

Virtual Training

Below is a list of online training being offered by AFFM online. All training is free of charge. Please click the link after each training description to sign up. You will receive an email with login instructions using Zoom 1-2 days prior to the webinar.

For information on how to use Zoom:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/sections/201728913-Joining-Starting>

May 18, 2022 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Mandated Reporter Training

Presented by Hether Anderson AFFM Training Facilitator

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Register Here: <https://forms.gle/mc8QSZgZ8tiAp4Wd7>

May 24, 2022 12:30 PM-2:00 PM

Planning for Joining a Child to Your Family

Presented by Hether Anderson AFFM Training Facilitator

This training is designed to help support resource families in understanding the processes a child and family go through when a child joins a resource home. We will cover the commitments, needs and wishes for a child joining your family. This training will help guide families in working for a successful transition.

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/JRbTzSG1aLkBgpTd9>

June 3, 2022 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

In It For The Child

Presented by Hether Anderson, AFFM Training Facilitator

This training offers strategies for effective and objective communication and documentation to help establish an effective partnership with the child welfare system. You will learn the importance of documentation and good communication with strategies on how to work together for a successful and effective partnership with the child welfare system.

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/hQBIDDtAJysSVyno7>

June 7, 2022 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Building Healthy Relationships

Presented by Hether Anderson, AFFM Training Facilitator

This training focuses on supporting healthy development, conversations and relationships with young children to teenagers. During the 1 1/2 hour training participants will review the stages of typical child sexual development, identify red flags, and practice skills for starting conversations and answering difficult questions.

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/3tpNjwaJVihpHwgu5>

June 8, 2022 6:00-7:00 PM

There are No Strings on Me”: Building Bonds and Bridging Gaps for Healthy Attachments

Presented by Natali Plourde, LCSW

Natali Plourde, LCSW explores, through the life of Pinocchio, the trials and triumphs of severed attachment strings and remapped connections. Answers to questions like, what is attachment and what happens when attachment is interrupted, how do we know we need help, is there hope after you hear “attachment disorder” and how do I care for me while caring for them are the core elements of this engaging webinar. Whether the child in your care is yours for a season or a lifetime, whether it is you alone or an entire team, equip your child with the tools necessary to create and form healthy connections wherever their paths may take them.

RSVP Here: <https://forms.gle/QKwADLHgE165G2ba8>

June 16, 2022 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

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June 21, 2022 12:30 PM-2:00 PM

Parenting Life Skills

Presented by Hether Anderson, AFFM Training Facilitator

Participants will understand 12 key good parenting skills and how to implement them into real life situations. The information helps participants navigate the confusing and overwhelming abundance of parenting advice out there.

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June 28, 2022 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

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July 7, 2022 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Allegation Prevention

Presented by Hether Anderson, AFFM Training Facilitator

This training will assist families in asking "the right questions" prior to placement, provide helpful hints on what and when to document events, provide creative ways to prioritize and/or reduce conflicts between adults and children, provide a basic understanding of confidentiality rules, and the respecting and valuing of privacy. The training will also share the process of investigating an allegation in a foster home and what families can anticipate in terms of the process.

Register Here:

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July 12 & 14, 2022 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Positive Discipline - 4 hour workshop. Must attend both sessions.

Presented by Monica Bushey, Training Coordinator AFFM

The two most significant challenges children face are learning acceptable social behaviors and being able to control their own actions. And there lies the vital importance of taking time to teach and guide children in learning how to make effective choices and manage their own behavior over time. This can start as early as possible. This workshop will cover the definition of discipline along with the 7 principles of discipline which are introduced through group work and class discussion. These principles of discipline will give you tools to use at home.

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July 27, 2022 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Managing Confidentiality: The Why and How

Presented by Hether Anderson AFFM Training Facilitator

Who... What... When... Where... are very important questions to consider when you are a resource parent. How do you manage these questions while maintaining confidentiality as a caregiver? Understanding boundaries when it pertains to confidential information can be key to keeping children safe. This workshop will help to define those boundaries and work through them by discussing why confidentiality is important and how caregivers can work within the boundaries.

This workshop will:

- *Discuss federal and state Policy and the DHHS guidelines, also known as the "Little Red Book"
- *Work through different types of confidentiality in everyday lives
- *Cover the rights the foster children and biological parents have when it comes to confidentiality and 'their story'.
- *Address the DHHS social media policy and how to manage this.
- *Work through common questions around confidentiality.

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August 10, 2022 9:00 PM-10:30 PM

Understanding Boundaries as a Resource Parent

Presented by Hether Anderson, AFFM Training Facilitator

In this training, you will understand setting boundaries for healthy relationships. This training will answer some of the common issues and concerns when setting boundaries, and how to recognize when there is an issue with a boundary.

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August 17, 2022 7:00 PM 9:00 PM

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August 24, 2022 7:00 PM 8:30 PM

Understanding Safety and Awareness

Presented by Hether Anderson, AFFM Training Facilitator

Safety Training will start by providing participants with important reasons why safety is a subject that needs to be talked about, ending with ways to help reduce the risk of putting oneself in an unsafe situation. Participants will walk through safety planning in class as well as discuss tips to consider when providing supervised visits for children in and out of the home. General safety tips for everyday living are covered along with what to do if an incident or emergency occurs.

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September 13, 2022 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Understanding the Maine Child Protective Court System

Presented by Hether Anderson, AFFM Training Facilitator

After this training participants will have the basic understanding of the court process and terms. Participants will feel more comfortable navigating the court system with having this basic understanding of the process and terms used.

Register Here:

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September 20, 2022 7:00 PM 9:00 PM

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September 29 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Adoption & Foster Nutrition

Presented by Hether Anderson, AFFM Training Facilitator

This training is designed to help families, through discussion, understand common nutritional deficiencies, how a doctor might diagnose them, why some dietary restrictions are medically necessary, and how to help overcome basic feeding challenges.

Register Here:

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Foster Parent College

Are you looking to complete your relicensing hours on your own time? FosterParentCollege.com's self-paced training courses are available 24/7 with most courses including; informative handouts, interactive exercises, an interactive review questionnaire, and printable summary. Some of the courses available include Anger Outbursts, Child Abuse and Neglect, Foster Care to Adoption, Understanding Behavior, Kinship Care and SO many more!

If you are a current licensed resource home or kinship family Foster Parent College is free to use when you sign up through AFFM's account here:

<https://www.fosterparentcollege.com/comment/contact-affiliate.jsp?affId=1110&op=request>

Podcast training available anytime!

This link is to a podcast focused on how the older generations can facilitate and foster

relationships with younger generations (grandkids), especially in a post-retirement stage of life. If you would like a training certificate issued for this training, please email monica@affm with a brief summary of what you took away from this podcast. You can view/listen to the podcast at any of the below links.

Blog Post: <https://blog.guidancepointllc.com/19>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xqv7A21RgU>

Facebook Post: <https://www.facebook.com/theretirementsuccessinmainepodcast/>

ApplePodcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-retirement-success-in-maine-podcast/id1479140129>

Spotify: https://open.spotify.com/show/5vphBSQ5dCu0jPBuQ9rM63?si=zSKLNxd4SUa4etrKWfAZ_w

Beyond Consequences

TISConversations - Join Heather T. Forbes, LCSW for relevant trauma-informed conversations designed to support teachers, parents, and professionals. Deepen your understanding of how to solve challenging issues from a trauma-informed lens.

Podcast also available on Google Podcasts, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music and Spotify.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCojwEQSAIQnaX1KRSTlwOTw>