

WISCONSIN FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION RESOURCE CENTER
LISTING OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS
WHICH PROVIDE TRAINING

Toni Chambers
St. Croix County Foster Parent
Trainer-Western Child Welfare Training Partnership

Areas of Expertise: Current training is titled “Foster Families and How They Grow – Understanding the Effects of Fostering on the Family” – can be expanded to include an understanding the effects of adoption on the family.

Contact Information:

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Fees: negotiable

Lynn Dusold, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.
Psychotherapist

Areas of expertise: Sexualized behaviors including abused children, child who abuse, abuse survivors, and family work; also burnout, behavioral issues, and other topics

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Fees: negotiable

Jeanne Erickson
Wisconsin Council on Children and Families

Areas of Expertise: the brain and brain development

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Phone: 608-284-0580, ext. 301

Organization Website: www.wccf.org

Fees: to be negotiated

Hugh Johnston, MD
University of Wisconsin Department of Psychiatry

Areas of Expertise: Currently serves as a clinical associate professor in the University of Wisconsin Department of Psychiatry, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Also has a joint appointment in the Department of Educational Psychology and serves as the co-director of the Mental Health and Educational Resource Center (formerly the Child Psychopharmacology Information Service). As an educator, collaborates extensively with University Extension and the Medical School's Office of Continuing Professional Development. Also is the medical consultant and board president for the [Rainbow Project, Inc <http://www.rainbowproject.bizland.com>](http://www.rainbowproject.bizland.com). Rainbow is a non-profit mental health clinic that serves young children (birth to six) who have been physically/psychologically/sexually abused or neglected.

hfjohnst@wisc.edu

Psychotropic drugs and their use by teens, psychiatric diagnoses and the implications for foster children, and topics designed to meet the needs of the training

Contact Information:

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Fees: Reduced rates determined for non-profit organizations

Amy Hanson
Foster and Adoptive Parent
Trainer- Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership

Areas of Expertise: Attachment, shared parenting, sexualized behaviors in children and discipline techniques

Contact Information:

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Phone: 920-344-9651

Fees: Negotiable

Karen Lumb, ACSW, LCSW
Child and Family Therapist
St. Aemilian-Lakeside, Inc.

Areas of Expertise: De-escalation, Caring for Children with Sexualized Behaviors

Contact Information:

E-Mail: klumb@st-al.org

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Fees: Negotiated with St. Aemilian-Lakeside, Inc,

Mary Maronek
Education Specialist
State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Education for Homeless Children and Youth Successful School Team

Area of Expertise: McKinney-Ventor Homeless Assistance Act and how it affects foster children in the schools.

Contact Information:

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Phone: 608-261-6322

Department Website: <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/homeless/index.html>

Fees: negotiable

Matthew Nichols
Elementary School Teacher
Motivational Speaker

Areas of Expertise: Matthew is also a producer, actor, writer, songwriter, and former college baseball athlete - He shares his story of living nineteen plus years with diagnosed bipolar disorder.

For speaking engagements, Matthew typically offers an hour and a half long program. This includes:

- Reading of selections from the book 15 Minutes At A Time
- Current research and information on bipolar disorder
- Matthew's story and 20 - year experience with bipolar disorder

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Fees: negotiable

Cyndie K. Ody-Weis
Trans-racial Adoptive Parent of Teen & Adult Children
Adoption & Foster Care Professional for 30+ years
Professor at 3 Colleges, Trainer & Writer

Areas of expertise: Provides training and education for foster and adoptive parents dealing with gender and LGBT issues, trans-racial placement issues, cross cultural issues and racism, bonding and attachment, brain development and issues, adolescent development and issues, adoption, foster care and the schools, family wellness and the importance of recreational activities, coping with change, changes in families over the years, and all aspects of human, child and family development.

Contact information:
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Fees: Negotiable

Jane Ottow, MS, LPC
LGBT Youth Program Coordinator
Children's Service Society of Wisconsin

Areas of expertise: Provides training and education for foster parents and child welfare professionals as a way of increasing awareness of the special needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender populations.

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1212 South 70th Street
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Fees: Negotiable

Al Rolph, MSW
Training Supervisor
Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services

Areas of Expertise: Framework for Understanding Poverty, HFS 48 and Protection for Children, Juvenile Court Process, HIPPA, Civil Rights, and topics related to foster care.

Contact Information:

E-Mail: al.rolph@fdlco.wi.gov
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Fees: \$30.00 per hour plus expenses

Henry Plum, JD
National Association of Council for Children

Areas of Expertise: child abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights and child related litigation

Contact Information:

E-mail: advocate@naccchildlaw.org
Address: 1825 Marion Street, Suite 242, Denver, CO 80218
Website: www.naccchildlaw.org

Fees: to be negotiated

Jacob R. Sprouse, Jr.,
Director
American Foster Care Resources, Inc.

Areas of Expertise: Recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive families
In-service trainings for foster families: Sensible Discipline, Defensive Parenting, Burnout Protection, Managing Anger, Pushing a String (ADHD), Merry Go 'Round (ADHD/ODD), a complete list of curricula @ <http://afcr.com>

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Fees: negotiable

LISTING OF ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES:

Institute for Human Services

706 E Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43203
(614) 251-6000
www.ocwtt.org
Fees: Negotiable

Trainers:

Betsy Keefer Smalley, MSW

Areas of Expertise: Foster Care and Adoption

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Norma Ginther, MSW L.I.S.W.

Areas of expertise: Foster Care and Adoption

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Fees: negotiable

Trainers:

Jean Harper, MPS, CT, BCETS, EMDR Certified Therapist

Areas of expertise: major trauma, grief in foster care and adoption, grief for families of origin, as well as other areas which can be customized for the audience.

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Dr. Michael Gibson, Ed.D

Areas of expertise: Psychological and mental health issues, trauma, and substance abuse

Jo Ann Black,MSW

Areas of Expertise: Sexual Abuse, Domestic Violence, and Addictions

John Lindt, MSW

Areas of Expertise: Spirituality and substance abuse, addictions work.

**National Association of Council for Children
1825 Marion Street, Suite 242
Denver, CO 80218
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advocate@naccchildlaw.org**

Areas of Expertise: Legal expertise on the rights of children and presentations about a variety of topics by these legal experts.

**Wisconsin Department of Justice
Division of Criminal Investigation Narcotics Bureau
Drug Endangered Children Program**

Areas of Expertise: Drug endangered children, Methamphetamine and /or clandestine laboratories.

Contact Information:

To request a speaker for your event, provide a written request to:
Patty Kurdi,
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Questions specific to the Drug Endangered Children Program:
Cindy Giese, Special Agent In Charge

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