

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Supporting Children and Youth in Foster Care through Effective Engagement of Foster Parents in the Community



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Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. EST

Where: Live Interactive Webinar

Registered participants will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to join the session.

Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. List national and local statistics regarding children in the foster care system and positive/negative outcomes
2. Summarize the similarities and differences between youth placed in licensed foster homes through the Department of Social Services vs. Treatment Foster Care (TFC) Programs as it relates to routines and specialty health care, trauma, medication administration, education, legal involvement, and training of foster parents.
3. Describe the roles of TFC parents and interdisciplinary team members in cross-system collaboration
4. Discuss best practices for serving children and youth in foster care from admission to discharge/after-care in some case examples.

Children and youth in foster care and their foster parents encounter barriers within the system that can impact their well-being and engagement with health care providers, educators, and others in community settings. This session explores how strengthening partnerships and clarifying of roles between child welfare workers, foster parents, and community providers positively impacts the services, supports and care that foster youth receive. Tips, strategies, and best practices, including Partnering for Success, an evidenced-based model focusing on cross-system collaboration and engagement of treatment foster parents, child welfare and mental health/medical professionals will be discussed.

Instructional Level: Intermediate

Who Should Attend? Psychologists, Social workers, Counselors, Educators, Parents and caregivers, Nurses, Clinical and medical staff, Direct support professionals and other community service providers, Speech-language pathologists, Physical and occupational therapists, Community members, Students/trainees.

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3.0 Continuing Education Hours

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