

# Building Bridges: Shaping the Future

2015 Resource Parent Annual Conference  
October 2-4 – Murfreesboro, TN



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## Suggested Conference Attire

### Friday, October 2, 2015

Event	Dress
Registration/Workshops	Association T-Shirts/ Business Casual

### Saturday, October 3, 2015

Event	Dress
Registration/Workshops	Association T-Shirts/ Business Casual

### Sunday, October 4, 2015

Event	Dress
Devotional Service	Business Casual/Travel Ready
Workshops	Business Casual/Travel Ready
Closing Luncheon	Business Casual/Travel Ready

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## General Information

The 2015 DCS Statewide Resource Parent Conference,

**BUILDING BRIDGES: SHAPING THE FUTURE,**

will be held October 2-4, 2015

Registration dates have been set so there is ample time to ensure that all conference materials are returned to you prior to **August 31, 2015**. We anticipate an excellent experience for all participants. Please take a moment to review instructions before registering online or completing the forms in this packet. Also, we recommend that you retain a copy of all registration forms submitted for your records.

The postmark deadline date for early registration is July 31, 2015.

Late registration must be postmarked by August 15, 2015.

These dates are in accordance with the Hotel Rooming List Deadline Dates.

No rooms can be assigned after **September 2, 2015**.

**NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER  
AUGUST 15, 2015.**

**THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

**Pre-registration:** Pre-registration is mandatory for all conference attendees in order to facilitate planning and to ensure that enough hotel rooms are reserved.

**Registration fee:** Registration fees for the 2015 DCS Statewide Conference, **BUILDING BRIDGES: SHAPING THE FUTURE**, are as follows:

<b>2015 Registration Fee Payment Schedule</b>			
Conference Rate Includes: 3 meals per participant, snacks, and hotel if applicable			
<b>Couple/Roommate rate (if Couple or Rooming with another Participant)</b>			
	<b>Association Member</b>	<b>Non-Member</b>	<b>Late Fee</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night Only <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Night Only	\$130.00	\$200.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Nights (Friday and Saturday)	\$227.00	\$297.00	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter (no hotel)	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$10.00
<b>Individual Rate (if attending alone)</b>			
	<b>Association Member</b>	<b>Non-Member</b>	<b>Late Fee</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night Only <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Night Only	\$65.00	\$100.00	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Nights (Friday and Saturday)	\$162.00	\$197.00	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter (no hotel)	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$5.00

**Training hours:** Conference attendees can earn **up to 19** hours of training by attending the opening and closing sessions, workshops offered during each available time slot, and the optional TFACA luncheon on Saturday.

**Travel:** Rooms will be reserved at the conference site on a first come, first served basis. Only DCS resource parents are eligible for mileage reimbursement. Resource parents who receive board payments from private agencies, shared homes, and agency staff are NOT eligible for travel reimbursement. You may want to check with your private agency to see if they will reimburse you for mileage. Mileage reimbursement will be at the current state mileage rate.

There will be a DCS staff member onsite to assist with completion of the mileage process. In addition, parents can visit the designated

person at the DCS Mall in the conference vendor area for further assistance.

**Association Membership:** Do not send your association membership fees to the Department of Children’s Services. This will delay your application.

**Silent Auction and Door Prizes:** TFACA asks each local association and DCS region to donate a basket of items to be auctioned during the conference. The basket should include items of good quality. The item(s) purchased or hand-crafted should be of purchasable quality and attract the attention of participants. The Silent Auction will run throughout the conference and everyone will have an opportunity to bid. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the TFACA Scholarship Fund. Door prize items should be brought to the

conference. For more information, contact the Silent Auction/Door Prize Chair, Peggy Carroll, at pcarroll@tnadvocate.org or (423) 745-1392, or co-chair Bridgit Black at bridgit.black@tn.gov or (615) 360-4437. Please remember to bring your baskets to the conference.



2014 Scholarship Recipients

**TFACA Scholarship:** Foster, birth, and adoptive children of TFACA members are eligible to apply for the Kenneth P. and Maxine Fox Scholarship. **Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2015 to be considered.** Visit the TFACA website at <http://www.tfaca.net/scholarships.html> for details.

**Child Attendance:** REMEMBER: No registration will be accepted for minor children. **No child will be allowed in any workshops, conference activities, at the conference center, or at any of the conference hotels.** Please cooperate with the rules. Registrants who bring children to the conference will be asked to leave and no conference refund will be granted. Parents are asked to make childcare arrangements prior to the conference weekend.

**For those with approved Special Meal Needs:** If meal accommodations are necessary, please indicate your meal needs on the registration form. You will be provided with an Alternative Meal Needs card to present to the wait staff to assure that your meal accommodation requests are met in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please come to the DCS Courtesy Booth.

**Elections:** The annual TFACA elections will be held at the Annual State Conference on October 2-4, 2015. To cast your vote, visit the Elections table between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. **There will be no opportunity to vote on Sunday.** In addition, TFACA will be accepting absentee ballots between September 1 and September 15, 2015. **Please visit the TFACA website for additional information. [www.tfaca.net](http://www.tfaca.net)**



# Hotel Information

The 2015 DCS State Conference,

## **BUILDING BRIDGES: SHAPING THE FUTURE,**

will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

The conference will be held at

THE EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER-MURFREESBORO

1200 CONFERENCE CENTER BOULEVARD

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129 (615) 890-4464

**Note: The conference committee will make all hotel reservations.**

**Hotel: Hotel reservations will be made after your conference registration form and fees are received. There is a limit of one room per registered family.**

Please note the additional instructions below:

- This year 4 hotels will be used for the conference: Embassy Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Holiday Inn, and Comfort Suites.
- Hotel rooms will be assigned as conference fees and registrations are received.
- Once your registration is received, your hotel reservation will be made and you will receive a confirmation letter in the mail.
- All conference fees must be received by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Conference participants will NOT be able to make hotel reservations directly with the hotel. They must be made by submitting your Conference Registration Fee and Registration Form.**

**Please note the additional instructions below:**

- If handicap accommodations are necessary, please explain the accommodation needs on your conference registration form.
- Rooms are assigned as the conference registration fees and forms are received. Once the conference hotel reaches capacity, the overflow hotels will be utilized.
- If you have made arrangements to room with another conference registrant, please include this information on your registration form.
- There are a limited number of King rooms available. Preference may be specified but is not guaranteed.
- If you are staying at the hotel for one night only, you must specify Friday or Saturday on your registration information.
- Hotel charges: DCS will not pay any incidental charges incurred by participants during their stay. All participants will be charged a \$25.00 incidental fee. Any charges will be the sole responsibility of the registrant. The conference hotel is a smoke free facility. A penalty fee of \$150.00 or more will be charged by the hotel to the registrant if there is smoking in the hotel room. This penalty will be the sole responsibility of the registrant and will be required at the time of checkout.
- Confirmation Numbers: All confirmation numbers will be included in your Conference Registration Confirmation Letter. This letter will be mailed within two weeks of receiving your conference registration.
- **All hotel rooms paid for by DCS are for registered conference participants only.**



# How to Get There

## Directions to the Embassy Suites – Murfreesboro, TN

### FROM NORTH: Clarksville

Take I-24 E toward NASHVILLE	40.9 mi
Keep right on I-24 and take exit 213A toward CHATTANOOGA	24.5 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.2 mi
Keep left to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.1 mi
Stay straight on Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.2 mi
Take the 2 <sup>nd</sup> right onto Conference Center Boulevard	0.3 mi
1200 Conference Center Boulevard is on the right.	

(If you reach Avenue Way, you have gone 0.1 mile too far.)

### FROM SOUTH: Chattanooga

Merge onto I-24 W toward NASHVILLE/BIRMINGHAM	103.3 mi
(passing through Georgia, then crossing into Tennessee)	
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.3 mi
Keep right to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp	0.05 mi
(If you reach I-24 W, you have gone 0.4 miles too far.)	
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.2 mi
Take the 2 <sup>nd</sup> right onto Conference Center Boulevard	0.3 mi
1200 Conference Center Boulevard is on the right.	

(If you reach Avenue Way, you have gone 0.1 mile too far.)

### FROM EAST: Knoxville

Take I-40 W toward NASHVILLE	152.9 mi
Merge onto 840 W via Exit 235 toward MURFREESBORO	24.0 mi
Merge onto I-24 E via Exit 53A toward CHATTANOOGA	2.0 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.2 mi
Keep left to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.1 mi
Take the 2 <sup>nd</sup> right onto Conference Center Boulevard	0.3 mi
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### FROM WEST: Memphis

Merge onto I-40 via Exit 12C on the LEFT toward NASHVILLE	195.2 mi
Merge onto I-440 E via Exit 206 toward KNOXVILLE	7.4 mi
Merge onto I-24 E toward CHATTANOOGA	23.6 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.2 mi
Keep left to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.1 mi
Stay straight on Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.2 mi
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# How to Get There

## Directions to the Hilton Garden Inn – Murfreesboro, TN

### FROM NORTH: Clarksville

Take I-24 E toward NASHVILLE	40.9 mi
Keep right on I-24 and take exit 213A toward CHATTANOOGA	24.5 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.2 mi
Keep left to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.1 mi
Stay straight on Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.2 mi
Take the 2 <sup>nd</sup> right onto Conference Center Boulevard	0.3 mi
1335 Conference Center Boulevard is on the right.	

### FROM SOUTH: Chattanooga

Merge onto I-24 W toward NASHVILLE/BIRMINGHAM (passing through Georgia, then crossing into Tennessee)	103.3 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.3 mi
Keep right to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp (If you reach I-24 W, you have gone 0.4 miles too far.)	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.2 mi
Take the 2 <sup>nd</sup> right onto Conference Center Boulevard	0.3 mi
1335 Conference Center Boulevard is on the right.	

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Merge onto 840 W via Exit 235 toward MURFREESBORO	24.0 mi
Merge onto I-24 E via Exit 53A toward CHATTANOOGA	2.0 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.2 mi
Keep left to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.1 mi
Take the 2 <sup>nd</sup> right onto Conference Center Boulevard	0.3 mi
1335 Conference Center Boulevard is on the right.	

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Merge onto I-440 E via Exit 206 toward KNOXVILLE	7.4 mi
Merge onto I-24 E toward CHATTANOOGA	23.6 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.2 mi
Keep left to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.1 mi
Stay straight on Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.2 mi
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# How to Get There

## Directions to the Holiday Inn – Murfreesboro, TN

### FROM NORTH: Clarksville

Take I-24 E toward NASHVILLE	40.9 mi
Keep right on I-24 and take exit 213A toward CHATTANOOGA	24.5 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.2 mi
Keep left to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.1 mi
Stay straight on Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.2 mi
Take the 1 <sup>st</sup> right onto Silohill Lane	0.1 mi
Holiday Inn is on the right.	

### FROM SOUTH: Chattanooga

Merge onto I-24 W toward NASHVILLE/BIRMINGHAM (passing through Georgia, then crossing into Tennessee)	103.3 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.3 mi
Keep right to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp (If you reach I-24 W, you have gone 0.4 miles too far.)	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.2 mi
Take the 1 <sup>st</sup> right onto Silohill Lane	0.1 mi
Holiday Inn is on the right.	

### FROM EAST: Knoxville

Take I-40 W toward NASHVILLE	152.9 mi
Merge onto 840 W via Exit 235 toward MURFREESBORO	24.0 mi
Merge onto I-24 E via Exit 53A toward CHATTANOOGA	2.0 mi
Take Manson Pike/Medical Center Pkwy Exit 76	0.2 mi
Keep left to take the Medical Center Pkwy ramp	0.05 mi
Turn slight left onto Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.1 mi
Take the 1 <sup>st</sup> right onto Silohill Lane	0.1 mi
Holiday Inn is on the right.	

### FROM WEST: Memphis

Merge onto I-40 via Exit 12C on the LEFT toward NASHVILLE	195.2 mi
Merge onto I-440 E via Exit 206 toward KNOXVILLE	7.4 mi
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Stay straight on Medical Center Pkwy/Manson Pike	0.2 mi
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# How to Get There

## Directions to the Comfort Suites – Murfreesboro, TN

### FROM NORTH: Clarksville

Take I-24 E toward NASHVILLE	40.9 mi
Keep right on I-24 and take exit 213A toward CHATTANOOGA	24.5 mi
Take Old Fort Pkwy Exit 78B	0.2 mi
Merge onto Old Fort Parkway	0.3 mi
Turn left onto North Thompson Lane	0.3 mi
226 North Thompson Lane is on the Right	

### FROM SOUTH: Chattanooga

Merge onto I-24 W toward NASHVILLE/BIRMINGHAM (passing through Georgia, then crossing into Tennessee)	103.3 mi
Take Old Fort Pkwy Exit 78B	0.2 mi
Merge onto Old Fort Parkway	0.3 mi
Turn left onto North Thompson Lane	0.3 mi
226 North Thompson Lane is on the Right	

### FROM EAST: Knoxville

Take I-40 W toward NASHVILLE	152.9 mi
Merge onto 840 W via Exit 235 toward MURFREESBORO	24.0 mi
Merge onto I-24 E via Exit 53A toward CHATTANOOGA	2.0 mi
Take Old Fort Pkwy Exit 78B	0.2 mi
Merge onto Old Fort Parkway	0.3 mi
Turn left onto North Thompson Lane	0.3 mi
226 North Thompson Lane is on the Right	

### FROM WEST: Memphis

Merge onto I-40 via Exit 12C on the LEFT toward NASHVILLE	195.2 mi
Merge onto I-440 E via Exit 206 toward KNOXVILLE	7.4 mi
Merge onto I-24 E toward CHATTANOOGA	23.6 mi
Take Old Fort Pkwy Exit 78B	0.2 mi
Merge onto Old Fort Parkway	0.3 mi
Turn left onto North Thompson Lane	0.3 mi
226 North Thompson Lane is on the Right	



Embassy Suites



Comfort Suites



Hilton Garden Inn

# 2015 Conference at a Glance

## Tentative Schedule

Conference Day	Conference Times	Conference Events
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**Friday, October 2, 2015**

12:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Registration
1:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Concurrent Workshops
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM	Opening Session
7:15 PM	Regional Welcome Events

**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Registration
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Concurrent Workshops
11:40 AM – 12:40 PM	Lunch (Optional) TFACA Luncheon
12:55 PM – 1:55 PM	Concurrent Workshops
2:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Concurrent Workshops
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Concurrent Workshops
6:30 PM	Dinner on Your Own

**Sunday, October 4, 2015**

6:45 AM – 7:45 AM	Wellness Activity
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Sunday Morning Devotional
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Silent Auction Pick-up
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CPR & First Aid
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Concurrent Workshops
12:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Closing Luncheon
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Conference Wrap-up

# Workshops for 2015 DCS Resource Parent Conference

Friday, October 2, 2015 (1:30 PM – 6:00 PM)

	Workshop Title	Workshop Description	My Picks
1A	<p>CPR &amp; First Aid</p> <p>1:30 PM-5:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents every two years after approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This 4-hour workshop will discuss the basics of CPR for children and adults. Standard first aid information will be presented that will include basic remedies for minor accidents such as bruises, burns, cuts, etc. <b>(Participants in the workshop will not receive certification.)</b></p>	
2A	<p>Helping Children Make Transitions</p> <p>1:30 PM-4:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This course provides participants with information that will help them work with children who are in transition. Understanding the issues faced by these children and their families as they move from one setting to another is the focus of this course. Techniques to help children through this time of trauma, with emphasis on maintaining significant relationships, are discussed.</p>	
3A	<p>Kinship Family Dynamics</p> <p>1:30 PM- 4:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for DCS “Kinship” resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>Family Dynamics never remain the same. The dynamics are constantly shifting based on a number of factors including family members' differing communication styles, traditions, and changes in parental roles, such as the ones required when families become a kinship placement. This workshop allows participants to explore ways to adapt to the changes in the family dynamic as a result of a kinship placement.</p>	
4A	<p>Fostering Positive Behavior</p> <p>1:30 PM-4:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS</p>	<p>This workshop is an interactive DVD course which demonstrates best practice in behavioral problem-solving methods and highlights prohibited behavioral practices. Participants will learn how to apply principles of DCS work to specific issues of behavior management,</p>	

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	resource parents within the second year of approval)  Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer	how to approach the behavioral issues of children in state custody, and how to demonstrate effective behavioral problem-solving methods.	
5A1	Medication Administration (Refresher)  1:30 PM-3:30 PM  (Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents every two years after approval)  Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer	The class provides resource parents with the knowledge to safely and effectively administer medications to children in care. Topics included in this class range from self- storage and disposal of medication to common errors in medication administration.	
5A2	Cultural Awareness for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Resource Parents  4 PM- 5 PM  (Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)  Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer	In this workshop, parent, child, and social roles will be explored. Issues regarding communication and culturally-specific needs will also be introduced. By the end of the session, participants will have the opportunity to practice their cultural competence.	
6A1	Child Development  1:30 PM-3:30 PM  (Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)  Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer	Why is it important for resource parents to know about child development? This workshop enables participants to have a better understanding of age-appropriate behaviors for the children they are parenting, as well as help them identify behaviors that might indicate a problem. Participants also learn the stages of child and adolescent development. Finally, parents are able to explore how some forms of maltreatment affect a child's development.	
6A2	What to Know about Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking	Currently in the U.S. there are an estimated 100,000 children under the age of 18 involved in sexual exploitation and human trafficking. It is known as "Big Business" for	

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	<p>4 PM-5 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>those who sell women and children for sex. Foster children are especially at risk for recruitment due to their low self-image, past physical and sexual abuse, and a desire to be loved by a caring adult. This workshop will explore how resource parents can make a difference for foster children who could be at risk of exploitation.</p>	
7A1	<p>Working with the Education System</p> <p>1:30 PM- 3:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents in their first and second years of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>The objective of this workshop is to discuss the educational needs of children and youth who are in the child welfare system. Discussions and presented material will also address ways to navigate the educational system.</p>	
7A2	<p>Cultural Awareness for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Resource Parents</p> <p>4 PM- 5 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This course allows resource parents to examine their own cultural backgrounds and beliefs about different cultures through self-assessment. The role that culture plays in a person's development and sense of identity will also be explored.</p>	
8A	<p>Working with Birth Parents</p> <p>1:30 PM-4:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This class helps everyone involved with foster care gain an appreciation for the critical role of birth parents in the lives of children in care. Whether parents have contact with children or not, they have a great influence and impact on their children. This class gives participants an opportunity to discuss problems and solutions involved in working with birth parents, as well as strategies for successful partnerships. Participants also will have the opportunity to explore the impact that visits and a child's history with his or her parents have on behaviors.</p>	
9A	<p>Parenting the Sexually Abused</p>	<p>This training addresses issues of coping with</p>	

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	<p>Child</p> <p>1:30 PM-4:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>and responding to disclosures, managing sexual acting-out behaviors, developing family rules that are relevant to the sexually abused child, understanding myths and realities of sexual abuse, realizing the important role of therapy, and understanding potential outcomes for children who have been victimized.</p>	
10A1	<p>Connecting Children and Parents through Visitation</p> <p>1:30 PM- 2:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>Resource parents are important partners in enhancing and maintaining a child's connections with their family through the visitation process. This workshop will provide resource parents with strategies for successful visitation outcomes for children placed in their home.</p>	
10A2	<p>Stewards of Children: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training for Adults</p> <p>3 PM- 5 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Ambler Brown, Tennessee Children's Advocacy Centers</p>	<p>Stewards of Children is a prevention training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. It aims to provide increased awareness of the prevalence, consequences, and circumstances of child sexual abuse. Parents will gain new skills to aid them in protecting their children from abuse. This is the only nationally distributed, evidence-based program that has been proven to increase knowledge and change child protective behaviors.</p>	
11A	<p>Parenting the Youthful Offender Part 1</p> <p>1:30 PM-4:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all resource parents fostering delinquent youth)</p> <p>Presented by: Tina Mosley, Juvenile Justice Training Specialist, Department of Children's Services</p> <p><b>**You must attend all 3 parts</b></p>	<p>This class allows resource parents to explore the benefits of fostering a delinquent youth. Participants will gain knowledge helpful in assisting a delinquent youth in addressing challenging behaviors, delinquent behaviors, adolescent development, and transitioning to home or independent living placement.</p>	

	<b>Workshop Title</b>	<b>Workshop Description</b>	<b>My Picks</b>
	<b>of this workshop to receive credit for attendance**</b>		
12A1	<p>Car Seat Safety</p> <p>1:30 PM – 2:30 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Angela Brown, Program Director, Tennessee Child Passenger Safety Center at Meharry Medical College</p>	<p>During this workshop, participants will learn how to select an appropriate child restraint and how to properly install and secure children in vehicle restraint systems according to the child passenger safety best practice guidelines. In addition, local resources will be shared for participants to retrieve more information related to child passenger safety.</p>	
12A2	<p>Adoption Preparation Part 1</p> <p>3 PM – 5 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Carol Dunaway, LPC/MHSP, NCC, Harmony Family Center; Jan Clifton, LCSW, Catholic Charities</p>	<p>Adoption Preparation Training was developed to help families begin their adoption and permanency journeys feeling well prepared for their lifetime commitment. Part 1 of this workshop will assist families in identifying and understanding their motives and expectations for adopting and helping them to gain a deeper insight and awareness of their family system.</p>	
13A	<p>Creating Teachable Moments</p> <p>1:30 PM – 4:30 PM</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>Independent living skills for foster youth are essential for navigating life in the direction of success. Creating Teachable Moments addresses the statistics that tell us that youth are aging out of foster care without the proper skills to thrive on their own. In this three hour course, participants will be able to understand the importance of a permanent, caring adult to help transitioning youth succeed. In addition, participants will also be able to recognize the differences of tangible and intangible skills, discover how to create teachable moments, and offer opportunities for youth to practice newly learned skills.</p>	

### **Saturday, October 3, 2015 (8:30 AM – 11:30 AM)**

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1B	<p>Working with Birth Parents</p> <p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This class helps everyone involved with foster care gain an appreciation for the critical role of birth parents in the lives of children in care. Whether parents have contact with children or not, they have a great influence and impact on their children. This class gives participants an opportunity to discuss problems and solutions involved in working with birth parents, as well as strategies for successful partnerships. Participants also will have the opportunity to explore the impact that visits and a child's history with his or her parents have on</p>	

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2B	<p>Helping Children Make Transitions</p> <p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This course provides participants with information that will help them work with children who are in transition. Understanding the issues faced by these children and their families as they move from one setting to another is the focus of this course. Techniques to help children through this time of trauma, with emphasis on maintaining significant relationships, are discussed.</p>	
3B	<p>Parenting the Sexually Abused Child</p> <p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This training addresses issues of coping with and responding to disclosures, managing sexual acting-out behaviors, developing family rules that are relevant to the sexually abused child, understanding myths and realities of sexual abuse, realizing the important role of therapy, and understanding potential outcomes for children who have been victimized.</p>	
4B	<p>Fostering Positive Behavior</p> <p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This workshop is an interactive DVD course which demonstrates best practice in behavioral problem-solving methods and highlights prohibited behavioral practices. Participants will learn how to apply principles of DCS work to specific issues of behavior management, how to approach the behavioral issues of children in state custody, and how to demonstrate effective behavioral problem-solving methods.</p>	
5B	<p>Child Development</p> <p>8:30 AM-10:30 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract</p>	<p>Why is it important for resource parents to know about child development? This workshop enables participants to have a better understanding of age-appropriate behaviors for the children they are parenting, as well as help them identify behaviors that might indicate a problem. Participants also learn the stages of child and adolescent development. Finally, parents are able to explore how some forms of maltreatment affect a child's development.</p>	

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6B	<p>Medication Administration (Refresher)</p> <p>8:30 AM-10:30 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents every two years after approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	The class provides resource parents with the knowledge to safely and effectively administer medications to children in care. Topics included in this class range from self-storage and disposal of medication to common errors in medication administration.	
7B	<p>Kinship Family Role Conflict</p> <p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for DCS "Kinship" resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	This workshop allows participants the opportunity to learn techniques to address role conflict within their family as a result of a kinship placement.	
8B	<p>Creating Teachable Moments</p> <p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	Independent living skills for foster youth are essential for navigating life in the direction of success. Creating Teachable Moments addresses the statistics that tell us that youth are aging out of foster care without the proper skills to thrive on their own. In this three-hour course, participants will be able to understand the importance of a permanent, caring adult to help transitioning youth succeed. In addition, participants will also be able to recognize the differences of tangible and intangible skills, discover how to create teachable moments, and offer opportunities for youth to practice newly learned skills.	
9B	<p>NAS/Safe Sleep</p> <p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	There are a growing number of newborns being diagnosed with NAS across the country, and many of those infants end up in the child welfare system. This course will focus on educating participants about how NAS affects infants and provide insight on how to provide proper care for these babies. In addition, this workshop will address the "ABCs of Safe Sleep" for all infants.	
10B	<p>Parenting the Youthful Offender Part 2</p>	This class allows resource parents to explore the benefits of fostering a delinquent youth.	

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	<p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all resource parents fostering delinquent youth)</p> <p>Presented by: Tina Mosley, Juvenile Justice Training Specialist, Department of Children's Services</p> <p><b>**You must attend all 3 parts of this workshop to receive credit for attendance**</b></p>	<p>Participants will gain knowledge helpful in assisting a delinquent youth in addressing challenging behaviors, delinquent behaviors, adolescent development, and transitioning to home or independent living placement.</p>	
11B	<p>Gang Awareness</p> <p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>Presented by: Benjamin Holmes, Juvenile Justice Training Specialist, Department of Children's Services</p>	<p>This workshop will provide an overview of gangs. Participants will be given information pertaining to identifying gangs and gang activity. The effects of gang involvement on the gang member will be explored. Participants will be given tips to help protect their children and combat the gang problem.</p>	
12B	<p>Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth: The Tennessee Response</p> <p>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</p> <p>Presented by: Jerry Redman, CEO, Second Life of Chattanooga; Karen Karpenski, End Slavery TN; Rachel Sumner, Restore Corps</p>	<p>The presentation will provide an overview of the issue of sex trafficking as it exists in our state, potential warning signs of trafficking, risk factors, associated with the crime, and preventative measures that foster parents can adopt. In addition, it will cover anti-trafficking laws in Tennessee, as well as the statewide collaborative effort underway to bring awareness and education about trafficking to the general public.</p>	
13B	<p>Impact of Fostering on Birth Children</p> <p>8:30 AM – 11:30 AM</p> <p>Presented by: To Be Announced</p>	<p>Adding a foster child to the household naturally stirs up a variety of emotions. Birth children of foster parents may be excited at the prospect of a new child in the home, but at the same time may be jealous of the time and energy their parents devote to the new child. This course explores what birth children may feel through all phases of the fostering process and offers tips for helping them cope.</p>	
14B	<p>The Intersection of Foster Care and Mental Health</p> <p>8:30 AM – 11:30 AM</p>	<p>The goal for America's foster youth is to live healthy, happy lives and to become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. This workshop will address how foster parents can make this goal achievable for children in their home who may need additional support</p>	

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	Presented by: To Be Announced	based on their mental and behavioral health challenges.	
15B	<p>Understanding Trauma in Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers</p> <p>8:30 AM – 11:30 AM</p> <p>Presented by: Giovanni Billings, Psy.D., Director of Network Services, TN Department of Children’s Services</p>	<p>Research has clearly shown that traumatic experiences, such as abuse and neglect, can have a pervasive impact on the lives of children at any age, including infants and young children. However, ways to recognize the signs of trauma in very young children and address them are often not as well-known as those for older children and adolescents. This presentation will define what childhood traumatic stress is and how it may look in an infant, toddler, or preschooler you are caring for. The presentation will also cover strategies that you can use to help build a young child’s resiliency against the impact of trauma, keeping in mind the unique physical, social, and emotional needs during this stage of development.</p>	

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1C	<p>Cultural Awareness for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Resource Parents</p> <p>12:55 PM-1:55 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This course allows resource parents to examine their own cultural backgrounds and beliefs about different cultures through self-assessment. The role that culture plays in a person’s development and sense of identity will also be explored.</p>	
2C	<p>Cultural Awareness for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Resource Parents</p> <p>12:55 PM-1:55 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>In this workshop, parent, child, and social roles will be explored. Issues regarding communication and culturally- specific needs will also be introduced. By the end of the session, participants will have the opportunity to practice their cultural competence.</p>	

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3C	<p>What to Know about Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking</p> <p>12:55 PM-1:55 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>Currently in the U.S. there are an estimated 100,000 children under the age of 18 involved in sexual exploitation and human trafficking. It is known as “Big Business” for those who sell women and children for sex. Foster children are especially at risk for recruitment due to their low self-image, past physical and sexual abuse, and a desire to be loved by a caring adult. This workshop will explore how resource parents can make a difference for foster children who could be at risk of exploitation.</p>	
4C	<p>Connecting Children and Parents through Visitation</p> <p>12:55 PM-1:55 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>Resource parents are important partners in enhancing and maintaining a child’s connections with their family through the visitation process. This workshop will provide resource parents with strategies for successful visitation outcomes for children placed in their home.</p>	
5C	<p>Resource Parent CQI</p> <p>12:55 PM-1:55 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Christina Fly, Director of Policy and CQI, Department of Children’s Services</p>	<p>The Resource Parent CQI presentation will teach resource parents how to use Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) to implement change to improve conditions for resource parents, children, families, and even DCS. They will learn some key data indicators to examine and track to make positive system change.</p>	
6C	<p>Parental Stress: Sources and Resources</p> <p>12:55 PM-1:55 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Jason Jordan, LPC-MHSP, Mercy Community Clinic</p>	<p>We know parenting children is hard; parenting children from hard places can feel overwhelming. Demands for an adoptive or foster parent’s attention do not stop, and many struggle to balance work, daily living, and other significant relationships while tending to our children’s heartaches expressed through difficult behaviors. Parent and child stressors can undermine the very family functions which can bring children to healing. Communication, problem solving, appropriate emotional responsiveness, and general family functioning can provide the stability and safety that can bring healing to our children and be a</p>	

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		valuable resource to lower parental stress.	
7C	<p>Empowering Resource Parents with Therapeutic Techniques</p> <p>12:55 PM-1:55 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Kelly Brahy, Director of Foster Care, Holston Home for Children</p>	<p>Children and youth in our resource homes sometimes exhibit risk behaviors that are most often linked to unhelpful beliefs. We can modify and hopefully eliminate their behaviors by utilizing therapeutic interventions in the home.</p>	
8C	<p>Children’s Cabinet Initiative: kidcentraltn.com Enhancements</p> <p>12:55 PM-1:55 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Jude White, Children’s Cabinet Executive Director</p>	<p>Co-chaired by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and First Lady Crissy Haslam, the Children’s Cabinet has a mission to coordinate, streamline, and enhance the state’s efforts to provide needed resources and services to Tennessee’s children. In 2013, the Cabinet rolled out kidcentraltn.com, a one-stop shop for Tennessee families to connect with important information and resources provided by departments including content regarding health, education, development, and support as well as a state services directory. Also, kidcentraltn.com offers the ability to engage through social media, email, the My Profile feature, and a mobile app! Over the past year and a half, several enhancements have been added to the site. Come learn more about kidcentraltn.com, enhancements to the site, and how to use all of the features it has to offer!</p>	
9C	<p>Making Reasonable Efforts for Permanency</p> <p>12:55 PM-1:55 PM</p> <p>Presented by: To Be Announced</p>	<p>Laws in all states require that child welfare agencies make reasonable efforts to provide services that will help families remedy the conditions that brought the child and family into the child welfare system. Generally, these efforts consist of accessible, available, and culturally appropriate services that are designed to improve the capacity of families to provide safe and stable homes for their children. This workshop will provide more information about reasonable efforts, when reasonable efforts are required, and when they are not.</p>	
10C	<p>Insurance Basics for Children in State’s Custody</p> <p>12:55 PM – 1:55 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Vikki Hood, BlueCross Blue Shield of Tennessee</p>	<p>This course will discuss the basics of healthcare for children in state custody. Topics will include an introduction to insurance, what services are available, how to contact the healthcare provider, and what resources are available to our members. Emphasis will also be placed on preventive care topics. Resource parents will have the opportunity to interact with representatives from TennCare <i>Select</i> and ask</p>	

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		any questions they may have about healthcare. This course is applicable to new as well as experienced Resource Parents.	
11C	Placement Options for Children in Care  12:55 PM-1:55 PM  Presented by: To Be Announced	This workshop will review the different types of placement options that are considered when a child is first placed into foster care or has to be transferred to a new placement.	
12C	How to Protect Children from Cyberbullying  12:55 PM – 1:55 PM  Presented by: To Be Announced	Cyberbullying can happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and reach a kid even when he or she is alone. This workshop will explore the ways that parents can help to prevent cyberbullying and how to respond if you find out your child has become a victim of cyberbullying.	
13C	Parenting Children with Autism  12:55 PM – 1:55 PM  Presented by: Amy Moseley, Programming Director, Autism Tennessee	This workshop will discuss the characteristic behaviors of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and describe the general recommendations for treatment, along with resources that can support children with autism and their families.	
14C	Parenting Adolescents Who Have Engaged in Sexually Abusive Behavior  12:55 PM – 1:55 PM  Presented by: Jacqueline Page, Associate Professor, UTHSC	Adolescents who have engaged in sexually abusive behavior are also often in need of a family-based placement and the healthy home environment foster parents provide. However, the nature of their problems may make the process of identifying a foster home more challenging due to questions, concerns and, at times, misconceptions about this group of youth. This presentation directly addresses the common questions, concerns, and misconceptions and provides tips about parenting adolescents who have engaged in sexually abusive behavior.	
15C	LGBTQ Panel  12:55 PM- 1:55 PM  Presented by: Johanna Jensen, Assistant Director of Foster Parent Training, Centerstone	This panel will discuss and educate the participants on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth and the issues faced by young people and their resource parents in society today.	

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1D	<p>CPR &amp; First Aid</p> <p>2:15 PM-6:15 PM</p> <p><b>Continues in session E – You will not be able to register for a Session E Workshop if you choose this workshop</b></p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents every two years after approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This 4-hour workshop will discuss the basics of CPR for children and adults. Standard first aid information will be presented that will include basic remedies for minor accidents such as bruises, burns, cuts, etc. <b>(Participants in the workshop will not receive certification.)</b></p>	
2D	<p>Medication Administration (Refresher)</p> <p>2:15 PM-4:15 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents every two years after approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>The class provides resource parents with the knowledge to safely and effectively administer medications to children in care. Topics included in this class range from self-storage and disposal of medication to common errors in medication administration.</p>	
3D	<p>Child Development</p> <p>2:15 PM-4:15 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>Why is it important for resource parents to know about child development? This workshop enables participants to have a better understanding of age-appropriate behaviors for the children they are parenting, as well as help them identify behaviors that might indicate a problem. Participants also learn the stages of child and adolescent development. Finally, parents are able to explore how some forms of maltreatment affect a child’s development.</p>	
4D	<p>Working with the Education System</p> <p>2:15 PM-4:15 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS</p>	<p>The objective of this workshop is to discuss the educational needs of children and youth who are in the child welfare system. Discussions and presented material will also address ways to navigate the educational system.</p>	

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	<p>resource parents in their first and second years of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>		
5D	<p>Adoption Preparation Part 2</p> <p>2:15 PM-4:15 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Carol Dunaway, LPC/MHSP, NCC, Harmony Family Center; Jan Clifton, LCSW, Catholic Charities</p>	<p>Adoption Preparation Training was developed to help families begin their adoption and permanency journeys feeling well prepared for their lifetime commitment. Part 2 of this workshop will help participants gain a deeper understanding of the emotional role that birth parents may play in the adoption process, while also discussing the importance of trust and what healthy and unhealthy attachment behavior looks like for children.</p>	
6D	<p>Crystal Meth and Other Synthetic Drugs</p> <p>2:15 PM-4:15 PM</p> <p>Presented by: To Be Announced</p>	<p>This workshop will educate resource parents about the manufacture and abuse of methamphetamine (Meth) as well as other current synthetic drugs being sold and distributed illegally. Participants will be made aware of the impact these drugs can have on individuals as well as on families and communities across Tennessee.</p>	
7D	<p>Navigating the Legal System</p> <p>2:15 PM – 4:15 PM</p> <p>Presented by: To Be Announced</p>	<p>This workshop will discuss various aspects of the legal system and address how resource parents can work effectively within the court system. The workshop will address the roles of children’s advocates, including a Guardian Ad Litem, and court representatives. Discussion will be held concerning how everyone involved can work toward a partnering relationship.</p>	
8D	<p>Prudent Parenting</p> <p>2:15 PM – 4:15 PM</p> <p>Presented by: John Johnson, Director of Foster Care and Adoption and Michael Leach, Director of Independent Living, Department of Children’s Services</p>	<p>The objective of this workshop is to provide an overview of the standards of prudent parenting that were recently required in the Federal Strengthening Families and Human Sex Trafficking Act. The topics include information on providing youth with a “normal” life experience in out-of-home care, empowering parents to engage in extracurricular activities, and the importance of respecting the rights of youth in out-of-home care.</p>	
9D	<p>Caring for Children with Special Medical Needs</p> <p>2:15 PM-4:15 PM</p>	<p>This workshop is designed to assist families caring for children with complex medical needs. A child with medical needs can be challenging, and this workshop will offer</p>	

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	Presented by: To Be Announced	explanations, suggestions, and strategies for caring for these children on a daily basis.	
10D	Foster Parent Bill of Rights  2:15 PM-4:15 PM  Presented by: Nancy Woodall and Johnetta Lane	A bird's-eye view that explains the details of the 25 tenets and subsequent amendments that govern the way resource parents are viewed and treated as part of the professional team that serves children in the child welfare system in Tennessee.	
11D	Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children 2.0  2:15 PM-4:15 PM  Presented by: Ryan Wallace, Community Education Coordinator, Child Advocacy Center of Rutherford County	Stewards of Children is a prevention training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The training aims to provide increased awareness of the prevalence, consequences, and circumstances of child sexual abuse. Parents will gain new skills to aid them in protecting children from abuse, by learning the 5 Steps to Protecting Our Children. Participants will hear testimony from professionals in the field, such as social work, medical, law enforcement, and child advocacy. They will also hear from adult survivors of child sexual abuse. This is the only nationally distributed, evidence-based program that has been proven to increase knowledge and change child protective behaviors.	
12D	Success Beyond 18: Transitioning Youth to Adulthood  2:15 PM-4:15 PM  Presented by: Erika Sheffield and Clementine Perry, DCS IL	The presentation will provide a broad-based spectrum of services to youth in foster care or young adults who have aged out of foster care to help them have a successful transition to adulthood and become proficient in adult living skills. It will provide guidance to resource parents on how to help the youth transition to adulthood by supporting the youth's transition plan.	
13D	Understanding Our Teens – Mental Health and Depression  <b>Presented by: Jeff Yalden</b> <b>Closing Luncheon</b> <b>Keynote Speaker</b>  2:15 PM-4:15 PM	Mr. Yalden is renowned for his work regarding teen mental health issues. His workshop will focus on the challenges that teenagers face in today's world with expectations and inadequate feelings of self-worth, and will discuss the mental health issues we all battle in everyday life. In addition, this workshop will help parents understand how important they are in the life of these teenagers, in order to take the stigma away from those that suffer from mental health issues every day.	
14D	Local Resource Parent Association Presidents or	The objective is to insure each local association representative present knows the	

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	Their Representatives  2:15 PM-4:15 PM  Presented by: Becky Rogers, TFACA President	association's responsibilities and how to fulfill those responsibilities.	
15D	The Five Love Languages of Children/Teens  2:15 PM – 4:15 PM  Presented by: Benjamin Holmes, Juvenile Justice Training Specialist, Department of Children's Services	Research shows that parents, not peers, exert the most significant influence in the life of a child. Dr. Gary Chapman's books, <i>The Five Love Languages of Children</i> and <i>The Five Love Languages of Teens</i> , will be explored and discussed in this workshop.	

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1D	CPR & First Aid (continued)  2:15 PM-6:15 PM  Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer  <b>Continued from session D</b>	This 4-hour workshop will discuss the basics of CPR for children and adults. Standard first aid information will be presented that will include basic remedies for minor accidents such as bruises, burns, cuts, etc. <b>(Participants in the workshop will not receive certification.)</b>	
2E	Cultural Awareness for 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Resource Parents  4:30 PM-5:30 PM  (Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)  Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer	This course allows resource parents to examine their own cultural backgrounds and beliefs about different cultures through self-assessment. The role that culture plays in a person's development and sense of identity will also be explored.	
3E	Cultural Awareness for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Resource Parents  4:30 PM-5:30 PM  (Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)	In this workshop, parent, child, and social roles will be explored. Issues regarding communication and culturally- specific needs will also be introduced. By the end of the session, participants will have the opportunity to practice their cultural competence.	

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	Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer		
4E	<p>What to Know about Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking</p> <p>4:30 PM - 5:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>Currently in the U.S. there are an estimated 100,000 children under the age of 18 involved in sexual exploitation and human trafficking. It is known as "Big Business" for those who sell women and children for sex. Foster children are especially at risk for recruitment due to their low self-image, past physical and sexual abuse, and a desire to be loved by a caring adult. This workshop will explore how resource parents can make a difference for foster children who could be at risk of exploitation.</p>	
5E	<p>Connecting Children and Parents through Visitation</p> <p>4:30 PM – 5:30 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>Resource parents are important partners in enhancing and maintaining a child's connections with their family through the visitation process. This workshop will provide resource parents with strategies for successful visitation outcomes for children placed in their home.</p>	
6E	<p>Social Media and Its Impact on Children in the Foster Care System</p> <p>4:30 PM-6:30 PM</p> <p>Presented by: To Be Announced</p>	<p>Internet and wireless technologies have brought about unprecedented challenges for parents. The Internet has allowed a world of information and communication to be brought immediately to any computer or cell phone. Unfortunately, the news is filled with stories of how children have been harmed through the misuse of these technologies. This workshop will equip parents with the practical knowledge and skills they need to keep their children safe online, while preserving all the benefits of the Internet.</p>	
7E	<p>Healthy Hair Care for Children</p> <p>4:30 PM-6:30 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Tonia Tisdale, Cosmetologist</p>	<p>During this workshop, resource parents will be presented with insightful hair care tips for children of different ethnicities. Also, hair care advice will be presented for the treatment of head lice.</p>	
8E	<p>Seeing Beyond the Behavior to the Hurt Underneath</p>	<p>This workshop is designed to provide information on symptoms (behaviors) that</p>	

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	<p>4:30 PM-6:30 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Heather Smith, Clinical Program Consultant and Licensed Professional Counselor, Youth Villages</p>	<p>often result from a child living in chronic stress, fear and anxiety. This workshop will identify these behavior symptoms and discuss how to look beyond the in-your-face behaviors to address the root cause of these issues, to the hurt underneath. We will discuss how chronic stress (such as trauma) impacts development and the developing brain specifically, as well as some basic techniques for caregivers to incorporate into parenting to help the healing process.</p>	
9E	<p>Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)</p> <p>4:30 PM-6:30 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Stephen Jackson, MMFT and TBRI Educator, Steve Jackson Counseling</p>	<p>Children and youth who have experienced foster care or orphanage-rearing have often experienced complex developmental trauma, demonstrating an interactive set of psychological and behavioral issues. Based on the training from Dr. Karyn Purvis, Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) is a therapeutic model that trains caregivers to provide effective support and treatment for at-risk children. TBRI has been applied in orphanages, courts, residential treatment facilities, group homes, foster and adoptive homes, churches, and schools. It has been used effectively with children and youth of all ages and all risk levels. TBRI is effective because it is founded in research and theory of how optimal development should have occurred for these children. By applying these principles, TBRI helps a child or youth return to their natural developmental trajectory.</p>	
10E	<p>Due Process and SIU Investigations</p> <p>4:30 PM - 6:30 PM</p> <p>Presented by: To Be Announced</p>	<p>This workshop will discuss what an SIU (Special Investigation Unit) investigation is, how this process works for the child and family, and what role resource parent advocates play in this process.</p>	
11E	<p>The Way of Harmony: Avoiding Power Struggles with Teens</p> <p>4:30 PM - 6:30 PM</p> <p>Presented by: Jane Fleishman, Oasis Center</p>	<p>In our culture, adolescence is partly defined as a time for power struggles: we expect teens to leave childhood behind and develop their own thoughts, opinions, and identity that likely differ from those of their elders. Developmentally, it is normal for teens to question authority and try out new ways of thinking, feeling, and being. However, this developmental reality can heat up interactions and turn a routine disagreement</p>	

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		into a full blown power struggle. In this workshop we will explore ways to side-step power struggles and use conflicts as opportunities for growth and relationship building. Join us for an active, interactive workshop and leave with your “Black Belt in Youth Work” (what you deserve if you can work skillfully with power struggles!).	
12E	Nutrition for Children and Teens  4:30 PM – 6:30 PM  Presented by: To Be Announced	By encouraging healthy eating habits now, parents can make a huge impact on their children’s lifelong relationship with food and give them the best opportunity to grow into healthy, confident adults. This workshop will educate parents on proper nutrition guidelines and resources on how to ensure your children have a healthy relationship with food.	
13E	Suicide Prevention: What Every Parent Should Know  4:30 PM – 6:30 PM  Presented by: To Be Announced	“Suicide is the eighth leading cause for all persons regardless of age, sex or race; the third leading cause for young people ages 15-24; the fourth leading cause for persons ages 10-14,” according to a study by P.E. Mueller. Suicide is preventable and treatable if you know the warning signs! This workshop will discuss the risk factors that increase the chances that a young person will become suicidal and will discuss the resources for parents when their child has thoughts of suicide.	
14E	Fostering from the Single Parent Perspective  4:30 PM – 6:30 PM  Presented by: To Be Announced	This workshop will focus on the challenges and rewards that many single parents experience while parenting children in the foster care system. Tips, tools, and resources will be provided during this workshop to help single parents navigate their daily lives.	
15E	Parenting Children with Diabetes  4:30 PM – 6:30 PM  Presented by: Dr. Andrea Baldwin, Vanderbilt University	Diabetes is a disease that affects the whole family, especially when a child is diagnosed. This workshop will provide information and resources to help every child and every family adjust to life with diabetes.	

**Sunday, October 4, 2015 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)**

	Workshop Title	Workshop Description	My Picks
1F	<p>CPR &amp; First Aid</p> <p>8 AM-12 PM</p> <p>Note that this workshop begins at <b>8:00 AM</b></p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents every two years after approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This 4-hour workshop will discuss the basics of CPR for children and adults. Standard first aid information will be presented that will include basic remedies for minor accidents such as bruises, burns, cuts, etc. <b>(Participants in the workshop will not receive certification.)</b></p>	
2F	<p>Medication Administration (Refresher)</p> <p>9 AM-11 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents every two years after approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>The class provides resource parents with the knowledge to safely and effectively administer medications to children in care. Topics included in this class range from self-storage and disposal of medication to common errors in medication administration.</p>	
3F	<p>Child Development</p> <p>9 AM-11 AM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>Why is it important for resource parents to know about child development? This workshop enables participants to have a better understanding of age-appropriate behaviors for the children they are parenting, as well as help them identify behaviors that might indicate a problem. Participants also learn the stages of child and adolescent development. Finally, parents are able to explore how some forms of maltreatment affect a child's development.</p>	
4F	<p>Helping Children Make Transitions</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p>	<p>This course provides participants with information that will help them work with children who are in transition. Understanding the issues faced by these children and their families as they move from one setting to another is the focus of this course. Techniques to help children through this time of trauma, with emphasis on maintaining significant relationships, are discussed.</p>	

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	Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer		
5F	<p>Fostering Positive Behavior</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This workshop is an interactive DVD course which demonstrates best practice in behavioral problem-solving methods and highlights prohibited behavioral practices. Participants will learn how to apply principles of DCS work to specific issues of behavior management, how to approach the behavioral issues of children in state custody, and how to demonstrate effective behavioral problem-solving methods.</p>	
6F	<p>Working with Birth Parents</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the first year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This class helps everyone involved with foster care gain an appreciation for the critical role of birth parents in the lives of children in care. Whether parents have contact with children or not, they have a great influence and impact on their children. This class gives participants an opportunity to discuss problems and solutions involved in working with birth parents, as well as strategies for successful partnerships. Participants also will have the opportunity to explore the impact that visits and a child's history with his or her parents have on behaviors.</p>	
7F	<p>Parenting the Sexually Abused Child</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM</p> <p>(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents within the second year of approval)</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This training addresses issues of coping with and responding to disclosures, managing sexual acting-out behaviors, developing family rules that are relevant to the sexually abused child, understanding myths and realities of sexual abuse, realizing the important role of therapy, and understanding potential outcomes for children who have been victimized.</p>	
8F	<p>Loving and Letting Go</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM</p> <p>Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer</p>	<p>This workshop will help resource parents address the grief and loss they experience when children in their homes return to their birth parents or other permanent placements.</p>	
9F	<p>Working with the Education System</p> <p>9 AM – 11 AM</p>	<p>The objective of this workshop is to discuss the educational needs of children and youth who are in the child welfare system. Discussions and presented material will also address ways to navigate the educational</p>	

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	(Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all DCS resource parents in their first and second years of approval)  Presented by: DCS Contract Trainer	system.	
10F	Addictions: A Family Disease  9 AM-12 PM  Presented by: Tiffany Leek, Addictions Consultant, Renewal House	Addiction is a family disease; it has roots in genetics and research demonstrates that the addict is not the only person in a family who suffers. The Department of Children's Services often encounters families with addiction issues, and in turn resource parents often encounter addiction, addicts, and the damage caused by this disease. Relapse rates of addiction are similar to the relapse rates for other health diseases including heart disease and diabetes; however the social problems caused by addiction often serve to enforce the stigma associated with addiction. We will offer education about the disease of addiction, review treatment programs including Renewal House, and provide prevention information. We hope to dispel stigma and to help attendees develop insight into working with these families and the potential for recovery.	
11F	Parenting the Youthful Offender Part 3  9 AM-12 PM  (Per DCS Policy 16.8, this course is required for all resource parents fostering delinquent youth)  Presented by: Tina Mosley, Juvenile Justice Training Specialist, Department of Children's Services  <b>**You must attend all 3 parts of this workshop to receive credit for attendance**</b>	This class allows resource parents to explore the benefits of fostering a delinquent youth. Participants will gain knowledge helpful in assisting a delinquent youth in addressing challenging behaviors, delinquent behaviors, adolescent development, and transitioning to home or independent living placement.	
12F	Adoption Preparation Part 3  9 AM-12 PM	Adoption Preparation Training was developed to help families begin their adoption and permanency journeys	

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	Presented by: Carol Dunaway, LPC/MHSP, NCC, Harmony Family Center; Jan Clifton, LCSW, Catholic Charities	feeling well prepared for their lifetime commitment. Part 3 of this workshop will help participants gain insight into the stress responses that traumatized children may display. This workshop will also discuss the role of ruptures in the attachment relationship and the impact of toxic rupture on a relationship.	
13F	Money Management  9 AM-12 PM  Presented by: Angela Strickland, Training Officer, Department of Children's Services	This workshop will discuss a variety of financial topics including how to create a monthly household budget, ways to reduce monthly expenses, and ideas on how every family can save money.	
14F	Reducing Family Stress  9 AM-12 PM  Presented by: To Be Announced	Day-to-day life is full of naturally occurring stress. The addition of a foster child, especially one with problem behaviors, can alter the family dynamic, compounding existing stress. This course discusses how the stressors that accompany fostering can be reduced and provides insight into and strategies for preserving a nurturing family environment.	
15F	Understanding Behavior in Foster Children  9 AM-12 PM  Presented by: To Be Announced	This training guides participants through the process of recognizing the underlying causes of behavior disorders and developing a plan to effect behavioral changes, and provides practical application of the completed behavior modification plan. Some of the disorders that may be dealt with are Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Intermittent Explosive Disorder, Conduct Disorder, and more.	

**Opening Session  
Keynote Speaker  
Ashley Lilly**



Born in Forrest City, Arkansas, Ashley Lilly came into the foster care system at 2 years old, where she would remain for the next 16 years.

Ashley graduated from Chester County High

School in 2005. She

attended West Tennessee Business College where she received her Associate's Degree as an Administrative Assistant in 2008. She has worked for Peoples Bank for the last 9 years.

Ashley has been a foster parent for the last 3 years. She has 1 adopted daughter and is looking to adopt more children in the future.

## Closing Luncheon Keynote Speaker Jeff Yalden

Motivated to teach and inspire teens across the globe, Jeff Yalden is a high energy, “tell it like it is” youth motivational speaker and parent communicator, presenting a message about teen depression and suicide that parents and communities need to hear. Jeff has a gift for connecting with teens and educating parents.

For nearly two decades, Jeff has wowed audiences with his messages about character, choices, responsibility, bullying, and self-respect. A former Mr. New Hampshire Male America and two-time Marine of the Year, he has spoken to more than 4 million youth in all 50 states and in 48 countries. Jeff earned the Certified Speaking Professional designation in 2002, the highest designation by the National Speakers Association and a distinction earned by fewer than 10% of all speakers.

Jeff is an advocate for mental health, depression, anxiety, and teen suicide. In addition to appearing as a teen life coach on MTV’s self-improvement series *MADE*, he is also author of the book *Your Life Matters* and host of The Jeff Yalden Show on WMRC 1490 Boston, which can be heard live on [www.WRMCDailyNews.com](http://www.WRMCDailyNews.com) Fridays at 1:00 PM Eastern.

Visit [www.jeffyalden.com](http://www.jeffyalden.com) for more information.





## Registration Payment Instructions

**There will be no on-site registration.**

**EARLY REGISTRATION MUST  
BE POSTMARKED ON OR  
BEFORE JULY 31, 2015.**

LATE REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR  
BEFORE AUGUST 15, 2015.

Only registered participants may participate in conference activities. Hotel reservations are for registered conference participants only.

**NOTE: CHILDREN MAY NOT ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES.**

No registration will be accepted for minor children. No child will be allowed in any workshops, conference activities, at the conference center, or at any of the conference hotels. Please cooperate with the rules. Registrants who bring children to the conference will be asked to leave and no conference refund will be granted. Parents are asked to make childcare arrangements prior to the conference weekend.

Participants will be able to register online or by mail. DCS will accept credit cards (online), personal checks, cashier's check, or money order. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**2015 Annual Resource Parent Conference**  
**October 2-4, 2015**  
**BUILDING BRIDGES: SHAPING THE FUTURE**

We are excited to announce that participants will be able to register online for the 2015 annual conference. Please see the benefits of registering online below:

- **Save time:** Participants can sign up online when and where is most convenient for them in just a few minutes, without having to print, manually fill out, and send paper forms.
- **Improved customer support:** Your online registration will ensure you receive a confirmation notice immediately.
- **Securely and conveniently pay online:** Instead of writing a check, participants can simply enter their credit card details online to securely complete their transaction in seconds.

**To register online, please access [www.TNDCSRP.info](http://www.TNDCSRP.info)**

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: enter discount code to receive reduced rate.** See next page for online registration instructions.

**Registration submitted by mail should be sent to:**

Resource Parent Conference Registration  
Department of Children's Services  
436 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Cordell Hull  
Nashville, TN 37243

**MAKE PERSONAL CHECKS, CASHIER'S CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: Department of Children's Services**

**Note:** Please complete a separate registration form for each participant. REFUND REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING to the address above and postmarked by August 15, 2015. Requests postmarked by this date will be approved on an individual basis.

Refunds will be considered and processed after the conference bills have been paid. Refunds will not be given on-site.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

To register online, please access [www.TNDCSRP.info](http://www.TNDCSRP.info) and select the appropriate registration type.

Registration Type	Individual: Commuter (no hotel)
Discount Code	Individual: Commuter (no hotel)
Leave blank if	Individual: 1 Night Individual: 2 Nights Couple: Commuter (no hotel) Couple: 1 Night (full payment) Couple: 2 Nights (full payment) Partial Couple: 1 Night (half payment) Partial Couple: 2 Nights (half payment)

This year, participants can register online individually or together as couples (or roommates). Couples registering together should **each** enter their preferred workshop selections before submitting the registration form.

Couple participants staying at the hotel who wish to register separately may select one of the Partial Couple rates, but both participants **MUST** register before the August 15 deadline. Registration after July 31 will be subject to late fee.

**Note:** Couples commuting who choose to register separately should each select the Individual Commuter rate at the time of registration. Otherwise, couples commuting may also register together by selecting the Couple Commuter rate.

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERS** are eligible to pay a reduced conference fee. You **MUST** enter the correct discount code as stated below to receive the member rate. Discounted prices will be reflected on the payment screen.

- **INDIVIDUAL** registrants (commuter, 1 night, or 2 nights): **1MEMBER**
- **COUPLE** registrants (commuter, 1 night, or 2 nights): **2MEMBERS**
- **PARTIAL COUPLE** registrants (1 night or 2 nights): **1MEMBER**  
(Commuter couples registering separately should select the Individual Commuter rate.)

If the incorrect discount code is entered, you will be contacted for additional payment or partial refund information.

Each conference registrant will receive a **separate** confirmation letter. If you have not received a confirmation letter and schedule by August 31, call (855) 266-2458 or email [training.ei-dcs@tn.gov](mailto:training.ei-dcs@tn.gov) for assistance and further instruction.

# Conference Registration Form #1

PRINT or TYPE Name as you want it on the name badge

First Name	
Last Name	
Name of spouse/roommate	
Mailing Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Phone	
Email	
Number of Years Fostering	
DCS or Private Agency (specify)	
Name of RPS Worker	
Room Preference (not guaranteed)	<input type="checkbox"/> King <input type="checkbox"/> Double
Indicate if you will be bringing the following (select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/> Scooter <input type="checkbox"/> Guide Dog
Special Meal Accommodations (select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free
Additional Special Accommodations not listed above	

## 2015 Registration Fee Payment Schedule

Conference Rate Includes: 3 meals per participant, snacks, and hotel if applicable

### Couple/Roommate rate (if Couple or Rooming with another Participant)

	Association Member	Non-Member	Late Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night Only	\$130.00	\$200.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Night Only	\$130.00	\$200.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Nights (Friday and Saturday)	\$227.00	\$297.00	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter (no hotel)	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$10.00

### Individual Rate (if attending alone)

	Association Member	Non-Member	Late Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night Only	\$65.00	\$100.00	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Night Only	\$65.00	\$100.00	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Nights (Friday and Saturday)	\$162.00	\$197.00	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter (no hotel)	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$5.00

# Conference Registration Form #1

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Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Workshop Preferences

Due to limited space in many workshops, please list three preferences for each time slot.

### Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (1:30 PM to 6:00 PM)

#### Session A

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### Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (8:30 AM to 11:30 AM)

#### Session B

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### Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (12:55 PM to 1:55 PM)

#### Session C

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### Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (2:15 PM to 4:15 PM)

#### Session D

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### Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (4:30 PM to 6:30 PM)

#### Session E

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### Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

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## Conference Registration Form #2

PRINT or TYPE Name as you want it on the name badge

First Name	
Last Name	
Name of spouse/roommate	
Mailing Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Phone	
Email	
Number of Years Fostering	
DCS or Private Agency (specify)	
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Additional Special Accommodations not listed above	

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# Conference Registration Form #2

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#### Session C

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### Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

#### Session F

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# Program Advertisement Form

(Complete One Form for Each Advertisement)

## Program Advertisement:

- Full Page Ad      \$100
- Half Page Ad      \$50
- Quarter Page Ad    \$25
- Patron & Sponsor   \$10

## Please type or print legibly:

Name of Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Individual Submitting Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Advertisements must be formatted exactly as you desire to see it in the souvenir journal and must be submitted via email by August 1, 2015.

Please email using Microsoft compatible software (i.e., Acrobat PDF, Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, etc.) to Ronya Faulkner at

[Ronya.R.Faulkner@tn.gov](mailto:Ronya.R.Faulkner@tn.gov).

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# 2014 Conference Highlights



## SAVE THE DATE!

2015 DCS Resource Parent Conference

October 2-4, 2015

Registration begins May 1!

- Meet with fellow resource parents and DCS staff
- Meet annual training requirements
- You asked; we listened! Attend special topics workshops
- Have fun and get inspired!

Register online at [www.TNDCSR.info](http://www.TNDCSR.info)

# Vendor Form

## Vendor Table Reservation:

Friday and Saturday

Table setup will begin October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

Dismantle of Tables will be on October 4<sup>th</sup> by 12:00 PM.

	Vendor Fee	Hotel Fee
Commuter	\$35	-
1 night/individual	\$35	\$65
2 nights/individual	\$35	\$162
1 night/couple	\$35	\$130
2 nights/couple	\$35	\$227

If staying at hotel one night, please select:  Friday  Saturday

**Fee includes one 8 ft Table, 2 Chairs, and 2 sets of meal tickets.**

Additional meals \$15 per person

## Please type or print legibly:

Name of Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual Submitting Request \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor Table Fees:** Please make cashier's check or money order payable to:

Department of Children's Services  
Attn: Resource Parent Conference/  
Vendor Table Fees  
436 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North,  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor Cordell Hull  
Nashville, TN 37243



## **Regional Welcome Events**

October 2, 2015 – 7:15 PM

Each Region will have an area assigned to host a Welcome Event for Resource Parents.

### **The Welcome Events will be your opportunity to:**

- Meet Regional Leadership, Advocates, and Association Representatives
- Receive Regional information
- Get to know other Resource Parents from your Region
- Have FUN like only your Region can!
- Appetizers will be provided

Praise for last year's events:

- "The regional mixers were a smashing hit!"
- "Excellent! I loved the regional welcome events; kudos! Thanks for giving the advocates an opportunity to introduce themselves."
- "Our regional event was a blast!"



**Go to:**

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