



UPDATES FOR OUR **SUPER!** PARENTS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
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**HEY!**

May is National Foster Care  
Month!

We want all our foster parents to  
know how **SUPER!** they are!





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FOSTER PARENT  
TRAINING

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SUMMER WITH  
FOSTER CHILDREN

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*Join Us!*

6-7 PM OVER ZOOM

RSVP FOR THE ZOOM LINK  
BEFORE MAY 12TH AT  
KIMCANNANJORDAN@GMAIL.COM



*Featuring Special Hosts ...*

Show Hope Founders  
Mary Beth & Steven Curtis Chapman

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*Teaching on Topics Including...*

An Introduction to TBRI®  
(Trust-Based Relational Intervention®)  
How to Address Big Behaviors  
and More!

Presented by Southern Christian Services for Children & Youth

## HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY

A Simulcast Training Event

**Friday, May 31st from 6pm-8pm**

**and**

**Saturday, June 1st from 9am-4:30pm**

**First Baptist Church Clinton**

**100 E. College St.**

**Clinton MS, 39056**

*Licensed foster parents will  
receive a training certificate for  
10.00 hours.*

The conference includes research-based tools to promote attachment and connection in families such as Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) methods developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and David Cross at the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development at TCU. TBRI is a care model designed to help meet relational and developmental needs of children and youth impacted by trauma.

**The event is FREE.**

**Childcare is *not* provided.**

**Meals and light snacks will be provided.**

**Please contact**

**marybeth@southernchristianservices.org  
for any questions!**

Scan the QR code to register!







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family or the children placed in your  
home, please let us know about it by  
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## MAY SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE



### RESOURCE PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

#### Alcorn County

Location: Gaines Chapel Church - 1803 Hwy 72, Corinth, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Tuesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Jennifer Bradley  
RSVP for Childcare  
(662) 665- 5725

#### Desoto County

Location: Longview Point Baptist Church - 1100 McIngvale Rd, Hernando, MS, (662) 449-1044

Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Thursday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Beth Ford @ bethmford@gmail.com  
Free meal served from 5:30pm – 6:00pm

#### Tate County

Location: Life Point Church - 822 Scott Street, Senatobia, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 4th Thursday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Free Meal Served: 5:30pm - 6:00pm

RSVP for Childcare & Meal:  
(901) 626-9217 or  
julietaylor0975@gmail.com

#### Panola County

Location: Como Church of Christ - 201 East Street, Como, MS (662) 426-1970

Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Saturday, monthly, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

RSVP for childcare  
sardisc5@yahoo.com

#### Union County

Location: 300 W Bankhead St. New Albany MS

Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Jamar Bell  
Please RSVP to jamar.bell@mdcps.ms.gov or  
662-640-1578

#### Pontotoc County

Location: Green Valley Baptist Church - 265 Old Airport Road, Pontotoc, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Tuesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Brooke Franks (662) 419-7960  
Courtney Beard (662) 603-7277 or  
cbeard@k12.md.us  
RSVP for Childcare





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<p><b><u>Lafayette County</u></b></p> <p>Location: The Orchard - 295 MS-7 Oxford, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: First Monday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Sarah Ward Please RSVP to 662-816-6011</p>	<p><b><u>Yalobusha County</u></b></p> <p>Location: 610 North Main Street, Water Valley, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: May 19th, monthly, 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>Natalie Turner RSVP: gnatibryant@gmail.com or</p>
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<p><b><u>Webster County</u></b></p> <p>Location: Maben Public Library - 831 2nd Ave, Maben, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Monday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Clay County</u></b></p> <p>Location: Bryan Public Library - 436 Commerce Street, West Point, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>
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<p><b><u>Choctaw County</u></b></p> <p>Location: Choctaw County Public Library - 511 S. Louiseville Street, Ackerman, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Wednesday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Oktibbeha County</u></b></p> <p>Location: Discovery Center - 1504 Louisville Street, Starkville, MS (662) 615-0033</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Monday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm</p>
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<p><b><u>Oktibbeha County</u></b></p> <p>Location: Discovery Center - 1504 Louisville Street, Starkville, MS (662) 615-0033</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: Every Tuesday at 12:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Lowndes County</u></b></p> <p>Location: Columbus-Lowndes Public Library - 314 7th Street N, Columbus, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 4th Wednesday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>
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<p><b>Winston County</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Winston County Public Library - 100 W. Park Street, Louiseville, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 1st Wednesday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>	<p><b>Carroll County</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Carrollton Baptist Church - 113 W Washington St. Carrollton, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 3rd Saturday, monthly, 10am</p> <p>James and Heather Cain (662) 392-9277 hcain@ymail.com</p>
<p><b>Attala County</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Attala County Extension Office - 715 Fairground Rd, Kosciusko, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 2nd Tuesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:30pm</p> <p>Bobbette Hall (662) 582-4345 carterbobbette@yahoo.com Ruby Foster (662) 739-0951 No Childcare provided</p>	<p><b>Noxubee County</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Ada S. Fant Memorial-(H.Q.) Library - 145 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Macon, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 3rd Tuesday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>
<p><b>Rankin County</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Meadow Grove Baptist Church - 3221 Louis Wilson Dr., Brandon, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> Saturday, March 30th, 9:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p><b>RSVP for Childcare:</b> Send email with age of children needing childcare to WovenOrphanCare@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Rankin County</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Crossgates Baptist Church - 8 Crosswoods Rd, Brandon, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 1st and 3rd Wednesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Chris Gray (601) 876-2550 Childcare provided / RSVP not needed</p>



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<p><b><u>Forrest/Lamar County</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Central Baptist Church - 5402 US 49, Hattiesburg, MS (601) 544-0186</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 4th Thursday, monthly, 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><b>Micah Adamson-</b> (601) 695-3910 adamsonms@yahoo.com RSVP for childcare</p>	<p><b><u>Jackson County</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Mosaic Church - 2016 Bienville Blvd Ocean Springs, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 3rd Monday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Bill and Evie McClarty</b> Text to RSVP for childcare (228) 990-0681</p>
<p><b><u>Jackson County</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center - 1600 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 3rd Saturday, monthly, 1:00pm - 3:00pm</p> <p><b>RSVP with:</b> Bridgett Beesley (228) 669-4373 or (601) 528-4792</p>	<p><b><u>Pearl River County</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Heritage Christian Academy - 21 Richardson Road, Picayune, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 1st Thursday, monthly, 5:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Group Leader:</b> Kelli Clymer (601) 337-0057 kdclymer@gmail.com RSVP for Childcare (601) 337-0057</p>
<p><b><u>Harrison County</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Michael Memorial Baptist Church - 15053 John Clark Road, Gulfport, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 2nd Wednesday, monthly, 6:30pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><b>RSVP for childcare</b> (228) 832-1709</p>	<p><b><u>Harrison County</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Church of the King - 920 Cedar Lake Blvd., Biloxi, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> May 9th, monthly, 6:30pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><b>Dan and Vicki Estes</b> RSVP for free childcare - Call or Text Dan (228) 334- 2062 to reserve a spot(s)</p>



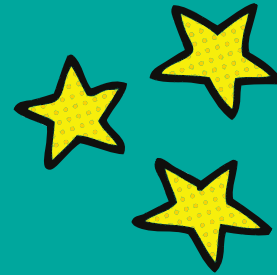


## ***WE ARE HERE FOR YOU***

If there is anything that we can do to support you, please let us know because that is what we are here for.



### **REMINDERS**



If you are ever unable to reach your child's caseworker or your Licensure Specialist and you need immediate assistance, always call the 24-hour hotline:

**1-800-222-8000.**

The information/referral specialist will contact someone and have them reach out to you as quickly as possible.





**FOSTER  
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**MISSISSIPPI FOSTER PARENTS'  
BILL OF RIGHTS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Foster Parents' Bill of Rights, which was adopted during the 2023 Mississippi Legislative Session, provides an outline of the rights and responsibilities of foster families. The Bill of Rights became effective on July 1, 2023. You can find the full document on the MDCPS website under the Foster Parent Resources tab. There is also a link below which will take you directly to the document as well.

Foster Parents' Bill of Rights

[Foster-Parents-BOR-FINAL.pdf \(ms.gov\)](#)



# **FOSTER PARENT GRIEVANCE POLICY**



**FOSTER  
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RESOURCES**

Last year the new Foster Parent Grievance Policy and Procedures came out. There is a link on the MDCPS website which will take you to a fillable form that submits directly to the Foster Parent Liaisons and Supervisors. The form is a DocuSign form and is located on the website under the Foster Parent Resources tab. Direct links to the policy and the grievance form are below.

Steps to completing the form:

- 1) Access the grievance DocuSign form and enter your contact information
- 2) Complete all the necessary information
- 3) Sign the form
- 4) Click on “Finish” at the bottom of the document to complete the form and have it send to the Liaisons and their Supervisors

Foster parent grievance policy

[Foster Parent Grievance Policy\\_\(1\).pdf\(ms.gov\)](#)

This link takes you directly to the DocuSign form to file a grievance

[DocuSign](#)



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## FOSTER PARENT GRIEVANCE FORM



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### Foster Parent Grievance

Name of Filer: Full Name

Address:

City:  State:  Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

County Involved:

Names of Case Workers Involved

Area Service Manager:  Names of parent/caretaker of any involved children

Grievance Concerns (list the names of any children or adults related to the grievance)

Description of Grievance:

Signature of Filer  Date Signed: 10/19/2023 | 10:10 AM CDT

**\*\*Complete the attached form to file a grievance regarding the Foster Parent Bill of Rights or the foster parent responsibilities in Mississippi Code Section 43-15-13. This form will be automatically filed once all required fields are completed, the form is signed, and Finish is selected. An MDCPS representative will make contact once the grievance has been reviewed.**