the Kansas Children's Alliance website at learn.childdaily.org/account/login. A free account is required to enroll. If you do not have an account, please select the "Create Account" option on their training page. When prompted for a code, please use **LEARN**. You will receive an automated e-mail confirming your enrollment, as well as the link and additional information for the training(s) you have selected.

Other States

TFI/MNS staff members should enroll through the agency learning management system. Foster/adoptive parents, relative/kinship providers, and other child welfare professionals located outside of Kansas should enroll through EventBrite at <https://mnstraining.eventbrite.com>. Once you have selected the class(es) you want, enter **TFI** as the promotional code at checkout. You will receive an automated e-mail confirming your enrollment. A separate e-mail will be sent from the trainer with your login information approximately 24 hours prior to the start time.

****Per Children's Alliance: Cameras are required to be on during all virtual trainings.****

If you do not receive the link to your class by the morning of the training, or you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail our Training Department at KSPTStaff@tfifamily.org.

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LIVE WEBINAR TRAININGS

ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

Participants will learn about the ACE study and the examined long-term impacts of various childhood traumatic experiences. This study found long term mental and physical consequences related to 2 or more adverse experiences. They will also learn how to help children navigate trauma in a proactive and healing way.

- September 4, 2025 6:00pm-7:30pm Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13365

Attachment, Separation, Grief, and Loss

This training will identify the challenges of facing attachment, separation, grief, and loss due to the transitional nature of caring for foster children; examine the different attachment styles; assist foster parents in cultivating their abilities to be thoughtful and responsive to their foster child's needs; and identify coping skills and strategies for foster parents and children as they progress toward the formation of more healthy and secure attachments. Participants will also explore the 5 stages of grief, with examples of how they may be expressed in the foster care system; will gain knowledge in preventative measures; and will identify coping skills and resilience factors to manage grief and loss.

- July 15, 2025 6:00pm-7:30pm Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13291
- August 15, 2025 12:00pm-1:30pm Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13335
- September 16, 2025 11:00am-12:30pm Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13378

Caring For Teens

This training will help participants understand teenagers experiences and needs and how to respond with practical strategies that foster healthy development. These strategies include approaches that acknowledge trauma and loss, support effective communication, promote a teen's independence, and address behavior and mental health concerns. Participants will also learn six key steps to prepare for taking in teenagers.

- August 9, 2025 10:00am-11:00am Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13328
- September 17, 2025 6:00pm-7:00pm Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13380

Food Insecurities In Children

Participants will learn to define food insecurity, identify food insecurity behaviors in children, learn contributing factors that lead to food insecurity, and learn interventions and strategies to reduce food insecurity behaviors.

- September 16, 2025 2:00pm-3:00pm Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13379

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Identifying Learning Strengths In Children

Participants will understand the 3 main types of learning styles (visual, auditory, and kinesthetic), and acquire strategies to use with each type of strength to make learning easier.

- August 7, 2025 11:00am-12:00pm Trainer: Renee Lilley CA # 13324

Improving Foster Placement Stability

Participants will be able to define disruption and learn factors that contribute to disruptions in foster care. Participants will gain an understanding in why disruptions occur and be able to recognize the stages of disruption. Finally, participants will learn ways to prevent disruptions and strategies to improve placement stability.

- July 12, 2025 10:00am-11:30am Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13287
- August 5, 2025 9:00am-10:30am Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13320

LGBTQ Youth In Care

Participants will have gain understanding into the importance of working effectively with LGBTQ youth and building knowledge in the basic facts about the LGBTQ youth and the issues they face. Participants will be able to identify best practices to utilize in congregate care and foster care to support LGBTQ youth.

- July 22, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13300
- September 6, 2025 10:00am-11:30am Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13366

Parenting Children With Special Needs

Gain an understanding of the most common types of special needs; physical, development, behavioral/emotional, and sensory impaired. Participants will understand the different approaches of being a parent with a special needs child. Discuss parenting styles to understand what the best style for a child.

- August 20, 2025 1:00pm-2:00pm Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen CA # 13344

Partnering For A Successful Court Process (KS only)

This training will teach foster parents what to expect during the court process while in foster care.

- September 18, 2025 11:30am-12:30pm Trainer: Renee Lilley CA # 13384

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Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

The focus of this training will cover the definitions and types of abuse and neglect. We'll review the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect as well as mandated reporting. This training includes protective factors to minimize risks and improve resilience in children.

- *September 2, 2025* *11:00am-1:00pm* *Trainer: Renee Lilley* *CA # 13361*

Runaway Behaviors

Learning Objectives: • Identify the occurrence of runaway behaviors • Learn about the risk factors and predictors of runaway behaviors • Gain understanding into why runaway behaviors are an option to at risk youth • Learn coping strategies that providers can teach youth as proactive measures to prevent runaway behaviors.

- *August 26, 2025* *9:00am-11:00am* *Trainer: Renee Lilley* *CA # 13354*

Safe Sleep For Caregivers (SIDS Prevention)

The goal of safe sleep training is to prepare parents, foster parents, and caregivers about safe infant sleep practices.

- *July 22, 2025* *1:00pm-2:00pm* *Trainer: Renee Lilley* *CA # 13301*

Self-Care For Foster Parents

The goal of this training is to provide foster parents with important information regarding the importance of self-care. The training will provide foster parents with information on the problems that can arise from not caring for themselves. Foster parents will be provided with definitions and signs and symptoms for the conditions of stress, burnout, and secondary traumatic stress. Foster parents will be able to understand the need to watch for signs within themselves and how to develop a stress management plan, as well as other ways to combat stress, burnout, and secondary traumatic stress.

- *July 24, 2025* *1:00pm-2:00pm* *Trainer: Renee Lilley* *CA # 13306*

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Substance Abuse In Adolescence

This training will provide participants with information about substance abuse with an emphasis on adolescent usage. Participants will be provided with the knowledge needed to understand substance abuse, recognize the signs of use, understand the addiction, treatment, and recovery process, and be provided useful tips for assisting adolescence in making healthy choices and working through substance abuse problems.

- *August 7, 2025* *1:00pm-2:30pm* *Trainer: Renee Lilley* *CA # 13325*

Substance Abuse In Adults

This training will provide participants with information about substance abuse. Participants will be provided with the knowledge needed to understand substance abuse, recognize the signs of use, understand the addiction, treatment and recovery process, and be provided useful tips for assisting in making healthy choices and working through substance abuse problems.

- *July 24, 2025* *1:00pm-2:30pm* *Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen* *CA # 13305*

Suicide Prevention and Intervention

This training will help participants distinguish between self-harming behaviors and suicide. Youth protective factors and risk factors will be examined, and discussion will focus on identifying and operationalizing prevention/intervention strategies for youth at risk.

- *August 21, 2025* *11:00am-12:00pm* *Trainer: Jocelyn Goerzen* *CA # 13347*

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TRAINER BIOGRAPHIES

Jocelyn Goerzen is a Training Specialist in Area 8 out of the Wellington, KS office for TFI Family Services. She has over two decades of experience in child welfare and mental health. Jocelyn has cultivated a deep commitment to fostering positive outcomes for children and families. Her professional journey in addition to her extensive experience as a foster parent for approximately 18 years includes various roles in a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP), spanning from working as a Mental Health Technician and advancing to supervisory positions and the Education and Independent Living Coordinator. She played a pivotal role in developing and implementing programs designed to support the educational and life skills needs of youth in care. Jocelyn's niche in Child Welfare is parenting teens that have lived in foster care and helping them adjust to post-adoption life. Jocelyn's career is distinguished by her hands-on experience and leadership in both direct care and program development, underscoring her expertise in the field of child welfare and her unwavering commitment to improving the lives of young people and their families.

Renee Lilly is a Training Specialist in Area 8 out of the Wichita, KS office for TFI Family Services. Renee holds a B.S. in Psychology with an emphasis in Child Development from Wichita State University. Renee has 15 years of expertise training in Child Welfare and Child Development. She has experience as a Foster Care worker and has worked in Parent Education, Kinship care, and Child Care Resource and Referral. She is also a certified MAPP/DT instructor and certified Safe Sleep instructor through the KIDS Network.