

**UPDATES FOR OUR *SUPER!* PARENTS**



**APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**CHILD ABUSE  
PREVENTION  
MONTH**



**To report abuse or neglect 1-800-222-8000**



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Zacchaeus Tree Adoption Ministry

# Adoption Foster Care Class

Wednesday, April 3rd

**6:00p-7:00p**

ROOM 207

One-hour foster training credit

Free childcare

RSVP not required

LaPatrick Stephens - MDCPS : Keynote Speaker

**Crossgates Church**

**8 Crosswoods Rd, Brandon, MS 39042**

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In Recognition of April as  
**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**Prevention Resource Fair**  
McClain Lodge Resort  
874 Holly Bush Rd.  
Brandon, MS  
**Saturday, April 13, 2024**  
**10:30 am to 1:00 pm**

MEAL  
PROVIDED

**Safari Field Trip from 10:30-11:30 am**  
**Lunch and Resource Fair to follow.**

Space is limited, so register today!

Registration is mandatory for entry.

Registration Deadline April 8th

*For additional information, please contact*  
*prevention@mdcps.ms.gov or 601-954-7962.*

**Scan to Register to Attend**  
**or Sign-Up as a Vendor!**



**Vendors Needed!**  
Would you like to be a  
Vendor at the event? Use  
the QR code to Sign-Up!





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SEE SOMETHING.  
SAY SOMETHING.

## APRIL 2024

Join us in April as we  
✿ **raise awareness**  
✿ **provide tools**  
✿ **promote action**  
aimed at preventing  
child abuse!

For more information  
about Child Abuse  
Prevention Month,  
contact:

Barbara Culberson  
bculberson@starkvillesd.com

662.615.0033

@DiscoveryCenterSOSD

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH 27**

**PodCast:** What is Child Maltreatment? Plus, an overview of Child Abuse Prevention Month  
Search "PARENT TALK at Discovery Center" on YouTube

**APRIL 3**

**Community Pinwheel Ceremony**  
12:00 noon - Outdoors at the Discovery Center  
1504 Louisville Street - Starkville, MS

**APRIL 6 - 12**

**Week of the Young Child**  
Watch for fun activities at ICS Head Start-Oktibbeha County and other childcare centers

**APRIL 11**

**PodCast:** Special guest Frankie Johnson will discuss the upcoming "I Got You: Healthy Life Choices for Teens" event  
Search "PARENT TALK at Discovery Center" on YouTube

**APRIL 12**

**Car Seat Safety Check & Installation**  
2:00pm - 5:00pm - Neighborhood WALMART Parking Lot  
105 Market St., Starkville, MS

**APRIL 18**

**Blue Out Thursday Challenge!**  
WEAR BLUE, take photos and EMAIL to veronicaking@starkvillesd.com

**APRIL 18**

**Resource Fair & Community Engagement Event**  
The Warehouse at First Baptist Church • 210 S Jackson St - Starkville, MS  
**Guest Speaker: Frankie Johnson**, MS Department of Mental Health & Team  
5:00pm - Doors open for Resource Fair/Meal  
6:00pm - Speaker Presentation  
- MEAL PROVIDED  
- Two Contact Hours Available  
EVENT PARTNERS: MSU Department of Health Promotions and Wellness & Oktibbeha County Community Action Coalition

**APRIL 27**

**Blue Sunday**  
Child Abuse Prevention focus at local churches

**APRIL 30**

**Statewide Vitality Cafe**  
6:00pm via ZOOM  
"Developing Healthy Relationships and Setting Boundaries"

STARKVILLE OKTIBBEHA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**DISCOVERY CENTER**



CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY WITH EXCELLENCE

1504 Louisville Street • Starkville, MS

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Presented by Southern Christian Services for Children & Youth

## Hope for the Journey

A Simulcast Training Event with Breakout Sessions

**Fri & Sat, May 3 & 4, 2024  
at 9am-3:30pm\***

Harvest Church  
15523 Landon Rd, Gulfport

Licensed foster parents receive  
10.0 in-person credit hours

*Featuring Special Hosts ...*

Show Hope Founders  
Mary Beth & Steven Curtis Chapman

+

*Teaching on Topics Including...*

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

Scan QR Code to Register



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

**ALL ARE WELCOME.** This training is open to all foster, adoptive, & post-adoptive parents. FREE LUNCH will be provided. Childcare will not be provided at this event. Show Hope is a faith-based organization that produces & distributes conference digital material. Contact: [mary@southernchristianservices.org](mailto:mary@southernchristianservices.org) or 228-896-1128



SHOW HOPE



**The CARE Project in Collaboration with the  
Mississippi Early Hearing Detection and  
Intervention Program and Mississippi  
State Department of Health Presents:**

**The CARE Project  
Mississippi Family Fun Day 2024  
Hattiesburg Zoo  
Saturday, May 4, 2024 11:00am-2:00pm**

This event is for families who have children  
who are deaf and hard of hearing! This  
event is free of charge to families.

Please register for this event at:  
**<https://MSFamilyDay2024.eventbrite.com>**

lara@thecareproject.com  
www.thecareproject.com



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News and  
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Please help us to recognize 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 below.



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## APRIL 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: 3rd Monday, monthly, 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: 2nd Tuesday, monthly, 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: Lee County Public Library - 219 N. Madison St, Tupelo, MS

Meeting Date/Time: Monday, March 25th, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Jamar Bell

Please RSVP to [jamar.bell@mdcps.ms.gov](mailto: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](mailto:cbeard@k12.md.us)

RSVP for Childcare

#### Lafayette County

Location: The Orchard - 295 MS-7 Oxford, MS

Meeting Date/Time: First Monday, monthly, 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: 2nd Sunday, monthly, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Natalie Turner

RSVP: [gmatibryant@gmail.com](mailto: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. Louisville Street, Ackerman, MS

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

#### Oktibbeha 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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<p><b><u>Oktibbeha County</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Discovery Center - 1504 Louisville Street, Starkville, MS (662) 615-0033</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> Every Tuesday at 12:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Lowndes County</u></b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Columbus-Lowndes Public Library - 314 7th Street N, Columbus, MS</p> <p><b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> 4th Wednesday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>
<p><b><u>Winston County</u></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><u>Carroll County</u></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><u>Attala County</u></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><u>Noxubee County</u></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>




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<p><b><u>Rankin County</u></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 <a href="mailto:WovenOrphanCare@gmail.com">WovenOrphanCare@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Rankin County</u></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><b>Chris Gray</b> (601) 876-2550 Childcare provided / RSVP not needed</p>
<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 <a href="mailto:adamsonms@yahoo.com">adamsonms@yahoo.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:kdcllymer@gmail.com">kdcllymer@gmail.com</a> RSVP for Childcare (601) 337-0057</p>



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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

#### Harrison County

**Location:** Church of the King - 920 Cedar Lake  
Blvd., Biloxi, MS

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

**Dan and Vicki Estes**  
RSVP for free childcare - Call or Text Dan  
(228) 334- 2062 to reserve a spot(s)

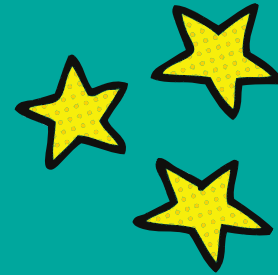


## **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU**

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.



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## MDCPS Foster Parent Liaisons

**Northern Region Liaison**  
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**Southern Region Supervisor**  
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**FOSTER  
PARENT  
RESOURCES**

**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  
PARENT  
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.**