

10. REACTIONS TO SEXUAL ACTIONS

Children often tell us by their actions that something not okay has happened to them. This interactive workshop will address trauma and abuse and why children respond in the ways that they do. This workshop is designed to educate parents on sexual abuse and how it affects children and families. It will also equip the foster parent to handle the acting out and will address various forms of trauma and how children are affected socially, developmentally, and emotionally.

Gaye Allen-Cook, BC, MA, OMHP, LPC

11. EDUCATION AND HEALTH PASSPORT FOR CHILDREN IN CARE

This workshop will familiarize foster parents with the "NEW" South Carolina's Education and Health Passport, its benefits and its use. You will learn how the Passport fits into the comprehensive documentation accompanying a child through foster care. The South Carolina Department of Social Services' policy on the Passport will also be discussed.

Mary F. Landrum, LBSW

12. LIVING IN A BUBBLE...HOW THE INTERNET CAN DESTROY YOUR SENSE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

This presentation is designed to help foster and adoptive parents prepare and cope with children using the internet to disrupt the security of their homes. It will also address the internet being used to contact biological family members.

Tony Perdomo, MSW, LISW-CP, Straight Talk Counseling Services

13. STRATEGIES TO HELP CHILDREN DEAL WITH ANGER IN A HEALTHY WAY

There is a growing issue of anger management in this country. This session provides a basic understanding of anger and its nature. Participants will be provided activities to use in assisting young children how to understand anger and healthy strategies to manage their anger.

Lisa Fields, Trainer

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010 - 9:00 and 10:45

14. FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR THESE CHILDREN?

This workshop will explore the problems that may present in a child that is born to a woman that used alcohol during pregnancy. You will learn how to recognize problems, how to get a diagnosis, and then how to deal with that diagnosis.

Susie F. Peden, BSN, MHSA, Education Coordinator, Palmetto Health

15. MAKING THE MOST OUT OF VISITATION

Visitation can sometimes be a stressful issue for those involved because of many factors. This workshop will help foster parents understand the value of visitation by critically examining their role as well as addressing the importance of using a team approach in the visitation process.

Brenda Amadee, MSW, LMSW, Training and Development Director, College of Social Work, USC

16. AUNT KATE AND THE PEARLY GATES

We have our joys but we also have our losses. According to Aunt Kate, things are always ah-changing. Do we know how to creatively grieve that which we cannot change? What is the difference in ordinary sadness and profound grief? How do we know when we

are clinically depressed? How do we grow and get through any of it? You are invited to a lively workshop that will include pearls from Aunt Kate about grieving and growing.

Helen Pridgen, MSW, LMSW, State Coordinator/Supervisor, Chafee Independent Living Program, SCDSS

17. MEMORIES CAN BE OUR FUTURE OR OUR PAST

This workshop is designed to focus on the traumatic events in the lives of our children. These are manifested throughout their foster placement experience. Memories cannot be erased, but we can suggest skill techniques that help build good memories to take the place of bad memories. Memories of safety, trust and joy can support new memories for a lifetime and give our children something to hold on into adulthood.

Gloria E. Daniel, MSW, CAP Learning Associates, Lee B. Daniel, M.Ed. CAP Learning Associates

18. HELPING YOUTH STAY CONNECTED AFTER FOSTER CARE

Where do foster youth go and what do they do after they leave care? NYTD, a new federal effort to gather data from foster youth prior to and after they leave care, will help to answer these questions. In South Carolina, NYTD will be much more than just collecting data! It will offer an opportunity for youth to stay connected and learn about services that will help them in the adult world. Foster parents will also learn about a process for establishing permanent connections so that youth enter adulthood with support systems in place.

Toni Jones, MSW, Kaye Randall, MSW, LISW-CP, Cynthia Flynn, PhD, The Center for Child and Family Studies - USC

19. IT IS...WHAT IT IS

This workshop focuses on empowering foster parents to express the challenges they face while providing homes for children placed in foster care.

Jackie Gadsden, LBSW, MS, There's Room Incorporated

20. ENGAGING BIRTH PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN FOSTER CARE

Join us for a frank discussion on the challenges and successes of encouraging partnerships between birth parents and foster parents in the best interest of the child. Learn about the barriers and biases that often get in the way and practice skills for creating respectful partnerships.

Sharon Thomas, Trainer/Consultant

21. THE BOUNTY AROUND US: DEVELOPING AND USING LOCAL RESOURCES

You want your foster children to have what other children have, the opportunities that will help them become their best possible selves and prepare them for successful, happy lives. Sometimes the resources you need may be just around the corner. A panel of association presidents discusses how they develop and use resources in their own counties. Questions will be welcome, and we'll help you leave with at least one idea you can implement in your county.

Jean W. Ross, LISW-CP, SCFPA, Moderator, Patti Pitzer, President, York County Foster Parent Association; Rene Sharkey, President, Lexington County Foster Parent Association; Rosa Verner, SCFPA, Regional Representative

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Annual Training Conference

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TOGETHER



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April 23-24, 2010

Embassy Suites Hotel
Greenville, South Carolina

WORKSHOP SELECTION

Workshops 1 through 5 will be presented Friday, April 23, 2010. Please choose **ONE** workshop for the 9:00 a.m. session and **ONE** workshop for the 10:45 a.m. session.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Friday, 9:00 a.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____
Friday, 10:45 a.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____

Workshops 6 through 13 will be presented Friday, April 23, 2010. Please choose **ONE** workshop for the 2:00 p.m. session and **ONE** workshop for the 3:45 a.m. session.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Friday, 2:00 p.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____
Friday, 3:45 p.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____

Workshops 14 through 21 will be presented Saturday, April 24, 2010. Please choose **ONE** workshop for the 9:00 a.m. session and **ONE** workshop for the 10:45 a.m. session.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____
Saturday, 10:45 a.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____

Please mark your workshop selections above, tear off this registration form and return your registration fee of \$60.00 per person.

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and send to PO Box 39, Elgin, SC 29045

NAME: _____

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Please check one of the following:

- DSS foster parent
- Other agency foster parent
- Agency worker

Have a question or need additional information?
Please call Carl or Mary Brown:
1-803-865-2020 or 1-800-475-7650

HOTEL REGISTRATION

The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greenville, South Carolina, 670 Verdae Blvd. (Exit Roper Mountain Road off I-385). Rooms for Friday Night, April 23, for all South Carolina Department of Social Services foster parents will be paid for by the SCFPA. **There are no sleeping rooms available at the Embassy Suites.** However, please call the Holiday Inn Express, 1036 Woodruff Road, 864-678-5555 to make your reservations. Should Holiday Inn Express be booked, call the SCFPA Office, 800-475-7650 for name of another over-flow hotel. We will not be responsible for the room unless it is an approved over-flow hotel.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference registration fee of \$60.00 per person must be postmarked by April 12, 2010. Registration postmarked after April 12 and on site will be \$70.00 per person. Your registration fee covers the cost of all workshops and the Friday evening banquet. NOTE: *The Awards Banquet will be held Friday, April 23, 2010. Please do not mail or fax registration to the SCFPA Office after April 16, 2010.*

ATTENTION: COUNTY PRESIDENTS

There will be a raffle held on Saturday at the Business Meeting. Each county is asked to bring an item to be raffled. All proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER MARYA HAMMONS

Casey Family Programs

REGISTRATION POLICY

Nametags must be worn at all times during workshop sessions and conference activities. As a courtesy to our presenters, entry into workshops already in progress will be allowed at the discretion of the room monitors. Cell phones should be on vibrate during workshops. Training Certificates will be given to participants at the end of each workshop. CEU's will be available from the presenter in each workshop.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN

The SCFPA does not provide childcare. We encourage you **NOT** to bring children. Due to limited space and the subject matter of our workshops and as a courtesy to our presenters, children will **NOT** be allowed in the workshops. Should you need help with placing your children while attending the conference, please contact your local DSS office.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 23

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Workshops
10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Workshops
	Lunch (on your own)
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Workshops
3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Workshops
7:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet

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10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Workshops
12:30 p.m.	Business Meeting & Adjourn

WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010 - 9:00 and 10:45

1. THE METH EPIDEMIC OF OUR TIME

This workshop will focus on the impact meth has made on foster children and their families. Hear discussions on the drug itself, how it is made and DSS's procedure in removing the child. Foster parents will learn new skills and interventions to meet the challenging behaviors these children present.
Gloria E. Daniel, MSW, CAP Learning Associates, Lee B. Daniel, M.Ed. CAP Learning Associates, Sue O'Toole, MA, Supervisor IV-E and Licensing, Law Enforcement Agent

2. CHILDREN MISSING FROM PLACEMENT

This workshop will address the complex issues surrounding missing and exploited children, and the resources available through the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Participants will be informed of a recent SC Department of Social Services policy addressing the problem of children missing from state custody, and what role foster parents play in the recovery of these children.
Margaret Frierson, Executive Director, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children/SC Branch

3. TIPS FOR FOSTER PARENTS: COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR FOSTER YOUTH ABOUT SEX, LOVE, AND RELATIONSHIPS

With the high rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STI's) in SC, it is critical that foster parents start the discussion on sex and relationships with their foster youth in order to prevent an unwanted pregnancy or an STI. Many foster parents and foster youth are uncomfortable starting the conversation. You will be introduced to the basic concepts of effective parent-child communication, strategies on how to build and strengthen communication about sex and relationships.
Tina Marie Devlin, MPH, CHES Communications Coordinator, ENRICH-Duke Wellness Project, Arnold School of Public Health, USC Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior

4. REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER: A PARENT'S GUIDE TO DEALING WITH BONDING ISSUES

Reactive attachment disorder is a rare but serious condition in which infants and young children don't establish healthy bonds with

parents or caregivers. A child with reactive attachment disorder is typically neglected, abused or moved multiple times from one caregiver to another. Because the child's basic needs for comfort, affection and nurturing aren't met, he or she never establishes loving and caring attachments with others. Reactive attachment disorder is a lifelong condition, but with treatment children can develop more stable and healthy relationships with caregivers and others.

Tony Perdomo, MSW, LISW-CP, Straight Talk Counseling Services

5. FROM YOUR HOME TO ANOTHER: HOW TO HELP YOUR FOSTER CHILD MOVE ON

This workshop will discuss how foster parents play a vital role in helping their foster child transition from their home to another placement. We will also discuss different types of transitional placements: birth parent, kinship, adoptive, and other foster care, and will include ideas on activities and discussions foster parents can have with their children to aid during this difficult time. In addition, we will discuss the importance of the foster parent taking care of themselves during and after the moves.

Debra Beecken, BSW, CAI, Child and Family Specialist, Children Unlimited of Family Service Center

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010 - 2:00 and 3:45

6. HELP ME...I THINK I HAVE BURNOUT

If constant stress has you feeling disillusioned, helpless, and completely worn out, you may be suffering from burnout. When you're burned out, problems seem insurmountable, everything looks bleak, and it's difficult to muster up the energy to care—let alone do something about your situation. We will look at how to deal with burnout issues and how to take care of **YOU**. We will explore daily issues and how to cope before they escalate.

Sue O'Toole, MA, Supervisor IV-E and Licensing, Carrie Dennison Elliott, MA, MSW, Training and Development Director, The Center for Child and Family Studies, USC

7. THE CHILD WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: CHALLENGES AND TRIUMPHS

This workshop will discuss the unique skills necessary to effectively provide care for the child with special health care needs.

Lois C. Hasan APRN, PNP, Administrative Manager/QI Coordinator, Palmetto Health Special Care Center

8. CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY: CAR SEATS 101

This workshop will include common myths about car seat use. Participants will learn the best practices for keeping a child safe in a car seat according to South Carolina Law and statistics for misuse of car seats.

Shama Winston Ford, Car Seats for Kelly

9. SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILIES FIRST

South Carolina Families First program uses Family Group Conferencing as the primary intervention tool. The Family Group Conference is a facilitated family group meeting that supports the family, extended family, and family friends in developing the child's treatment plan. The goal of this approach and specifically the family group meeting is to develop a plan that addresses safety, permanence and well being for children in the child welfare system. This workshop will describe the program, the Family Group process and structure and how foster parents are connected and included throughout the conferencing experience.

Harold "Pat" Patrick, MSW, LISW, Director, South Carolina Families First

Susan Wilson, Region 1 Coordinator, South Carolina Families First