



ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOSTER PARENTS

Parents who have been fostering for **3 years or more** have the opportunity to complete elective training hours through approved training media by reading books, watching movies, or completing online training made available through the DCS website.

Parents can receive **2 credit hours** for each book they read from the approved list and **1 credit hour** for watching each approved movie. See the following pages for a list of titles and information regarding completion.

Online Training

Foster parents may also receive for additional elective training hours by completing approved online training. Approved training videos can be viewed on the DCS website at <http://www.tn.gov/dcs/article/online-foster-parent-training>.

In accordance with Policy 16.8:

Foster Parents may access **up to seven (7) hours** of computer-based training per year, via the internet. Training hours related to reading books and reporting to the FPS/Private Provider staff will be **limited to three (3) hours** per year.

Other training options include special events offered by school systems, mental health facilities, and other public service resources. Journals, magazine articles, video tapes, and books may be used for individual study. The FPS/Private Provider staff may offer suggestions and help to provide these resources.

To receive credit for these elective trainings, fill out the [Elective Training Documentation](#) form and present it to your worker.

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APPROVED BOOKS FOR ELECTIVE TRAINING CREDIT

The following books are approved for elective training hours for foster parents who have been fostering for **3 years or more**. If you would like to receive credit for reading a book that is not on the list, please submit the title to the Office of Learning & Development for approval. Each book is worth **2 credit hours**.

- Family Foster Care in the Next Century, Kathy Barbell and Lois Wright
- Hope's Boy: A Memoir, Andrew Bridge
- Being Adopted: The Lifelong Search for Self, David Brodzinsky
- They Cage Animals at Night, Jennings Michael Burch
- It's My Life, Casey Family Programs
- Grandparents and Other Relative Caregivers Guide, Children's Defense Fund
- Foster Parent Survival Manual, Ellen Cirino
- Do You Want to Be a Foster Parent? Sharon Davis
- Grandparents as Parents: A Survival Guide for Raising a Second Family, Sylvia de Toledo and Deborah Edler Brown
- Raising Our Children's Children, Deborah Doucette-Dudman
- Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew, Sherrie Eldridge
- The Middle Mom: How to Grow Your Heart by Giving It Away, Christie Erwin
- A Child's Journey through Placement, Vera Fahlberg
- Finding Fish: A Memoir, Antwone Q. Fisher and Mim E. Rivas
- The Slave Across the Street, Theresa Flores

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- Another Forgotten Child, Cathy Glass
- Damaged: The Heartbreaking True Story of a Lost Little Girl, Cathy Glass
- Fostering or Adopting the Troubled Child, Janet Glatz
- Another Place at the Table, Kathy Harrison
- To Grandma's House We . . . Stay: When You Have to Stop Spoiling Your Grandchildren and Start Raising Them, Sally Houtman
- The Sexualized Child in Foster Care: A Guide for Foster Parents and Other Professionals, Sally G. Hoyle
- When Do I Go Home? Intervention Strategies for Foster Parents and Helping Professionals, Sally G. Hoyle
- Adopting the Older Child, Claudia Jewett-Jarratt
- Helping Children Cope with Separation and Loss, Claudia Jewett-Jarratt
- Walk a Mile in My Shoes: A Book about Biological Parents for Foster Parents and Social Workers, Judith A. Lee and Danielle Nisivoccia
- Preparing Adolescents for Life After Foster Care: The Central Role of Foster Parents, Anthony N. Maluccio, Robin Kreiger, and Barbara A. Pine
- A Guidebook to Raising Foster Children, Susan McNair Blatt, M.D.

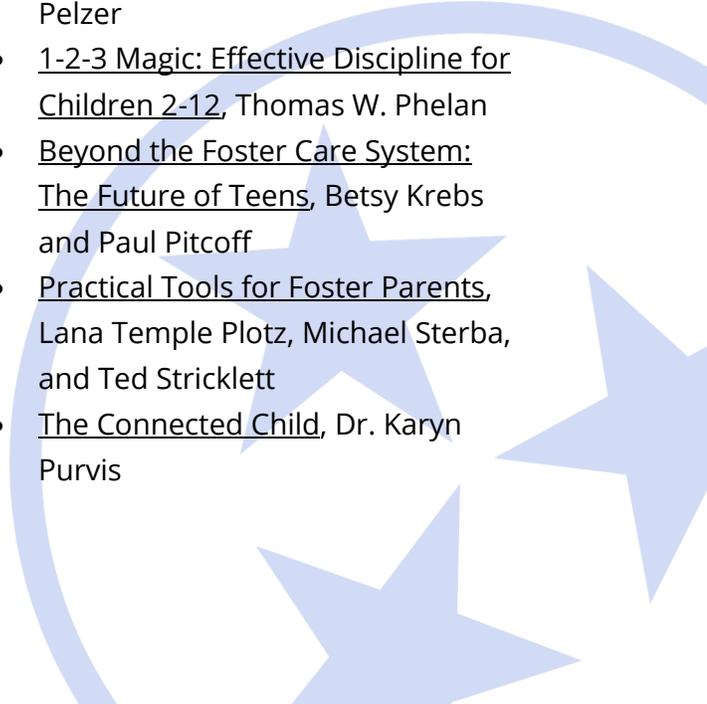
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- Uncertain Futures: Foster Youth in Transition to Adulthood, Edmund V. Mech
- Questions and Activities for the Star: A Handbook for Foster Parents, Cynthia Miller Lovell and Randall E. Haugen
- The Star: A Story to Help Young Children Understand Foster Care, Cynthia Miller Lovell
- The Complete Lifebook Workbook, Jim Mooney, MSW
- Positive Discipline A-Z: 1001 Solutions to Everyday Parenting Problems, Jane Nelsen Ed.D., Lynn Lott, and H. Stephen Glenn
- Lifebooks: Creating a Treasure for the Adopted Child, Beth O'Malley
- PACT's Multicultural Booksource, PACT Press
- Racial Identity Building and Pride Connection, PACT Press
- A Child Called It, Dave Pelzer
- A Man Named Dave, Dave Pelzer
- Help Yourself, Dave Pelzer
- The Lost Boy, Dave Pelzer
- The Privilege of Youth, Dave Pelzer
- A Brother's Journey, Richard Pelzer
- A Teenager's Journey, Richard Pelzer
- 1-2-3 Magic: Effective Discipline for Children 2-12, Thomas W. Phelan
- Beyond the Foster Care System: The Future of Teens, Betsy Krebs and Paul Pitcoff
- Practical Tools for Foster Parents, Lana Temple Plotz, Michael Sterba, and Ted Stricklett
- The Connected Child, Dr. Karyn Purvis

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- Three Little Words: A Memoir, Ashley Rhodes-Courter
- The Women Who Raised Me: A Memoir, Victoria Rowell
- Fostering Hope: Living the Dream with My Name on It, Shane Salter
- Trouble Don't Last Always: When a Child Becomes a 4 Year Old Parent, Shane Salter
- Neighborhood of the Heart: Fostering the Future of Children, Randolph W. Severson, Ph.D.
- On Their Own: What Happens to Foster Kids When They Age Out of the Foster Care System, Martha Shirk
- Relatives Raising Children: A Guide to Finding Help and Hope, Marianne Takas
- Orphans of the Living: Stories of America's Children in Foster Care, Jennifer Toth
- Breaking the Silence, Casey Watson
- Creative Corrections: Extraordinary Ideas for Everyday Discipline, Lisa Whelchel
- Maybe Days: A Book for Children in Foster Care, Jennifer Wilgocki, Marcia Khan Wright, and Alissa Imre Geis



APPROVED MEDIA FOR ELECTIVE TRAINING CREDIT

The following movies are approved for **1 credit hour** for foster parents who have been fostering for **3 years or more**. If you would like to receive credit for watching movie titles that are not listed, you may submit a movie to the Office of Learning & Development for approval.

- ABC News Primetime:
Foster Care: Calling All Angels (2007)
- Aging Out (2006)
- America: A Lifetime Movie (2009)
- Angels in the Outfield (1994)
- Anne of Green Gables (1985)
- Antwone Fisher (2003)
- August Rush (2007)
- Baby Boom (1987)
- Big Daddy (1999)
- Black or White (2014)
- The Blind Side (2009)
- Coach Carter (2005)
- Cyberbully (2011)
- Father Hood (1993)
- Freedom Writers (2007)
- Gracie's Choice (2004)
- Gridiron Gang (2006)
- I Am Sam (2002)
- Juno (2007)
- Lilo & Stitch (2002)
- Losing Isaiah (2003)
- Martian Child (2008)
- Meet the Robinsons (2007)
- Mommie Dearest (1981)
- My Flesh and Blood (2004)
- On Our Own (2004)
- One Incredible Foster Family:
The Ferber Family Story (2006)
- POV: Tough Love (2015)
- Precious (2009)
- Problem Child (1990)
- Raising Arizona (1987)
- Raising Helen (2004)
- Remember the Titans (2000)
- Secondhand Lions (2003)
- A Simple Twist of Fate (1994)
- Stevie (2008)
- Stuart Little (1999)
- Three Men and a Baby (1987)
- White Oleander (2003)

