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PARENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2024

Communities of Hope

PRESENTS

Fostering Hope

Foster Care Awareness and Call to Action Event



Volunteers Needed!

We need CPS staff and Foster and Adoptive Parents

Volunteer Spots include:

- Foster Parent Answering Questions
- CPS Specialist Answering Questions
- FP Recruiter Answering Questions
- Licensure Specialist Answering Questions
- Greeter
- Registration Table
- On-Site Application Center
- Refreshment Table
- Navigating to Seats

Saturday, February 24th

9:00-12:00 pm

Doors Open at 9:30 am

First Baptist Church Gulfport

12190 MS Hwy 605

Gulfport, MS

VOLUNTEER NOW



What is Communities of Hope?

We are agencies, groups, and individuals within Mississippi's communities working together to **embrace** and **support** children and families involved in foster care.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone! At the Fostering Hope event, you will learn about programs and agencies that work to support families and children involved in foster care. This event will be an excellent introduction for anyone wanting to get involved but still trying to figure out how to do it.

Change is Needed

With over **3,800** children in Foster Care on any given day in Mississippi, we must have a collaborative approach to help children and families involved in foster care reach their full potential.

How Can I Get Involved?

We believe that **everyone** can do something! You will meet representatives from Child Protection Services, Heart Gallery, Southern Christian Services, Youth Court, CASA, etc... Opportunities are available to get involved from adoption, fostering, volunteering, donating, etc...





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JANUARY SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

 RESOURCE PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS	
<p><u>Alcorn County</u></p> <p>Location: Gaines Chapel Church - 1803 Hwy 72, Corinth, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Tuesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:30pm</p> <p>Jennifer Bradley RSVP for Childcare (662) 665- 5725</p>	<p><u>Desoto County</u></p> <p>Location: Longview Point Baptist Church - 1100 McIngvale Rd, Hernando, MS, (662) 449-1044</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Thursday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Beth Ford @ bethmford@gmail.com Free meal served from 5:30pm – 6:00pm</p>
<p><u>Tishomingo County</u></p> <p>Location: 1505 Betty Dale Dr. Luka, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Monday, monthly, 4:00pm - 6:00pm</p> <p>Jacob Coffman Please RSVP to jacob.coffman@mdcps.ms.gov or (601) 622-5247</p>	<p><u>Tate County</u></p> <p>Location: Life Point Church - 822 Scott Street, Senatobia, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 4th Thursday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm Free Meal Served: 5:30pm - 6:00pm</p> <p>RSVP for Childcare & Meal: (901) 626-9217 or julietaylor0975@gmail.com</p>
<p><u>Panola County</u></p> <p>Location: Como Church of Christ - 201 East Street, Como, MS (662) 426-1970</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Saturday, monthly, 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>RSVP for childcare sardisc5@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Union County</u></p> <p>Location: 300 W Bankhead St. New Albany MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Jamar Bell Please RSVP to jamar.bell@mdcps.ms.gov or 662-640-1578</p>



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<p>Lee County</p> <p>Location: Lee County Public Library - 219 N. Madison St, Tupelo, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 4th Monday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Jamar Bell Please RSVP to jamar.bell@mdcps.ms.gov or 662-640-1578</p>	<p>Pontotoc County</p> <p>Location: Green Valley Baptist Church - 265 Old Airport Road, Pontotoc, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Tuesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Brooke Franks (662) 419-7960 Courtney Beard (662) 603-7277 or cbeard@k12.md.us RSVP for Childcare</p>
<p>Lafayette County</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>Yalobusha County</p> <p>Location: 20 South Main Street, Water Valley, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Sunday, monthly, 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>Natalie Turner RSVP: gmatibryant@gmail.com or 662-414-0912</p>
<p>Webster County</p> <p>Location: Maben Public Library - 831 2nd Ave, Maben, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Monday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>	<p>Clay County</p> <p>Location: Bryan Public Library - 436 Commerce Street, West Point, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>
<p>Choctaw County</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>Oktibbeha County</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><u>Oktober County</u></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><u>Lowndes County</u></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>
<p><u>Winston County</u></p> <p>Location: Winston County Public Library - 100 W. Park Street, Louiseville, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 1st Wednesday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>	<p><u>Carroll County</u></p> <p>Location: Carrollton Baptist Church - 113 W Washington St. Carrollton, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Saturday, monthly, 10am</p> <p>James and Heather Cain (662) 392-9277 hcain@ymail.com</p>
<p><u>Attala County</u></p> <p>Location: Attala County Extension Office - 715 Fairground Rd, Kosciusko, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:30pm</p> <p>Bobbette Hall (662) 582-4345 carterbobbette@yahoo.com Ruby Foster (662) 739-0951 No Childcare</p>	<p><u>Nuxubee County</u></p> <p>Location: Ada S. Fant Memorial-(H.Q.) Library - 145 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Macon, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Tuesday, monthly, at 12:00pm</p>



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<p>Lauderdale County</p> <p>Location: New Hope Baptist Church - 6573 MS-145, Meridian, MS (604) 693-4490</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Sunday, monthly, 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>RSVP with: newhope145@gmail.com (601) 480- 1815 RSVP for Childcare</p>	<p>Rankin County</p> <p>Location: Crossgates Baptist Church - 8 Crosswoods Rd, Brandon, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, monthly, 6:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Chris Gray (601) 876-2550 Childcare provided / RSVP not needed</p>
<p>Forrest/Lamar County</p> <p>Location: Central Baptist Church - 5402 US 49, Hattiesburg, MS (601) 544-0186</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 4th Thursday, monthly, 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p>Micah Adamson- (601) 695-3910 adamsonms@yahoo.com RSVP for childcare</p>	<p>George County</p> <p>Location: Refuge United Methodist Church - 6187 MS-63, Lucedale, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 2nd Saturday, monthly, 10:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Group Leader:</p> <p>Brandon Creel (601) 416-1224 or (601) 770-4480 creelb23@gmail.com RSVP for childcare</p>
<p>Jackson County</p> <p>Location: Mosaic Church - 2016 Bienville Blvd Ocean Springs, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Monday, monthly, 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p>Bill and Evie McClarty (228) 875- 3500</p>	<p>Jackson County</p> <p>Location: Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center - 1600 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS</p> <p>Meeting Date/Time: 3rd Saturday, monthly, 1:00pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>RSVP with: Bridgett Beesley (228) 669-4373 or (601) 528-4792</p>



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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

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



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REMINDERS

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.



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.

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 below. We want to be sure to recognize our staff members when they make an impression on you.

[Above and Beyond \(smartsheet.com\)](https://smartsheet.com)



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**FOSTER
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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.**