



UPDATES FOR OUR **SUPER!** PARENTS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES



**GREETINGS
FOSTER
PARENTS**





CHRISTMAS

ZACCHAEUS' TREE ADOPTION MINISTRY

Adoption & Foster Care Class

DECEMBER 6TH from 6:00 PM-7:00PM

Keynote Speaker: Maggie Wade-Dixon

Crossgates Church, 8 Crosswoods Dr, Brandon MS

● One-hour approved training credit

▲ Free childcare | RSVP not required

❄ Meeting in room 207



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DECEMBER 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

Tishomingo County

Location: 1505 Betty Dale Dr. Luka, MS

Meeting Date/Time: December 18th 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Jacob Coffman
Please RSVP to
jacob.coffman@mdcps.ms.gov or
(601) 622-5247

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: December 12th 6:00pm - 7:00pm

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



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Lee County

Location: 220 S. Industrial Rd. Tupelo, MS

Meeting Date/Time: December 21st
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

Lafayette County

Location: 295 MS-7 Oxford, MS

Meeting Date/Time: December 5th
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Sarah Ward
Please RSVP to 662-816-6011

Yalobusha County

Location: 20 South Main Street, Water
Valley, MS

Meeting Date/Time: December 10th
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Natalie Turner
RSVP: gmatibryant@gmail.com or
662-414-0912

Webster County

Location: Maben Public Library - 831 2nd
Ave, Maben, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Monday, monthly,
at 12:00pm

Clay County

Location: Bryan Public Library - 436
Commerce Street, West Point, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday, monthly,
at 12:00pm

Choctaw County

Location: Choctaw County Public Library -
511 S. Louiseville Street, Ackerman, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Wednesday,
monthly, at 12:00pm

Oktober County

Location: Discovery Center - 1504 Louisville
Street, Starkville, MS
(662) 615-0033

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



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Oktibbeha County

Location: Discovery Center - 1504 Louisville Street, Starkville, MS
(662) 615-0033

Meeting Date/Time: Every Tuesday at 12:00pm

Lowndes County

Location: Columbus-Lowndes Public Library - 314 7th Street N, Columbus, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 4th Wednesday, monthly, at 12:00pm

Winston County

Location: Winston County Public Library - 100 W. Park Street, Louiseville, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 1st Wednesday, monthly, at 12:00pm

Carroll County

Location: Carrollton Baptist Church - 113 W Washington St. Carrollton, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Saturday, monthly, 10am

James and Heather Cain
(662) 392-9277
hcain@ymail.com

Attala County

Location: Attala County Extension Office - 715 Fairground Rd, Kosciusko, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Bobbette Hall (662) 582-4345
carterbobbette@yahoo.com
Ruby Foster (662) 739-0951
No Childcare

Nuxubee County

Location: Ada S. Fant Memorial-(H.Q.) Library - 145 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Macon, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Tuesday, monthly, at 12:00pm

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Lauderdale County

Location: New Hope Baptist Church - 6573 MS-145, Meridian, MS
(604) 693-4490

Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Sunday, monthly,
4:00pm - 5:00pm

RSVP with:
newhope145@gmail.com
(601) 480- 1815
RSVP for Childcare

Rankin County

Location: Crossgates Baptist Church - 8 Crosswoods Rd, Brandon, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Chris Gray
(601) 876-2550
Childcare provided / RSVP not needed

Forrest/Lamar County

Location: Central Baptist Church - 5402 US 49, Hattiesburg, MS (601) 544-0186

Meeting Date/Time: 4th Tuesday, monthly,
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Micah Adamson- (601) 695-3910
adamsonms@yahoo.com
RSVP for childcare

Jackson County

Location: Mosaic Church - 2016 Bienville Blvd Ocean Springs, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Monday, monthly,
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Bill and Evie McClarty
(228) 875- 3500

Jackson County

Location: Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center - 1600 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Saturday, monthly,
1:00pm - 3:00pm

RSVP with:
Bridgett Beesley
(228) 669-4373 or (601) 528-4792

Pearl River County

Location: Heritage Christian Academy - 21 Richardson Road, Picayune, MS

Meeting Date/Time: 1st Thursday, monthly,
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Group Leader:
Kelli Clymer (601) 337-0057
kdclymer@gmail.com
RSVP for Childcare (601) 337-0057



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Harrison County

**Location: Michael Memorial Baptist Church -
15053 John Clark Road, Gulfport, MS**

**Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Wednesday,
monthly, 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**RSVP for childcare
(228) 832-1709**



REMINDERS

If you are ever unable to reach your child's frontline 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.

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.



ABOVE AND BEYOND

When one of our staff goes above and beyond for either your family or the children placed in your home, please let us know about it by using the link provided in the body of the email. We want to be sure to recognize our staff members when they make an impression on you.

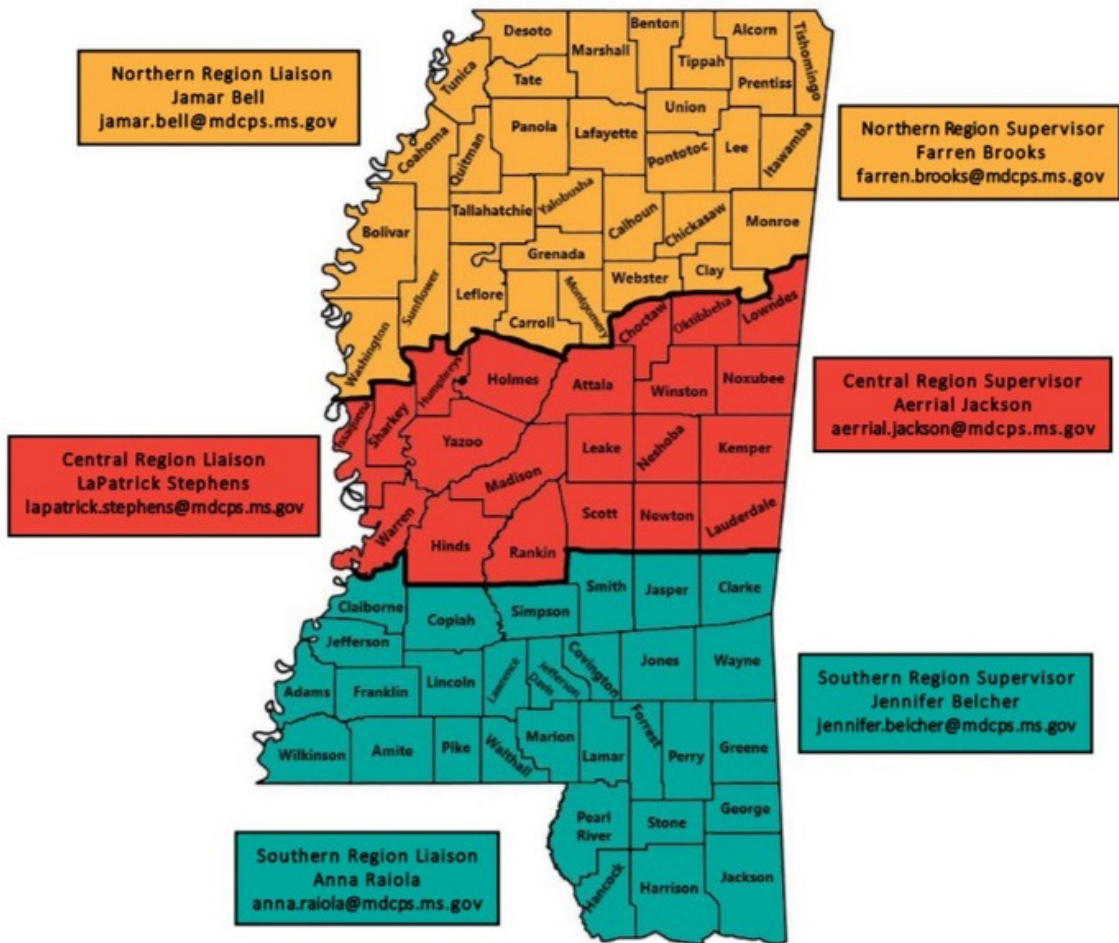


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MDCPS Foster Parent Liaisons





**FOSTER
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RESOURCES**

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



The Foster Parent Bill of Rights, which was adopted during the 2023 Mississippi Legislative Session, provides an outline of the rights and responsibilities of foster families. The Foster Parent 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 a link in the body of this email which will take you directly to the document as well.



FOSTER PARENT RESOURCES

FOSTER PARENT GRIEVANCE POLICY



This year the new foster parent grievance policy and procedures came out. There is a new 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. The form is located on the website under the Foster Parent Resources tab. The link has also been provided in the body of this email to take you to the form.

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



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FOSTER PARENT GRIEVANCE FORM



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 MDGPS representative will make contact once the grievance has been reviewed.**