



CHILD WELFARE ACADEMY Spring Resource Parent Conference

Saturday, April 17, 2021
8:30am-3:30pm

The Child Welfare Academy, Maryland Resource Parent Association, Maryland Department of Human Services, and your local Departments of Social Services invite you to our first

VIRTUAL Resource Parent Fall Conference! **Registration is FREE.**

<https://theinstitute.umaryland.edu/our-work/ruth-young-center-for-maryland/child-welfare-academy/conference/>

Conference Agenda

- 8:30-10:00am: **Welcome and Keynote Resource Parent Panel: Surviving and Thriving During the Pandemic and Beyond**
With the unique challenges we have all experienced since March 2020, learn from other resource parents their tips and suggestions to best support your family in this new normal. Navigating e-learning, advocacy, and individual and family self-care will be discussed.
- 10:00-10:30am: **Virtual Lobby with Jeannette Jumbelick, Foster Parent Ombuds**
- 10:30am-12:30pm: **Breakout session 1 (choose one of the following):**
*When a Child Lies, Steals, and Hoards** (Erica Moltz, Adoptions Together)
Living and Coping in the Era of COVID-19 and Black Lives Matter (Dr. Timothy Wolfe)
Strategies for Helping Children Cope During Reunification (Veronica Cruz)
- 12:30pm-1:00pm: **Break**
- 1:00pm-1:30pm: **Virtual Lobby with Arnie Eby, Maryland Resource Parent Assoc**
- 1:30-3:30pm: **Breakout session 2 & Closing (choose one of the following):**
*Attachment and Trauma** (Angela Quinn, Families Connected)
Fostering and Adopting Across Racial Lines (Erica Moltz, Adoptions Together)
Digital Safety (Joe Dugan, Maryland State Police)

Attendees will need to attend using a computer, tablet, or smart phone. The conference will be hosted in Zoom meeting.

Licensed Resource Parents will receive **5 training hours** for attending the full conference. Informal Kinship providers and professionals are welcome to attend without credit.

Registration will open February 15!

Please make sure you have an account on <https://theinstitute.myabsorb.com/> to register. **NEW USERS** please contact Laura first.

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