

Jewish Family Service Resource Family Orientation/Training

Here at JFS-We want to provide all resource parents with the knowledge of basic topics related to dependent children and youth for them to learn about available resources to increase their understanding of specific issues that impact children in their care. Resource family orientation will occur as a part of the home study process before the certificate of approval will be issued to the resource parent.

Program Orientation

Required for all parents seeking approval into the JFS Resource Family Program. Resource parents will be given a handbook by the resource family coordinator to use as a reference if there would be any questions about the agency procedures.

Topics will include:

- JFS Philosophy, Mission, and Core Values will be reviewed with the resource parents
- JFS Training requirements and common practices in understanding the JFS policy and procedures to include discipline practices and safety requirements
- Review of the child welfare agency to include dependency and concurrent planning
- Roles of the Foster Family will be discussed. Also, a review of the children who may need out of home care, including an overview of abuse/neglect issues, common behavioral and mental health challenges, academic issues, etc.
- Review of required forms to be approved as a Resource Parents
- Required training topics-subject and time commitment to be agreed upon in conjunction with the Resource Family Coordinator completing assessment, and written on the family's individual training plan
- Overview of foster parent regulations, and required documentation after licensure
- Open Q&A about the program and the process.

Independent training (to include reading, on-line training, community trainings as well as viewing of DVD's to enhance learning opportunities) will be required on the following topics. If a parent has completed this training with another agency or as part of a work assignment, this may count as training on a specific topic.

Topics will include:

- Child Development, and the impact of abuse and neglect on development
- Attachment and Bonding
- Loss and Grief
- Parenting the abused child
- Parenting adolescents
- Cultural issues impacting out of home care
- Birth parent/sibling/family contact
- Parenting techniques (required for any parent who has not raised any children)

- Resource parents will attend Adult/Child CPR-AED/First Aid training
- Mandated Reporter Training

I, _____, have participated and received the resource family orientation through Jewish Family Services.

Resource Parent

Date

Resource Parent

Date

Resource Family Coordinator

Date