

Breaking Barriers: Working Effectively with Birth Families

This training is an interactive practice session that will identify how stigmas and myths surrounding birth parents affects the parenting styles of resource parents; uncover how grief and loss that resource parents experience can influence their parenting; and give resource parents real strategies and communication techniques that will help them build relationships with the families of the children in their homes.

This course will be team-taught with a foster parent and biological parent involved with the Parent Partners program. The Parent Partner program helps birth parents be successful in completing their case plan goals. This is achieved by matching a Parent Partner with parents who are currently in the Department of Human Services (DHS) system and have a child removed. Parent Partners are mentors who have had previous involvement with the department and have been successfully reunified with their child for at least a year.