

2011 TFACA East
Grand Regional Conference

Saturday and Sunday
August 27-28, 2011

Passing the Torch of Excellence: A New Day of Diversity



The Park Vista Hotel

705 Cherokee Orchard Road

Gatlinburg, Tennessee





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Suggestions for What to Wear

Saturday, August 27, 2011

**Opening Session and
Workshops:**

**Association T-Shirts with
capris, skirts, or long pants
or**

**Business Casual (nice jeans,
khakis and capris are
ok...no cut-offs or tank
tops, no flip-flops, etc.)**

Sunday, August 28, 2011

Devotional Service:

**Business Casual/Travel-
ready attire (jog suits are
ok)**

**Workshops and Luncheon
Business Casual/Travel-
ready attire**

Registration Instructions

No Onsite Registration!

Early registration must be postmarked on or before July 1, 2011.

Late Registration must be postmarked on or before July 15, 2011.

Only registered participants may participate in conference activities.

NOTE: CHILDREN MAY NOT ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- All Registration must be paid by cashiers check or money order. No cash or personal checks will be accepted.
- Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the University of Tennessee Conference Coordinator and postmarked by August 5, 2011. Requests postmarked after this date will be approved on an individual basis. All refunds will be considered and processed after the conference bills have been paid. There will be no on-site refunds.

Please send all registration forms and payment to:

TFACA Conference Registration
University of Tennessee
Attn: Kathy Williams
Social Work Office of Research and Public Service
600 Henley Street, Suite B80
Knoxville, TN 37996

Make cashiers check or money order payable to:
University of Tennessee

Note: Only one registration form per resource parent.

Please note the registration fees on page
4 of this brochure and also the
Registration Form on Page 25

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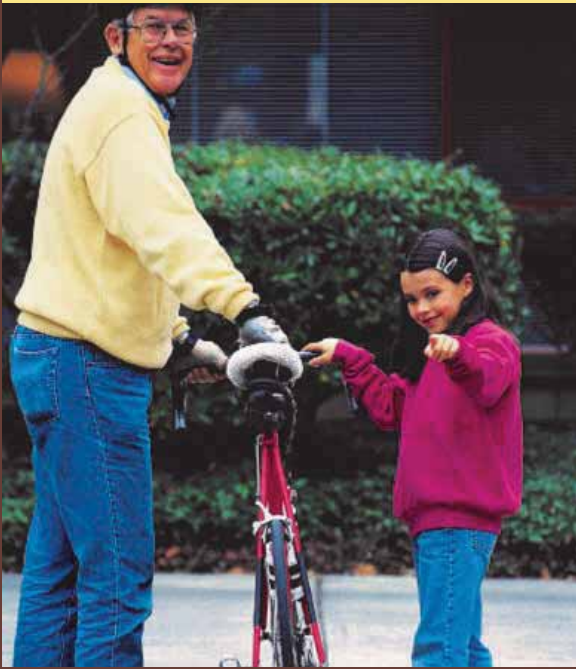
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“TFACA is an advocacy support group for resource parents throughout the state of Tennessee. We encourage foster and adoptive parents, as well as any other interested member of the community, to work together to promote the general welfare of foster children. We assist in communications between foster and adoptive parents and others concerned with the growth and development of foster children. First and foremost, we are spokespersons for foster and adoptive parents and the children under their care and custody. “



Commuters

If you are not eligible to stay overnight at the conference hotel (i.e., you live in Sevier County), you are eligible for round trip mileage for each day you attend the conference.

There will be a DCS staff member on site to assist in completion and to accept the mileage form for processing through Central Office.

General Information

The 2011 TFACA East Grand Regional Conference, “Passing the Torch of Excellence: A New Day of Diversity,” will be held from August 27th to August 28th. Registration dates have been set so that the University will have ample time to assure that all conference material is returned to you prior to August 5, 2011. Please take a moment to review instructions before completing forms in this packet. Retain a copy of the registration forms submitted for your records.

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 15, 2011. There will be NO ONSITE registration.

Pre-registration

Pre-registration is mandatory for all conference attendees in order to facilitate meal planning and to ensure that enough hotel rooms are reserved.

Fees

Registration fees for the 2011 TFACA Conference are as follows:

Registration Fee Payment Per Registrant

TFACA Member	\$65.00
TFACA Member Late Registration Fee	\$85.00
TFACA Member Commuter Rate	\$40.00
TFACA Member Commuter Late Registration Fee	\$45.00
Non-TFACA Member	\$110.00
Non-TFACA Member Late Registration Fee	\$135.00
Non-TFACA Commuter	\$70.00
Non-TFACA Commuter Late Registration Fee	\$75.00

Travel

In accordance with state policy, foster/adoptive/kinship parents and staff residing within a 50 mile radius will not be eligible to stay at the conference hotel. Only DCS resource parents are eligible for mileage reimbursement. Foster parents who receive board payments from private agencies, shared homes, and agency staff are NOT eligible. You may want to check with your private agency to see if they will reimburse you for mileage. Mileage reimbursement will be at the Current State Mileage Rate.

General Information

TFACA Membership

TFACA Membership is \$15.00 per individual and \$30.00 per couple. Contact TFACA Vice-President Paula Webb (901-481-4505) to make arrangements to pay membership dues **prior to the conference registration** in order to receive the discounted TFACA membership conference rate. All membership dues must be paid no later than July 1, 2011 to assure confirmation of TFACA registration fee acceptance and hotel confirmation. A copy of the registration form is included in the registration booklet for your convenience. **Do not send your TFACA Membership to the University of Tennessee. This will delay your application.**

Luncheon

Saturday and Sunday Luncheon tickets will be provided in the Registration Packet received at the conference. You must have a ticket to be admitted to these events.

Hotel

Hotel arrangements for Saturday night, August 27th, will be made solely by the University of Tennessee staff. Any hotel arrangements made by the registrant will not be paid for by the conference and will be the sole responsibility of the registrants.

NOTE: Rooms are double occupancy. Rooms are assigned in the order in which registration is received. If you have made arrangements to room with another conference registrant, please list their name on the registration form and submit your registration forms together so that we can accommodate your request.

NOTE: There are a limited number of King rooms available. Check in will begin at 4:00 pm. There will be no early check in.

Check out is 11:00 am.

For more information about directions to the hotel and discount prices if you want to come a day early or stay a day after the conference, go to pages 20 and 21.



Local Association Participation Posters

Local associations are asked to create and display posters. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place winners. (Local associations will be contacted by the Planning Committee to provide its own easel for display.) For more information, please contact Poster Contest Chair, Annette Barker, at 423-645-6009.



Training Hours

Conference attendees can earn a total of 12 hours of training by attending the opening session, closing luncheon, roundabouts, and workshops offered during each available time slot.

Silent Auction and Door Prizes

TFACA asks each local association to donate one or more items to be auctioned during the conference. The item(s) should be of good quality. The item(s) purchased or handcrafted should be of purchasable quality and attract the attention of participants.

The Silent Auction will run throughout the conference and everyone will have an opportunity to bid. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the TFACA Scholarship Fund. Door prize items should be brought to the conference. For more information, contact the Silent Auction/Door Prize Chairs, Peggy Carroll (423-744-4926) or Carla Turner (931-581-7854).

Please remember to bring your donations to the conference.

Child Attendance

**REMEMBER—
NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED
AT THE CONFERENCE.**

Please cooperate with the rules.

Anyone who arrives with children will be asked to leave, and no conference refund will be granted. Please make childcare arrangements prior to the conference weekend.



Tennessee Foster Adoptive Care Assoc., Inc.

Membership Application

(Renewal due on July 1 of each year)

PLEASE PRINT

Date _____

Name: _____

(Please fill out one application per person)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (Area Code): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

If we have this information we can email the Fosterer (Newsletter) to you.

County you live in: _____

Region: _____

(Please be sure to include this information so we can put your advocate on you membership card.)

Local Foster Parent Association: _____

Please circle who you are affiliated with:

DCS EMPLOYEE DCS FOSTER FAMILY PRIVATE AGENCY _____
(Name Agency)

Membership runs from July 1– June 30th of each year. PLEASE complete whole form. Membership cards will be distributed at the regional conference in August. Dues are \$15.00 single person and \$30.00 for a couple. Please make check payable to TFACA.

Print out form and remit to:

**Paula Webb, Vice President
Tennessee Foster Adoptive Care Assoc., Inc.
6611 Duckling Cove, Memphis, TN 38141**



Membership in TFACA runs from July 1-June 30th of each year. Membership Cards will be distributed at the Regional Conference in August. Join or renew today!

Conference at A Glance

Saturday, August 27, 2011

9:00 am—4:30 pm	Registration
9:45 am—10:45 am	Opening Session & First-time Attendees Workshop
10:45 am—11:00 am	Break
11:00 am—12:30 pm	Morning Workshops
12:30 pm—1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm—4:30 pm	Afternoon Workshops
4:30 pm—4:45 pm	Break
4:45 pm—5:45 pm	Roundabouts (Optional)
6:00pm	Dinner on your own

Sunday, August 28, 2011

7:30 am—9:00 am	Registration
7:30 am—8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
7:30 am—8:45 am	Sunday Morning Devotional
9:00 am—12:00 pm	Morning Workshops
12:00 pm—1:30 pm	Closing Luncheon and Guest Speaker Derek Clark



**Please visit
www.tfaca.org to
download
additional copies
of the 2011
TFACA Conference
Registration
Booklet and the
TFACA Association
Registration Form.**

Guest Speaker Derek Clark

Derek Clark's story is one of resilience and redemption. He spent 13 years in the foster care system. Before entering care, he suffered unthinkable child abuse, abandonment, and emotional distress. He knows first hand about coping with adversity and overcoming hardship.

When he was 5 years old, Derek's mother and stepfather turned him over to the county social services but kept his brother and sister. He felt as if he had been deleted from his family.

Derek's father was in prison for the criminally insane, and psychiatric reports stated that at the age of 5, Derek had severe behavioral problems and fascinations with extreme violence and death. Neurological reports stated that at 6 years old, he had erratic psychosis and the IQ of a 2 ^{1/2} year old. With numerous emotional and language difficulties, Derek was misdiagnosed as mentally handicapped.

His past reflects a life of humiliation, aggression, emotional distress and overwhelming anxiety. He has experienced the life of fear, rejection and much more, yet Derek never gave up.



DEREK CLARK LEADS A SATURDAY MORNING WORKSHOP AND WILL ALSO SPEAK AT LUNCH ON SUNDAY

With the help of his foster parents and mentors, Derek Clark has defied the artificial limitations imposed upon him. This has never held him back from accomplishing what he set his heart and mind to. From owning a very successful corporation to having a family, his maxim is to make no excuses.

Derek is an inspiring speaker/trainer, singer/songwriter with more than 100 tracks on iTunes. He is also the author of the *I Will Never Give Up* book series. His true-life trials and personal triumphs have inspired organizations throughout the United States and Canada with his powerful message of hope and unwavering perseverance.

He has performed his music for the President of the United States, and has been featured with Lance Armstrong, Michael Phelps, Johnny Depp, Tyler Perry, Brad Pitt, Tyra Banks, and U2 as "People Who Roar" by Roar Clothing. He has turned his situation from a victim to a victor, equipping him with the wisdom and the will to never give up. To find out more about Derek Clark and his inspiring programs, visit www.IWillNeverGiveUp.com and www.NeverLimitYourLife.com

Workshop Schedule/Descriptions

Saturday, August 27, 2011 1.5-hour Morning Workshops, 11:00 am—12:30 pm

1. THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

Love Languages: “Research shows that parents, not peers exert the most significant influence in the life of a teen. The door to that influence is love, and the key to the door, according to Gary Chapman, PhD, is, “Learning to express that love in a language that makes sense to your teenager.” This a quote from Dr. Chapman’s book *The Five Love Languages of Teens*, which will be explored and discussed in this workshop.

2. THE COURT PROCESS, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND CFTM MEETINGS

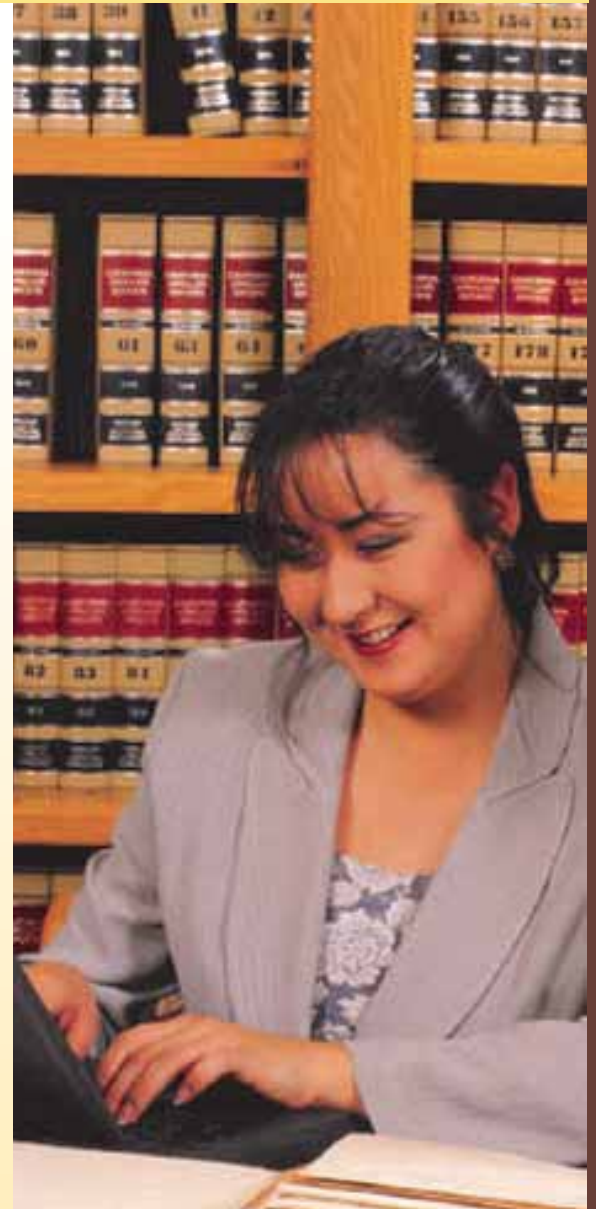
Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTM) are designed to give the birth family an opportunity to assist in planning for the future placement needs of the child. This workshop will discuss the CFTM process and the role of the resource parent in the CFTM as well as the court process and termination of parental rights.

3. YOUR RIGHTS AND YOU: FOSTER PARENT BILL OF RIGHTS OVERVIEW

A birds-eye view that explains the details of the 25 tenants and subsequent amendments that govern the way Resource Parents are viewed and treated as part of the professional team that serve children in the Child Welfare System in Tennessee.

4. STRESS REDUCTION FOR RESOURCE PARENTS

What do you do when the system begins to stress you and Resource Parenting becomes more than you can bear? This workshop will provide you with tools and techniques to minimize and eliminate stressful situations.



Go to www.tfaca.org/billofrights.html to see the entire Foster Parents Bill of Rights.



About 10% of foster kids in Tennessee age out of care each year without a permanent, supportive family.

For a report on teens aging out of foster care, go to

**[www.pewtrusts.org/
uploadedFiles/
wwpewtrustsorg/
Reports/
Foster_care_reform/
Aging-Out-2008AL.pdf?
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5. TEEN PANEL AND INTERDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES

The panel discussion will feature teens who share their thoughts and advice on how to work with teens in foster care. Participants will hear directly from teens who will advise resource parents. This workshop will also provide practical techniques to youth and providers in addressing the issues of transition, self-sufficiency, and independence. Each participant will utilize case studies to assist them in decision-making as well as exploration of resources. At the conclusion of the workshop, all workshop participants will be able to define success as it relates to improving their well being or that of the kids placed in their care.

6. MOTIVATING TEENS

This workshop will feature techniques for motivating teens in care to achieve results similar to those of the general population. Features real time keys to helping youth reach their full potential.

7. ADOPTION PREPARATION: BUILDING A GOOD BEGINNING

Come learn about the exciting, new adoption preparation services offered through Tennessee's Adoption Support and Preservation (ASAP) program! Participants will be introduced to the overall philosophy of the [Adoption Preparation Training Curriculum](#) and will receive a "Parent Handbook." They will also gain exposure to several of the learning modules offered through this creative, engaging preparation work. Come experience the rich world of adoption preparation through ASAP services!

8. WORKING WITH THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

This workshop will address the educational needs of children and youth who are in the Child Welfare System. Discussions and presented material will also address ways to navigate the Educational System.

9. IF YOU WILL BELIEVE, YOUR CHILD WILL BELIEVE

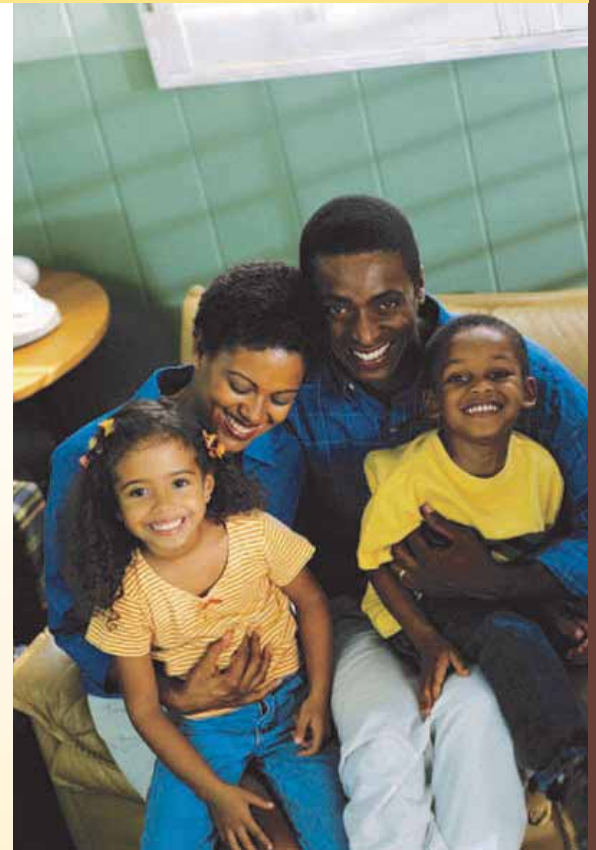
Derek's workshop is designed to implement positive change by presenting startling facts based on Derek's personal experience from surviving severe child abuse and being misdiagnosed as mentally handicapped through the first 8 years of his life. Derek spent 13 years in foster care. He has survived rejection. He has felt his mother's "conditional love" as she dropped him off at the County Shelter but kept his brother and sister. Derek takes you down his road of hate, anger, mistrust in adults, violent tendencies, rejection, lack of love, child abuse and the memories that haunted his life. He believes that by changing the way you look at a child or youth, you can significantly impact their life.

Your actions will speak louder than your words. He teaches on the subject matter, "You cannot think negative about a child and expect a positive child". He teaches you how to commit and build upon your strengths when encouraging youth to have hope. He inspires foster parents to know that they do make a difference and can change the future of their foster children.

Derek is an inspirational speaker and the author of the critically acclaimed "I Will Never Give Up" book series. Find out more at www.IWillNeverGiveUp.com.

10. TIPS FOR FOSTER PARENTS TO KNOW IN THEIR FIRST YEAR—NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM

Your first year as a resource parent is exciting, but can also be quite a challenge. Getting used to working with the child welfare system, answering questions from strangers about your family and cooperating with birthparents are just a few of the hurdles you will learn to navigate with ease, as we discuss the tips and tricks of seasoned and successful resource families.



**Are You a New
Resource Parent and
Still Learning How to
Navigate the System?
If so, consider attending
the "Tips for Foster
Parents to Know in Their
First Year" workshop to
find out tips and tricks
from successful resource
parents.**



Remember:
**CPR/First Aid and
Medication
Administration
training is required
every two years.**

Saturday, August 27, 2011 3-Hour Afternoon Workshops, 1:30 pm—4:30 pm

11. CRYSTAL METH: HOMEMADE DESTRUCTION

A popular topic, this workshop will explore the illegal manufacture and abuse of Methamphetamine (Meth). Participants will be made aware of the impact of Meth abuse on the individual as well as to families and communities across Tennessee.

12. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

What is the difference between a psychological, a school-based psychological to develop an educational plan, and a mental health assessment? Do medications really help children with behavioral problems? How should you talk with the prescribing physician if you think a medication is not working? If a child is admitted to an inpatient psychiatric hospital, what should you expect?

Raise your behavioral IQ and get answers to questions like these about mental health in this workshop, which is designed to provide an overview for foster parents regarding the concerns they encounter caring for children. Panelists will include representatives of the Centers of Excellence; community mental health providers; DCS providers; and representatives from TennCare Select, the managed care company serving children in DCS care. This structured discussion with clinical panelists will include time for questions and answers.

13. CPR/FIRST AID (4 HOUR COURSE)**

This workshop will discuss the basics of CPR for children and adults as well as provide participants with a standard First Aid presentation, which will include basic remedies for minor accidents such as bruises, burns, cuts, etc. (Participants in the workshop will not receive certification.) Training required every 2 years for ALL resource parents.

14. MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION (4 HOUR COURSE)**

This workshop will provide Resource Parents the knowledge base to safely and effectively administer medications to children in their care. Training required every 2 years for ALL resource parents.

15. POSITIVE DISCIPLINE I (PLEASE NOTE: THIS CLASS WILL NOT BE OFFERED AGAIN AFTER DECEMBER 2011.)

This class revisits the department's discipline policy and explores alternative ways of disciplining other than using corporal punishment. Participants also gain an understanding of needs-based behaviors and learn that a behavior cannot be replaced without finding a more appropriate way for the child to get his/her needs met. Giving rewards, using behavior modification, involving the child in behaviors replacement, and understanding natural consequences are explored. Participants will learn to develop relationships with children based on positive rather than punitive interactions and be empowered to see assistance in the face of challenging behaviors.

16. CULTURAL AWARENESS

This workshop allows participants to examine their own cultural backgrounds and their beliefs about different cultures through self-assessment. The role that this plays in a person's development and sense of identity will be explored. Strategies related to gaining information and knowledge about different children's cultural backgrounds will be discussed. Parent, child, and social roles will be explored. Issues regarding communication and culturally-specific needs will be introduced. This training is a precursor to more culturally-specific training that will be offered in the field based on demographics and identified populations. This is a required course for new DCS foster parents.



“Positive Discipline” will not be offered after December 2011, so make sure you register for this workshop if you still need the training.



**Attention
Couples:
Attend the PREP
workshop and learn
how to keep fun and
friendship alive in
your marriage.**

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17. THE SIU PROCESS/POLICIES

This workshop will discuss what an SIU (Special Investigation Unit) investigation is, how this process works for the child and family, and what role resource parent advocates play in this process.

18. LEGAL PANEL

The panel will discuss various aspects of children in care and how resource parents and staff members can work within the legal system.

19. MANAGING CRISIS

This workshop prepares participants for the predictable periods of crisis that are a part of being a resource family. It helps the families to think about these difficult periods as opportunities for their families to grow closer and for family members to strengthen their commitment to one another. Participants are also given the opportunity to practice their crisis intervention skills through a team activity. They will develop their first preventive or proactive family plans and sharpen their skills for assessing their own family resources and strengths.

20. PREP (PREVENTATIVE RELATIONSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM)

This workshop will discuss the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program, or PREP. PREP is based on more than 30 years of research and is actually the longest running study on marriage enhancement and divorce prevention. Some of the skills taught to couples who attend this training are how to handle conflicts as a team, how to communicate more effectively with each other, how to keep fun and friendship alive in relationships, and how to discuss problems and concerns safely.

**Sunday, August 28, 2011 3-Hour Workshops,
9:00 am—12:00 pm**

21. GANG AWARENESS

This workshop will provide an overview of gangs. Participants will be given information pertaining to identifying gangs and gang activity. The effects of gang involvement on the gang member will be explored. Participants will be given tips to help protect their children and combat the gang problem.

22. MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS

While all children engage in challenging behaviors at one time or another, children in foster care may be more likely to do so. This workshop will describe common challenging behaviors and discuss why they occur. Strategies for preventing and managing such behaviors will be presented, with opportunities for participants to practice and share suggestions from their own experiences.

23. WORKING WITH BIRTH PARENTS

This workshop helps everyone involved with foster care gain an appreciation for the critical role of birth parents in the lives of children in care. Whether parents have contact with their children or not, they have a great influence and impact on their children. Participants will have opportunities to discuss problems and solutions involved with working with birth parents, as well as strategies for successful partnerships. Participants also will have the opportunity to explore the impact that visits and a child's history with his or her parents have on behaviors.



Parenting a Child with Challenging Behaviors?

**Attend the “Managing
Challenging
Behaviors” workshop
to find out how to
prevent and manage
some of the most
common behavioral
issues.**



Did you know DCS policies are online? You can find them at www.tn.gov/youth/dcsguide/policies.htm

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24. PARENTING THE SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILD

Application of the skills and information gained in this training will allow resource parents and staff members to respond appropriately to children and youth's disclosure of abuse, to manage sexual acting-out behaviors, to understand the reasons for many sexualized behaviors, to participate appropriately in children's therapy, and to develop family rules, which assure the safety and security of the child in care. The strategies discussed above provide a means to achieve permanency and safety for all children in care.

25. TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Some resource parents seem to always do everything right while others feel they can do nothing right. This workshop will have some tips for success.

26. TEEN DRUG ISSUES – HOW TO RECOGNIZE WARNING SIGNS, SIGNS OF HUFFING, ETC.

Staff from Bradford Health Services in Knoxville will present information on common drug issues with our teenagers. Topics will include signs of drug abuse (physical and non-physical), prescription drug abuse, over the counter drug abuse, keys to recovery, drug abuse myths, and more. The session will also speak to the role of the family in a successful recovery from addiction.

27. POSITIVE DISCIPLINE II

This class revisits the department's discipline policy and explores alternative ways of disciplining other than using corporal punishment. Participants also gain an understanding of needs-based behaviors and learn that a behavior cannot be replaced without finding a more appropriate way for the child to get his/her needs met.

Giving rewards, using behavior modification, involving the child in behaviors replacement, and understanding natural consequences are explored. Participants will learn to develop relationships with children based on positive rather than punitive interactions and be empowered to seek assistance in the face of challenging behaviors.

28. HELPING CHILDREN MAKE TRANSITIONS

Being an effective resource parent to children from the child welfare system requires the development of skills to help these children deal with being uprooted and moved from one setting to the next. The focus of this class will be on techniques to help children as they move from one place to the next. You will also learn more about the importance of lifebooks and how they can help a child in transition.

29. COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

This workshop will discuss an array of issues surrounding women and girls ages 12-21, who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking.



**Need ideas or an
example of a
lifebook?**

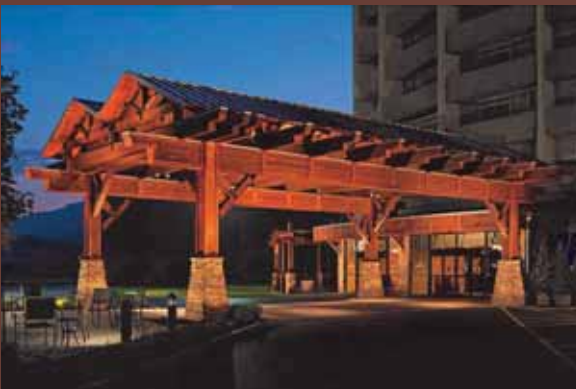
Go to

**[www.tn.gov/
youth/fostercare/
lifebook/pdf](http://www.tn.gov/youth/fostercare/lifebook/pdf)**



Directions Online

To get personalized, turn-by-turn directions from your home or other starting point, go to <http://maps.google.com> and click on “Get Directions.” Then type in your starting address beside “A” and type 705 Cherokee Orchard Rd., Gatlinburg, TN 37738 beside “B.”



Directions to the Park Vista Hotel

From the North

Take 40-East to exit #407. When you exit, there is a traffic light; you will turn right onto Highway 66. Take Highway 66 (approx. 12 miles) until the road automatically turns to the right. You will be on 441 South through Pigeon Forge. Follow 441 South through a 5-mile wooded stretch to the next town which is Gatlinburg. There are 10 traffic lights that are numbered. Go to traffic light #8 (historic nature trail) and turn left. You will go approximately 6 blocks and the road will split in 3 directions. Take the middle split, which is the driveway for Park Vista. There is a large Park Vista marquee at the start of the driveway.

From the South

Take 75-North to 40-East (Knoxville). Take exit #407. When you exit, there is a traffic light; you will turn right onto Highway 66. Take Highway 66 (approx. 12 miles) until the road automatically turns to the right. You will be on 441 South through Pigeon Forge. Follow 441 South through a 5-mile wooded stretch to the next town which is Gatlinburg. There are 10 traffic lights that are numbered. Go to traffic light #8 (historic nature trail) and turn left. You will go approximately 6 blocks and the road will split in 3 directions. Take the middle split, which is the driveway for Park Vista. There is a large Park Vista marquee at the start of the driveway.

From the East

Take 40-West to exit #440. Take Highway 321 (approx. 27 miles) into Gatlinburg. You will go all the way into town to the main street, which is marked as traffic light #3 (parkway). Turn left and go to traffic light #8 (historic nature trail) and turn left again. You will go approximately 6 blocks and the road will split in 3 directions. Take the middle split, which is the driveway for Park Vista. There is a large Park Vista marquee at the start of the driveway.

From the Northeast

Take 81-South to 40-East to exit #435. Take Highway 321 (approximately 27 miles) into Gatlinburg. You will go all the way into town to the main street, which is marked as traffic light #3 (parkway). Turn left and go to traffic light #8 (historic nature trail) and turn left again. You will go approximately 6



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From the West

Take 40-East through Knoxville to Exit #407. When you exit, there is a traffic light; you will turn right onto Highway 66. Take Highway 66 (approximately 12 miles) until the road automatically turns to the right. You will be on 441 South through Pigeon Forge. Follow 441 South through a 5-mile wooded stretch to the next town which is Gatlinburg. There are 10 traffic lights that are numbered. Go to traffic light #8 (historic nature trail) and turn left. You will go approximately 6 blocks and the road will split in 3 directions. Take the middle split, which is the driveway for Park Vista. There is a large Park Vista marquee at the start of the driveway.

Discount Hotel Rates for Extended Stay

The Park Vista Hotel will be offering a discounted rate of \$77.00 per night on Friday, August 26, and Sunday, August 28, for those wanting to spend an extra night in Gatlinburg. Reservations for Friday and Sunday night stays will be handled directly through The Park Vista. **UT will NOT be taking these reservations.**

To make reservations, please contact Jennifer Evans at 865-277-1039 or jevans@parkvista.com between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Jennifer will begin taking reservations on July 28, 2011. **Do NOT contact her before July 28.** NOTE: There are a limited number of rooms available.

The Park Vista

705 Cherokee Orchard Rd.

Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Phone: 865-436-9211

Please Note: The Park Vista— A Doubletree Hotel is a 100% smoke-free hotel. Designated outdoor smoking areas are provided for our guests who require smoking facilities.



The annual TFACA elections will be held at the conference on Saturday, August 27th beginning at 9:00am and closing at 6:00pm. Please visit the TFACA web site at www.tfaca.org for more election information or contact Becky Rogers at 423-745-2049.



New This Year—Roundabouts (Informal Discussion Groups)

On Saturday afternoon, you will have the opportunity to participate in a one-hour discussion group with DCS staff, foster parent association members, and TFACA directors on topics such as Kinship Care, Building and Keeping Your Association Strong, and ICPC. The roundabouts are a great way to share resources, gain new information, and ask questions. You do not need to preregister for the Roundabouts.

Program Advertisement and Vendor Table Reservations

2011 TFACA Conference Program Advertisement and Vendor Table Reservation Form (Complete One Form For Each Advertisement and Table Reservation.)

Program Advertisement:

Full Page Ad	\$100
Half Page Ad	\$50
Quarter Page Ad	\$25
Patron & Sponsor	\$5

Vendor Table Reservation:

Saturday and Sunday \$50

**Table set up will begin
August 27th at 9:00am**

Please type or print legibly:

Name of Organization/
Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Individual Submitting Ad: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

DETATCH THIS FORM AND MAIL IT BACK TO THE ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT.



**Instructions
for submitting
program
advertisements and
reserving
vendor tables at the
conference hotel**

Advertisement must be formatted exactly as you desire to see it in the souvenir journal and must be submitted via e-mail by July 27, 2011. Please e-mail using Microsoft compatible software (i.e., Word, Publisher, Power Point, etc.) to Kathy Williams at williamk@utk.edu

Payment for your advertisement or table reservation must be made in the form of a cashiers check or money order made out to The University of Tennessee. Mail your payment, postmarked by August 1, 2011, to

**Kathy Williams
TFACA Ads and Table Reservations
UT SWORPS
600 Henley Street, Suite B80
Knoxville, TN 37996**

Ad Requirements:
**Send high-resolution
digital images, logos, or
camera-ready ads for
the Conference
Program to
williamk@utk.edu**

**Deadline for all ad
materials is
July 27, 2011**

2011 TFACA Annual Conference Registration Form 1

PRINT OR TYPE Name as you want it on the name badge ONE FORM PER REGISTRANT.

First Name: _____ Last: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Region: _____ TFACA Chapter: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Male Female King Double

King rooms are limited and will be assigned based upon date of registration receipt.

Board Member Advocate First Time Attendee Vegetarian Meals Only

Handicapped (Please complete information below) Special Meal Accommodation Needed (list below)

(If handicapped please check if you will be bringing the following)

Bringing Wheelchair Bringing Scooter Seeing Eye Dog Special Rooming Facilities (Please list below)

Please list any special conditions and the accommodations needed for the conference:

Roommate Information:

Will be rooming with my spouse: Name: _____

I am confirming that I have verified and will be rooming with _____

Payment Options

Make all cashiers checks or money orders out to The University of Tennessee

I have enclosed a Cashiers Check or Money Order with registration. Please circle the amount paid. Thank You.

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TFACA Member	\$65.00
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NON-TFACA Member	\$110.00
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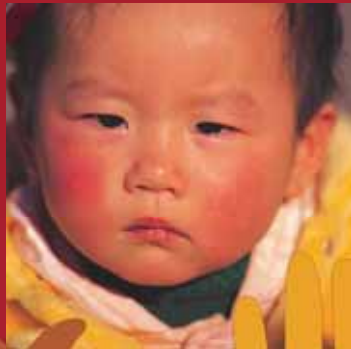
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