

Spring 2018 Resource Parent Conference

Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:30am-4:00pm

On-Site Registration begins at 7:30am. Register ahead online!

Chesapeake College, 1000 College Circle, Wye Mills, MD 21679

REGISTRATION: www.family.umaryland.edu/rpt or you may call 410-706-0721 / 410-706-4509

Morning Workshops – Two Hours – Choose One

Participants
will enjoy:

Motivational
Keynote

Morning &
Afternoon
Workshops

Breakfast &
Lunch

Afternoon
Snacks

Gift Basket
Raffles

Vendors

Resource
Parent
Associations

Basic LGBTQ Competency for Resource Parents

This critical session equips parents with a comprehensive foundation of knowledge on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals and their experiences within the child welfare system. Participants will learn key concepts and terminology related to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE). Research findings on the prevalence and experiences of LGBTQ youth in foster care will be explored. The session concludes by outlining the steps every parent can take to welcome and affirm LGBTQ youth within their homes and beyond.

Discipline: Finding Children's Strengths in the Oddest Places*

(Meets Maryland's Behavior Management Requirement) Do you have a love/hate relationship with discipline? Do you question whether you're doing it "right"? If so, then you are a normal parent! It is very easy to fall into the trap of focusing on negative behaviors and what is not going right. Join the discussion that will leave you feeling inspired and with tangible skills and ideas on how tackle situations from a different perspective.

Holding it Together: Disruption Prevention

There are times when foster and adoptive parents become so overwhelmed with the challenges of caring for a complicated and hurt child that they want to quit. This seminar will explore the stages of disruption, discuss its impact on parents and children, and outline prevention strategies to help families stay together, even through the most trying times. Emphasis will be placed on preparing families to raise a hurt child, providing tools to support families when life gets tough, preventing disruption when possible, and guiding families through the process of disruption when there is no other option.

Ready By 21: Future of Our Teens

Learn ways to better prepare foster teens for adulthood. This workshop will explore identified benchmarks and compare some of the available services for youth from age 14 to age 21. Participants will also receive a copy of DHR's Ready by 21 manual, which is a great tool for resource parents to have as integral members of a youth's DSS team.

Infant, Youth, & Adult CPR

This comprehensive CPR course provides training for use with infant, youth, and adult victims in a variety of emergency situations. Participants will learn skills that include performing rescue breathing, clearing an obstructed airway, and performing one-rescuer CPR.

*Participants who attend the full day will receive 6.5 Training Hours.
Afternoon workshop descriptions on reverse.*

