

FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2010 COUNTY-BASED MEETING TRAININGS

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Our Annual Meeting is March 13th at 9:00 AM. For more information, call 1.800.222.0047 or visit www.fafsonline.org.

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Atlantic County: Chair, Vacant

Atlantic County Chair Needed: Call 1.800.222.0047

Location for All Meetings:
Galloway Township Library
306 East Jimmie Leeds Rd.
Galloway, NJ 08205
Time of All Meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Date: February 17, 2010

Speaker: Beverly McCall, Attorney

Topic: The Adoption Process: From Termination to Finalization

Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: March 9, 2010

Speaker: Child Passenger Safety Technician

Topic: Child Passenger Safety

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: April 27, 2010

Speaker: Patricia Ross, Program Manager

Topic: Creative Community Option Program

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Bergen County: Chair, Arlene Hoffmann

Note: No meeting or training scheduled for February 2010 and April 2010

Date: March 25, 2010

Location: Universal Hagar Spiritualist Church

180 Clay Street; Hackensack, NJ 07601

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Lisa Johnson, FAFS Trainer

Topic: Understanding Child Development: Helping Children Become All They Can Be

Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Burlington County: Chair, Joyce Wakefield

Location of All Meetings:

First United Methodist Church

25 Brainerd Street

Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Time of All Meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Date: February 8, 2010

Speaker: Brenda Rosenberg, Child Health Unit Supervisor

Topic: Child Health Unit Service Overview

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Note: Mercer County parents are invited to attend this meeting.

Date: March 8, 2010

Speaker: Beth Taylor, FAFS Trainer

Topic: Understanding Child Development: Helping Children Become All They Can Be

Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Note: This meeting ends at 9:00 p.m.

Date: April 12, 2010

Speaker: Dana Fried, NJ ARCH Assistant Director

Topic: Adoption and Foster Care in the Schools

Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Camden County: Chair, Dolores Cummings

Location of All Meetings:
Camden DYFS Local Office
4 Echelon Plaza, 201 Laurel Road
Voorhees, NJ 08043
Time of All Meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Date: February 16, 2010
Speaker: Child Passenger Safety Specialist
Topic: Child Passenger Safety
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 9, 2010
Speaker: Laura Kay and Ramona Carmeci, Family Support Center Representatives
Topic: Overview of NJ Family Support Center
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: April 13, 2010
Note: Business meeting only.
No training scheduled.

Cape May County: Co-Chairs, Susan J. Morris and Cynthia A. Vantrieste

Location of All Meetings:
Cape May Local DYFS Office
Court House Commons Building B
601 Rt. 9 South
Cape May Court House, NJ 08204
Time of All Meetings: 6:45 p.m.

Date: February 22, 2010
Speaker: Beverly McCall, Attorney
Topic: Adoption Process: From Termination to Finalization
Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: March 29, 2010
Speaker: Patricia Ross, AtlantiCare Behavioral Health Program Manager
Topic: Creative Community Option Program
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: April 26, 2010
Speaker: Child Passenger Safety Technician
Topic: Child Passenger Safety
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Cumberland County: Co-Chairs, Wendy Baptiste and Annie Mae Jeffers Brady

Location of All Meetings:
YMCA of Vineland
1159 East Landis Ave.
Vineland, NJ 08360
Time of All Meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Date: February 25, 2010
Speaker: Patricia Ross, Program Manager
Topic: Creative Community Options Program
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 25, 2010
Speaker: Beverly McCall, Attorney
Topic: The Adoption Process: From Termination to Finalization
Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: April 22, 2010
Speaker: Beth Taylor, FAFS Trainer
Topic: Understanding Child Development: Helping Children Be All They Can Be
Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Essex County (Newark): Co-Chairs, Michael Moore and Henry Wright

Location of All Meetings:
Community Hills
85 Irvine Turner Blvd.
Newark, NJ 07103

Date: February 23, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Tobbia Corbitt, DYFS
Topic: Resource Parent Recruitment
Note: Meeting only; no training scheduled.

Date: March 23, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Speaker: Lisa Johnson, FAFS Trainer
Topic: X-ray Vision to Carrots to BMI's, Dealing with Childhood Obesity
Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Date: April 27, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA
Amount of In-Service Hours: TBA
Note: Date and time information will be mailed in March.

Essex County (Suburban): Co-Chairs, Barbara Womelsdorf and Stacey Cooper

Time of All Meetings: 7:00 p.m.

Date: February 17, 2010
Location: West Caldwell Civic Center; 1 Fairfield Ave.; West Caldwell, NJ 07006.
Speaker: Dana Woods-Fried, NJ ARCH
Topic: Basics of Special Education in NJ
Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: March 17, 2010
Location: Maplewood DYFS Office; 50 Burnett Ave.; Maplewood, NJ 07040
Speaker: Nana Wilson, Child Advocate, Rutgers Law School
Topic: Aging Out, Don't Miss Out
Amount of In-Service Hours: 1 hour

Date: April 21, 2010
Location: Maplewood DYFS Office; 50 Burnett Ave.; Maplewood, NJ 07040
Speaker: Lisa Johnson, FAFS Trainer
Topic: Understanding Child Development
Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Gloucester County: Co-Chairs, Cynthia Glover and Theresa Brown-Glover

Location of All Meetings:
Mantua Methodist Church
201 Mantua Blvd.
Mantua, NJ 08081
Time of All Meetings: 7:00 p.m.

Date: February 22, 2010
Speaker: Teresa Dimitri, Community Outreach Specialist
Topic: Overview of The Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem County Family Support Organization
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 29, 2010
Speaker: Child Passenger Safety Specialist
Topic: Child Passenger Safety
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: April 26, 2010
Speaker: Beth Taylor, FAFS Trainer
Topic: Understanding Child Development
Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Hudson County: Chair, Martha Passantino

Location of All Meetings:
Jersey City Local DYFS Office;
483 Summit Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Time of All Meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Date: February 25, 2010
Speaker: Child Passenger Safety Specialist
Topic: Child Passenger Safety
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 18, 2010
Speaker: Laura Kay and Ramona Carmeci, Family Support Center Representatives
Topic: Overview of The Family Support Center of New Jersey
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: April 15, 2010

Note: Business meeting only.

No training scheduled.

Mercer County: Chair, Jayne Gordon

Location of All Meetings:
Hamilton Twp. Library
1 Justice Samuel Alito Way
Hamilton Twp., NJ 08619

Date: February 23, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Note: This is just a meeting.

There is no training scheduled on this day.

Date: March 25, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Speaker: Tony Keane, FAFS Trainer

Topic: Understanding Childhood Development

Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Date: April 27, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Speakers: Christine Minerva, Domestic Violence Liaison to DYFS and Ellen Yeagle, Director of Counseling and Support

Topic: Connect: Supporting Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Middlesex County: Chair, Mary Engelmeyer

Location of All Meetings:
Middlesex West Local DYFS Office
53 Knightbridge Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Date: February 18, 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Speakers: Renee Rosen-Foley, LCSW TFC Clinical Supervisor, ASAP Coordinator; Tova Baron and Kristyn Borys, LSW Clinicians

Topic: Catholic Charities Therapeutic Foster Care Program and Adoption Support & Advocacy Program (ASAP)

Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: March 18, 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Note: Meeting only; no training scheduled.

Date: April 15, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Tony Keane, FAFS Trainer

Topic: Understanding Childhood Development

Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Monmouth County: Chair, Lorri Outcalt

Location of All Meetings:
Monmouth Area Local Office
Monmouth Park Corp. Center
Building E 185 Route 36 West
Long Branch, NJ 07740
Time of All Meetings: 6:30 p.m.

Date: February 11, 2010 **NOTE: MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER!**

Speaker: Tamara Gaines, Asst. Exec. Director, Monmouth County Family Support Organization

Topic: Overview of the Family Based Service Association of NJ

Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: March 11, 2010

Note: This is a business meeting only. No training being held.

Date: April 8, 2010

Speaker: Child Passenger Safety Technician

Topic: Child Passenger Safety

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Morris County: Chair, Michelle Cannaveno

Location of All Meetings:

Morris DYFS Local Office

855 Rt. 10 East

Randolph, NJ 07869

Date: February 17, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Denise Lang, Ed.S., LAC

Topic: Sexual Assault Trauma

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 17, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Lisa Johnson, FAFS Trainer

Topic:: From X-ray Vision to Carrots to BMI's, Dealing with Childhood Obesity

Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Date: April 21, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Elizabeth Decourcey-Kocot, MSW, LCSW, Medical Care Specialist

Topic: Ins and Outs of Medicaid and the Dangers of Lead to Children

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours requested; approval pending as of 12/30/09

Ocean County: Chair, Shannon Egleston

Location of All Meetings:
Ocean County Local DYFS Office
1510 Hooper Ave.
Toms River, NJ 08753
Time of All Meetings: 6:30 p.m.

Date: February 25, 2010
Speaker: Child Passenger Safety Specialist
Topic: Child Passenger Safety
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 25, 2010
Speaker: Community Outreach Specialist for OCFSO
Topic: Overview of Ocean County Family Support Organization
Amount of In-Service Hours: 1 hour

Date: April 22, 2010
Note: Business meeting only.
No training scheduled.

Passaic County: Chair, Catherine Fredericks

Location of All Meetings:
Passaic County Technical Institute
45 Reinhardt Road
Wayne, NJ 07470

Date: February 12, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Laura Kay and Ramona Carmeci, Family Support Center Representatives
Topic: Overview of The Family Support Center of New Jersey
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 12, 2010
Time: 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Speaker: Lisa Johnson, FAFS Trainer
Topic: Understanding Child Development: Helping Children Become All They Can Be
Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Date: April 9, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Amruta More, MA, CSW, Habilitation Plan
Topic: NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Salem County: Chair, Bonnie Stevens

Location of All Meetings:
Quinton United Methodist Church
Rt. 49 Main Street
Quinton, NJ 08072
Time of All Meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Date: February 9, 2010 **NOTE: MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER!**
Note: Business meeting only.
No training scheduled.
Traci Harrell, Recruiter will be present.
Please bring a friend.

Date: March 9, 2010
Speaker: Dana Woods Fried, NJ ARCH Asst. Director
Topic: The Basics of Special Education in NJ
Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: April 13, 2010
Speaker: Beth Taylor, FAFS Trainer
Topic: From X-ray Vision to Carrots to BMI's, Dealing with Childhood Obesity
Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours
Note: This meeting ends at 9:00 p.m.

Somerset County: Chair, Roberta Hester

Location of All Meetings:
Franklin Township Library
485 Demott Lane
Somerset NJ 08873

Date: February 16, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Debbie Riscica, BS, OTR, CADC

Topic: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Practical Implications For Caregivers

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 15, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dana Woods-Fried, NJ ARCH Asst. Director

Topic: Basics of Special Education in NJ

Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: April 21, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Franklin Township Library; 485 Demott Lane; Somerset, NJ 08873

Speaker: Laura Kay and Ramona Carmeci, Family Support Center Representatives

Topic: Overview of The Family Support Center of New Jersey

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Note: Date and time information will be mailed at least one month prior to meeting.

Sussex County: Co-Chairs, Cheryl Novak and Lisa Santarpia-Hamler

Location of All Meetings:
Sussex County DYFS Local Office
20 East Clinton St.
Newton, NJ 07860

Date: February 22, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Denise Lauria Venitelli, LCSW

Topic: How to Deal with Difficult Behaviors

Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: March 22, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Denise Lauria Venitelli, LCSW
Topic: Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption
Amount of In-Service Hours: 1.5 hours

Date: April 26, 2010
Time: 6:30-9:30 pm
Speaker: Lisa Johnson, FAFS Trainer
Topic: From X-ray Vision to Carrots to BMI's, Dealing with Childhood Obesity
Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Union County: Chair, Heraline Francis

Location of All Meetings:
Plainfield YMCA
518 Watchung Ave.
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Date: February 25, 2010
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Speaker: Child Passenger Safety Specialist
Topic: Child Passenger Safety
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 25, 2010
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Speaker: Debbie Riscica, BS, OTR, CADC
Topic: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Practical Implications For Caregivers
Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: April 8, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Speaker: Tony Keane, FAFS Trainer
Topic: Understanding Child Development
Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

**Warren and Hunterdon Counties:
Warren County Co-Chairs, Tammi Fennelly and Cathleen Fischer
Hunterdon Volunteer Chair Needed. Call 1.800.222.0047**

Location of All Meetings:
Washington Local DYFS Office
415 East Washington Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882
Time of All Meetings: 7:00 p.m.

Date: February 22, 2010

Speaker: Laura Kay and Ramona Carmeci, Family Support Center Representatives

Topic: Overview of The Family Support Center of New Jersey

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours

Date: March 15, 2010

Speaker: Tony Keane, FAFS Trainer

Topic: Understanding Child Development

Amount of In-Service Hours: 3 hours

Date: April 19, 2010

Speaker: Child Passenger Safety Specialist

Topic: Child Passenger Safety

Amount of In-Service Hours: 2 hours