



**Registration Brochure**

Middle Grand  
Regional Conference

October 1-2, 2011

**Passing the Torch  
of Excellence:  
A New Day of Diversity**

Tennessee Foster and Adoptive Care Association (TFACA)

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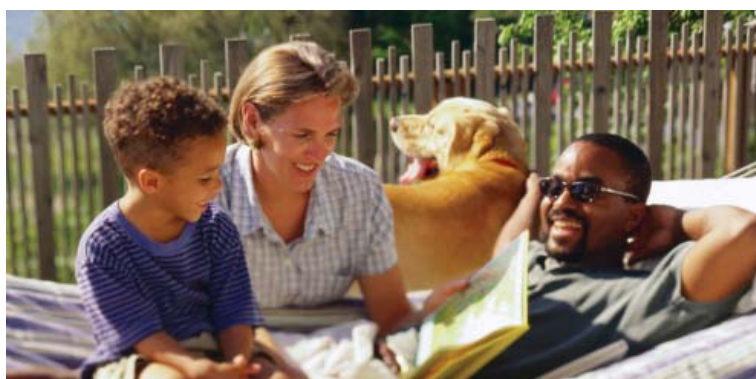
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## Suggested Conference Attire

Saturday, October 1, 2011	
Event	Dress
Registration/Workshops	Association T-Shirts/Business Casual

Sunday, October 2, 2011	
Event	Dress
Devotional Service	Business Casual/Travel Ready Attire
Workshops	Business Casual/Travel Ready Attire
Closing Luncheon	Business Casual/Travel Ready Attire



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*Please visit [www.tfaca.org](http://www.tfaca.org) to download additional copies of the 2011 TFACA Middle Grand Regional Conference Registration Booklet and the TFACA Association Membership Form.*

## General Information

The 2011 TFACA Middle Grand Regional Conference, *Passing the Torch of Excellence: A New Day of Diversity*, will be held on October 1 and October 2. Registration dates have been set so there is ample time to assure that all conference material is returned to you prior to **September 15, 2011**. We anticipate an excellent experience for all participants. Please take a moment to review instructions before completing forms in this packet. Retain a copy of submitted registration forms for your records.

**The postmark deadline date for early registration is August 31, 2011. Late registration must be postmarked by September 10, 2011. These dates are in accordance with the Hotel Rooming List Deadline Dates. No rooms can be assigned after September 15th.**

**NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 10 , 2011. THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

1. **Pre-registration.** Pre-registration is mandatory for all conference attendees in order to facilitate planning and to ensure that enough hotel rooms are reserved.
2. **Registration fee.** Registration fees for the 2011 TFACA Middle Grand Regional Conference, *Passing the Torch of Excellence: A New Day of Diversity*, 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 Rate(Late Registration Fee)	\$45.00
Non-TFACA Member	\$110.00
Non-TFACA Member (Late Registration Fee)	\$135.00
Non-TFACA Member Commuter	\$70.00
Non-TFACA Member Commuter (Late Registration Fee)	\$75.00

3. **Training Hours.** Conference attendees can earn a total of 12 hours of training by attending the opening and closing sessions, roundabouts, and workshops offered during each available time slot.
4. **Local Association Participation Posters.** Local associations are asked to create and display posters. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen. (Local associations will be contacted by the Planning Committee to provide its own easel for display.) For more information, please contact Poster Contest Chair Noelle Fenske at 931-221-7550 or fenskeh@apsu.edu.
5. **Travel.** In accordance with state policy, foster/adoptive/kinship parents and staff residing within a 50-mile radius may not be eligible to stay at the conference hotels. However, everyone outside the 50-mile radius is automatically eligible to stay at the conference hotel. All others who might be inside the 50-mile radius, but register early, will be on a first-come/first-served basis for staying at the hotel if there are extra rooms remaining. **Only DCS resource parents are eligible for mileage reimbursement.** Resource parents who receive board payments from private agencies, shared homes, and agency staff are NOT eligible for travel reimbursement. Check with your private agency to see if they will reimburse you for mileage. Mileage reimbursement will be at the current state

mileage rate. **Commuters:** If you are not eligible to stay overnight at the conference hotel (i.e., you live in Davidson/Williamson Counties), 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 of and to accept the mileage form for processing through Central Office.

6. **TFACA Membership.** TFACA Membership is \$15.00 per individual and \$30.00 per couple. Contact TFACA Vice President, Paula Webb (901-481-4505 or Luke1and28@aol.com) 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 August 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 form to the Tennessee Center for Child Welfare. This will delay your application.***
7. **Hotel.** Hotel reservations will be made solely by the Tennessee Center for Child Welfare staff for the evening of October 1. Any hotel reservations made by registrants will not be paid for by the conference and will be the sole responsibility of the registrants. Please make sure that you note if handicap accommodations are necessary and explain the accommodation needs. 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 limited number of king rooms available. Check-in for hotel will be Saturday morning. You are responsible for hotel fees if you check in Friday, September 30. **The Conference will not pay any incidental charges incurred by participants during their stay. All participants will be charged a \$25.00 incidental fee. Any charges will be the sole responsibility of the registrant. The conference hotel is a smoke-free facility. There is a penalty of \$250.00 or more that will be charged by the hotel to the registrant if there is smoking in the hotel room. This penalty will be the sole responsibility of the registrant and will be required at the time of check-out.**
8. **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 Chair, Ron and Lorraine Copeland. **Please remember to bring your donations to the conference.**
9. **Child Attendance. REMEMBER—**No registration will be accepted for minor children. **Parents are asked to make child care arrangements prior to the conference weekend. No child will be allowed in any conference activities. Children will not be allowed in workshops, and the registrant will be asked to leave with the child. NO conference refund will be granted.** Please cooperate with the rules.
10. **For those with approved special meal needs,** you will be provided with a Special Meal Needs card to present to the wait staff to assure that your meal accommodation requests are met in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please come to the Courtesy Booth.
11. **Elections.** The annual TFACA elections will be held during the Annual State Conference, October 1, 2011. The conference will be held at the Marriott–Cool Springs Hotel. Please visit the TFACA web-site [www.tfaca.org](http://www.tfaca.org) for more election information. Election Chairperson is Becky Rogers (RebeccaJCRogers@aol.com or 423-745-2049).

## 2011 Keynote Speaker



Derek Clark's story is one of resilience and redemption. Derek spent 13 years in the foster care system. Before entering foster care, Derek suffered unthinkable child abuse, abandonment, and emotional distress. Derek knows firsthand how to cope with adversity and overcome hardship. His past reflects a life of humiliation, aggression, emotional distress, and overwhelming anxiety. He has experienced a life of fear and rejection and much more.

When Derek was only five years old, his mother and stepfather turned him over to the county social services but kept his brother and sister. Derek felt he had been deleted from his family. His father was in a prison for the criminally insane. Psychiatric reports stated that at the age of five, Derek had severe behavioral problems and had fascination with extreme violence and death. Neurological reports stated that at six years old, he had the IQ of a two-and-a-half-year-old and he was diagnosed as having erratic psychosis. In spite of having also been misdiagnosed as mentally handicapped and having numerous emotional and language difficulties, Derek never gave up. With the help of his foster parents and mentors, he has defied the artificial limitations imposed upon him. These limitations have never held Derek 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 and become what you want to become.

Derek Clark is an inspiring speaker/trainer, singer/songwriter and is author of the *I Will Never Give Up* book series. Derek has over 100 tracks on iTunes. 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 been featured on numerous radio shows in many major U.S. cities, newspaper articles, and television.

He has performed his music for some very famous people including the president of the United States. He 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 unleashes his creative energy in a never-ending effort to ignite passion in others and instill the courage to never give up. 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](http://www.IWillNeverGiveUp.com) and [www.NeverLimitYourLife.com](http://www.NeverLimitYourLife.com).

## Conference at a Glance Tentative Schedule

Conference Day	Conference Time Frames	Conference Events
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 1, 2011</b>	
	<b>8:00 to 4:30</b>	Registration
	<b>9:30 to 10:45</b>	Opening Session and First Time Attendees
	<b>10:00 to 9:00</b>	Silent Auction
	<b>10:45 to 11:00</b>	Break
	<b>11:00 to 12:30</b>	Concurrent Workshops
	<b>12:30 to 1:30</b>	Lunch
	<b>1:30 to 4:30</b>	Concurrent Workshops
	<b>4:45 to 5:45</b>	Roundabouts (optional for participants)
	<b>6:00</b>	Dinner on Your Own
	<b>8:15-9:15</b>	Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 2, 2011</b>	
	<b>7:30 to 9:00</b>	Registration
	<b>7:00 to 8:30</b>	Continental Breakfast
	<b>7:30 to 8: 45</b>	Sunday Morning Devotional
	<b>8:00 to 12:00</b>	Silent Auction Pick-up
	<b>9:00 to 12:00</b>	Concurrent Workshops
	<b>12:15 to 2:30</b>	Closing Luncheon
	<b>3:00 to 3:30</b>	Conference Wrap-Up

## Hotel Information

The 2011 TFACA Grand Regional Conference, “**Passing the Torch of Excellence: A New Day of Diversity**” will be held October 1–2 in Franklin, Tennessee, at:

**Franklin Marriott – Cool Springs**

**700 Cool Springs Boulevard**

**Franklin, TN 37067**

**(615) 261-6100**

**Note:** Most 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. The limited number of single rooms will be assigned based on registration date. Check-in for the hotel will be Saturday morning. You are responsible for hotel fees if you check in Friday, September 30. All participants will be charged a \$25.00 deposit for incidentals at the time of check-in. **The Conference will not pay the incidental deposit or any incidental charges incurred by participants during their stay. Any charges will be the sole responsibility of the registrant. The conference hotel is a smoke-free facility. There is a penalty of \$250.00 or more that will be charged by the hotel to the registrant if there is smoking in the hotel room. This penalty will be the sole responsibility of the registrant and will be required at the time of check-out.**



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## How to Get There

### Directions to Franklin Marriott – Cool Springs <http://mapq.st/hN7lh8>

#### FROM NORTH: (Clarksville)

Take I-24 E toward NASHVILLE	38.9mi
Merge onto I-40 W via EXIT 50B toward I-65 S/MEMPHIS/HUNTSVILLE	1.0 mi
Merge onto I-65 S via EXIT 210B on the LEFT toward HUNTSVILLE	14.9 mi
Take the EAST COOL SPRINGS BLVD exit, EXIT 68A	0.3 mi

#### FROM SOUTH: (Chattanooga)

Merge onto I-24 W toward NASHVILLE/BIRMINGHAM	105.5 mi
Merge onto TN-840 W via EXIT 74A toward FRANKLIN	21.6 mi
Take the I-65 exit, EXIT 31, toward NASHVILLE/HUNTSVILLE	0.3 mi
Merge onto I-65 N via EXIT 31B toward NASHVILLE.	8.5 mi
Take the EAST COOL SPRINGS BLVD. exit, EXIT 68A.	0.3 mi
Merge onto COOL SPRINGS BLVD.	0.3 mi
Make a U-TURN onto COOL SPRINGS BLVD.	0.01 mi

#### FROM EAST: (Knoxville)

Take I-40 W toward NASHVILLE	174.1 mi
Take I-24 E via EXIT 213A toward I-440 W /Memphis/Chattanooga	0.8 mi
Merge onto I-440 via EXIT 53 toward MEMPHIS	2.6 mi
Merge onto I-65 S via EXIT 5 toward HUNTSVILLE	12.9 mi
Take the EAST COOL SPRINGS BLVD exit, EXIT 68A	0.3 mi
Merge onto COOL SPRINGS BLVD	0.5 mi
Make a U-TURN onto COOL SPRINGS BLVD.	0.01 mi

#### FROM WEST: (Memphis)

Merge onto I-40 via EXIT 12C on the LEFT toward NASHVILLE	195.2 mi
Merge onto I-440 E via EXIT 206 toward KNOXVILLE	4.5 mi
Merge onto I-65 S via EXIT 5 toward HUNTSVILLE	0.3 mi
Merge onto COOL SPRINGS BLVD	0.5 mi
Make a U-TURN onto COOL SPRINGS BLVD.	0.01 mi



# Tentative Workshop Descriptions

**Saturday October 1, 2011, 11:00–12:30 Session 1A**

<b>1 A</b> Approved: Now What?	<p>This workshop was developed to provide resource parents with the opportunity to explore the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment Process</li> <li>• Child and Family Team Meeting Process</li> <li>• Foster Care Review Board</li> <li>• Involvement with CASA</li> <li>• Acronyms</li> <li>• Timelines (Permanency Plans, Review Boards, and CFTMs)</li> </ul>
<b>2 A</b> Resource Parent On-line Training Opportunities	<p>When you think of resource parent training, technology may not be one of the words that come to mind. However, the Tennessee Center for Child Welfare and Tennessee Department of Children’s Services can provide you with on-line courses through the Foster Parent College and Desire to Learn computer programs. These trainings can assist you with obtaining your annual training hours from your home. Let us show you how easy and efficient technology can be. Please come and explore with us!</p>
<b>3 A</b> Engaging Resource Parents in Recruitment	<p>In this workshop, participants will be provided with ideas for engaging resource parents to assist in the process of recruiting other parents who may be interested in becoming resource parents.</p>
<b>4 A</b> Untangling the Web: Keeping Our Children Safe in a Wireless World	<p>Internet and wireless technologies have brought about unprecedented challenges for parents. The Internet has allowed a world of information and communication to be brought immediately to any computer or cell phone. Unfortunately, the news is filled with stories of how children have been harmed through the misuse of these technologies. This workshop will equip parents with the practical knowledge and skills they need to keep their children safe online, while preserving the all the benefits of the Internet.</p>
<b>5 A</b> Legal System and Foster Care Panel	<p>The panel will discuss various aspects of children in care and how resource parents and staff members can work within the legal system. The panel will include representatives from CASA, a Guardian Ad Litem, a juvenile court judge, and from the DCS legal department.</p>

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<p><b>6 A</b> Interdependent Living Resources/Teen Panel: Teens Talk About Teens</p>	<p>This workshop will present practical techniques for youth and providers addressing the issues of transition, self-sufficiency, and independence. A teen panel will also 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. The panel facilitator will be an experienced resource parent and Interdependent Living Specialist. At the conclusion of the workshop, all workshop participants will be able to define success as it relates to improving the well-being of those placed in their care.</p>
<p><b>7 A</b> Foster Parent's Bill of Rights: "It's the Law"</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>8 A</b> Attachment and Disruptions: Reversing the Cycle for Permanency</p>	<p>Which comes first—placement disruption or attachment issues? And how do they continue to perpetuate each other? Why do some children continue to disrupt placements which seem to be going so well at first? How is a child impacted when a placement does disrupt, and is there any way that we can minimize the emotional damage that disruption causes?</p> <p>This workshop will explore ways that resource parents and professionals can work together to develop a deeper understanding of an individual child's attachment needs and issues, promote healing from past disruptions, and support the formation of more resilient attachment relationships in order to stop the disruption cycle.</p>
<p><b>9 A</b> SIU Investigations for Resource Parents</p>	<p>What is an SIU investigation? How does the process work for the child and family?</p>
<p><b>10 A</b> Working with the Education System</p>	<p>The objective of this workshop is to discuss 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.</p>

# Tentative Workshop Descriptions

**Saturday October 1, 2011, 1:30 to 4:30 Session 2B**

<b>1 B</b>	Healthy Family/ Healthy Marriage	This workshop focuses on communication skills and conflict management. Using the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP), this workshop focuses on the important role that effective communication and conflict resolution plays in the security and happiness in personal relationships, not only with partners, but children, family, and even coworkers. Attendees will learn to recognize patterns of unhealthy communication and ways to change those patterns. Also touches on the importance of self-care and nurturing ourselves and our relationships.
<b>2 B</b>	Children's Mental Health Issues	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 and how should I talk with the prescribing physician if I think a medication is not working? If a child is admitted to an inpatient psychiatric hospital, what should I expect? Raise your behavioral IQ and understanding about mental health in this workshop designed to provide an overview for resource 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 TennCare Select, the managed care company serving children in DCS care. This structured discussion with clinical panelists will include time for questions and answers.
<b>3 B</b>	Fostering Positive Behavior	This workshop will provide participants with tips and techniques on how to establish and maintain relationships with children in their care.
<b>4 B</b>	Growing Up ADHD	This workshop will provide a concise overview of ADHD, along with tips and strategies to assist older children cope with their diagnosis. Discussion will also center around ADHD children and their transition into adulthood.
<b>5 B</b>	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 individuals as well as on families and communities across Tennessee.

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<p><b>6 B</b> Fostering Connections</p>	<p>Often caretakers care about the child in their home and want to provide a permanent home for them. Sometimes there are financial barriers that prevent these children from exiting custody and remaining with these caregivers. The federally-funded Subsidized Permanent Guardianship project will enable some qualified families to receive a subsidy comparable to the foster care rate if they will agree to become the permanent guardians of the child in their care.</p>
<p><b>7 B</b> Medication Administration</p>	<p>This workshop will present information to help resource parents understand how to safely and effectively administer medications to children in their care.</p>
<p><b>8 B</b> Working with Birth Parents</p>	<p>This class 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 children or not, they have a great influence and impact on their children. This class gives participants an opportunity to discuss problems and solutions involved in 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.</p>
<p><b>9 B</b> Managing Crisis (PATH Post-Approval)</p>	<p>Crisis is a normal part of being a resource parent. It is helpful to anticipate and predict difficult times and to have plans in place before problems arise. As a resource parent, you will want to draw on your past experiences with crisis or stress and to identify the strengths and resources that you have found helpful in these situations. Additional resources that you may need can be identified and put in place preventively.</p>
<p><b>10 B</b> Adoption Preparation</p>	<p>(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 be exposed to several of the learning modules offered through this creative, engaging preparation work. Come experience the rich world of adoption preparation through ASAP services!</p>

# Tentative Optional Roundabouts

## Schedule

**Saturday October 1, 2011: 4:45 to 5:45 (Optional)**

- Kinship Care
- Adoptions
- LGBTQ
- Regional Circles
  - Davidson
  - Mid-Cumberland
  - South Central
  - TN Valley
  - Upper-Cumberland

### 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, resource parents, and community members on topics such as Kinship Care, Adoptions, and LGBTQ. The roundabouts are a great way to share resources, gain new information, and ask questions. You do not need to pre-register for the Roundabouts.



## Tentative Workshop Descriptions

**Sunday October 2, 2011, 9:00 to 12:00 Session 3C**

<p><b>1 C</b> Loving and Letting Go</p>	<p>This workshop will help resource parents address the grief and loss they experience when children in their homes return to their birth parents or other permanence placements.</p>
<p><b>2 C</b> If You Will Believe, Your Child Will Achieve</p>	<p>Our keynote speaker, Derek Clark, will facilitate this workshop. It 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 during the first eight years of his life. Derek spent 13 years in foster care. He has survived rejection. He 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 his or her 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 how to commit and build upon strengths when encouraging youth to have hope. He inspires resource 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>I Will Never Give Up</i> book series. Find out more at <a href="http://www.IWillNeverGiveUp.com">www.IWillNeverGiveUp.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>3 C</b> Practical Solutions for Managing Challenging Situations</p>	<p>This workshop will provide participants an opportunity to brainstorm with the facilitator and each other to identify solutions to challenging situations that resource parents encounter in providing care to children in care. Participants are encouraged to bring specific situations to this workshop that they want to discuss.</p>
<p><b>4 C</b> Sexual Behavior Problems in Children 2-12</p>	<p>This workshop will discuss sexual behavioral problems and subsequent behaviors exhibited by children age 2–12. The future impact of the problem behavior will also be discussed along with recommended response to the problem behaviors.</p>
<p><b>5 C</b> Positive Discipline 2</p>	<p>This class revisits the Department's discipline policy and reviews alternative ways of disciplining rather than 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. Rewards, behavior modification, involving the child in behavior replacement, and 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.</p>

<p><b>6 C</b> Cultural Awareness</p>	<p>This class allows participants to examine their own cultural backgrounds and their beliefs about different cultures through self-assessment. The role that 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 newly approved DCS resource parents.</p>
<p><b>7 C</b> The Basics of CPR and First Aid</p>	<p>This workshop will discuss the basics of CPR for children and adults. Standard first aid information will be presented that will include basic remedies for minor accidents such as bruises, burns, cuts, etc. (Participants in the workshop will not receive certification.) This training is <b>required</b> every two years for <b>ALL</b> resource parents..</p>
<p><b>8 C</b> Child Development (PATH Post-approval)</p>	<p>Why is it important for resource parents to know about child development? This workshop enables participants to have a better understanding of age-appropriate behaviors for the children they are parenting, as well as helping them identify behaviors that might indicate a problem. Participants also learn the stages of child and adolescent development. Finally, parents are able to explore how some forms of maltreatment affect a child's development.</p>
<p><b>9 C</b> Helping Children Make Transitions (PATH Post Approval)</p>	<p>This course provides participants with information that will help them work with children who are in transition. Understanding the issues faced by these children and their families as they move from one setting to another is the focus of this course. Techniques to help children through this time of trauma, with emphasis on maintaining significant relationship, are discussed.</p>
<p><b>10 C</b> Parenting the Sexually Abused Child</p>	<p>Application of the skills and information gained in this training will allow resource parents and staff members to respond appropriately to disclosures by children and youth 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 that assure the safety and security of the child in care. The strategies discussed above provide a means to achieve permanency and safety for children in care.</p>



## Required Workshops

- **4-hour Courses (Required every 2 years)**
  - Basics of CPR and First Aid
  - Medication Administration
- **First-Year PATH Post-Approval Courses**
  - Child Development
  - Helping Children Make Transitions
  - Managing Crisis
- **CORE Courses**
  - Cultural Awareness
  - Fostering Positive Behavior
  - Parenting the Sexually Abused Child
  - Positive Discipline 2
  - Working with Birth Parents
- **Required Course**
  - Working with the Education System



## Courses at a Glance

### Saturday October 1, 2011, Session 1A

Start Time	End Time	Section Number	Session One (A)
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	1 A	Approved: Now What?
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	2 A	Resource Parent On-line Training
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	3 A	Engaging Resource Parents in Recruitment
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	4 A	Untangling the Web: Keeping Our Children Safe in a Wireless World
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	5 A	Legal System and Foster Care Panel
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	6 A	Interdependent Living Resources/Teen Panel: Teens Talk About Teens
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	7 A	Foster Parent's Bill of Rights: "It's the Law"
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	8 A	Attachment and Disruption
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	9 A	SIU Investigations for Resource Parents
11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	10 A	Working with the Education System

### Saturday October 1, Session 2B

Start Time	End Time	Section Number	Session Two (B) Select three for each time
1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	1 B	Healthy Family/Healthy Marriage
1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	2 B	Children's Mental Health Issues
1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	3 B	Fostering Positive Behavior
1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4 B	Growing Up ADHD
1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5 B	Crystal Meth: Homemade Destruction
1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	6 B	Fostering Connections
1:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	7 B	Medication Administration
1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	8 B	Working with Birth Parents
1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	9 B	Managing Crisis
1:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	10 B	Adoption Preparation

## Sunday October 2, 2011, Session 3C

Start Time	End Time	Section Number	Session Three (C) Select 3 for each time
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	1 C	Loving and Letting Go
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	2 C	If You Will Believe, Your Child Will Achieve
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	3 C	Practical Solutions for Managing Challenging Situations
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	4 C	Sexual Behavior Problems in Children 2-12
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	5 C	Positive Discipline 2
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	6 C	Cultural Awareness
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	7 C	The Basics of CPR and First Aid
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	8 C	Child Development (PATH Post-approval)
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	9 C	Helping Children Make Transitions (PATH Post-approval)
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	10 C	Parenting the Sexually Abused Child



# Registration and Payment Instructions

## THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION

- Early Registration must be postmarked on or before **August 31, 2011**.
- Late Registration must be postmarked on or before **September 10, 2011**.
- 1. Only registered participants may participate in conference activities. **NOTE: CHILDREN MAY NOT ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES.** No registration will be accepted for minor children. **Parents are asked to make child care arrangements prior to the conference weekend.** No child will be allowed in any conference activities. Children will not be allowed in workshops and the registrant will be asked to leave with the child. No conference refund will be granted. Please cooperate with the rules.

- All Registration to be paid by Cashier's Check or Money Order ONLY. NO personal checks, credit cards or cash will be accepted.

- All registrations will need to be mailed to:

Tennessee Center for Child Welfare  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Attn: Fiscal Manager  
P.O. Box 143  
Murfreesboro, TN. 37132

- Make cashier's check or money order payable to **Tennessee Center for Child Welfare**.
- Note: **Only one registration form per resource parent.**

*Please see the registration fees on the General Information Form and also the Registration Form.*

- Refund requests must be submitted in writing to **Tennessee Center for Child Welfare, Fiscal Manager**, at the address above and **postmarked by September 1, 2011**.
  - Requests postmarked by this date will be approved on an individual basis.
  - Refunds will be considered and processed after the conference bills have been paid.
  - Refunds will **not** be given on-site.



# 2011 TFACA Middle Conference Registration • Form 1

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

**CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, MAIL-IN REGISTRATION ONLY**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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) (If handicapped please check if you will be bringing the following):    Wheelchair    Scooter    Seeing Eye Dog

Special Rooming Facilities (Please list below)

Special Meal Accommodation Needed (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 \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a **Cashier's Check** or **Money Order**  
with registration.

Please Circle the amount paid. Thank You.

**Late Registration Fee Due after  
August 31, 2011**

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September 10, 2011.**

Registration Fee Payment per Registrant	Cost
TFACA Member	\$65.00
TFACA Member (Late Registration Fee)	\$85.00
TFACA Member Commuter	\$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 Member Commuter	\$70.00
NON-TFACA Member Commuter (Late Registration Fee)	\$75.00

# Workshop Registration Form (Continued) Registrant 1

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Workshop Preferences

Due to limited space in many workshops, please list three preferences for each time slot.

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### Saturday October 1

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Session 1 (A) 11:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Saturday October 1

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Session 2 (B) 1:30–4:30 p.m.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sunday October 2

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Session 3 (C) 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# 2011 TFACA Middle Conference Registration • Form 2

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ONE FORM PER REGISTRANT.**

**CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, MAIL-IN REGISTRATION ONLY**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_ TFACA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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NON-TFACA Member Commuter (Late Registration Fee)	\$75.00

# Workshop Registration Form (Continued) Registrant 2

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Saturday October 1

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Session 1 (A) 11:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

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### Saturday October 1

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Session 2 (B) 1:30–4:30 p.m.

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### Sunday October 2

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Session 3 (C) 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



## Tennessee Foster Adoptive Care Assoc., Inc. Membership Application

(Renewal due on July 1 of each year)

**(Please fill out one application per person)**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*If we have this information, we can e-mail the Fosterer (newsletter) to you.*

County you live in: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Local Foster Parent Association: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your affiliation:**

DCS EMPLOYEE      DCS FOSTER FAMILY      PRIVATE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_  
(Agency Name)

Membership runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year. **PLEASE complete the entire form.** Membership cards will be distributed at the Annual Conference in September. Dues are \$15.00 for a single person and \$30.00 for a couple. Please make checks or money orders payable to **TFACA**.

**Print this form and remit to:**      **Paula Webb, Vice President**  
   **Tennessee Foster Adoptive Care Assoc., Inc.**  
   **6611 Duckling Cove**  
   **Memphis, TN 38141**



**2011 TFACA Annual Conference**  
**Passing the Torch of Excellence: A New Day of Diversity**  
**Program Advertisement**  
**and Vendor Table Reservation Form**

(Complete One Form For Each Advertisement and/or Table Reservation)

**Program Advertisement:**

Full Page \$100

Half Page \$ 50

Quarter Page \$ 25

Patron and Sponsor \$10

**Vendor Table Reservation:**

Friday and Saturday \$25

Table set-up will be Saturday, October 1 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Table take-down will be Sunday, October 2 by 12:00 p.m..

**Please type or print legibly:**

Name of Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual Submitting Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advertisements must be formatted exactly as you desire to see it in the souvenir journal and must be submitted via e-mail by August 1, 2011.** Please e-mail using Microsoft-compatible software (i.e. ,Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, etc.) to Ronya Faulkner at [Ronya.Faulkner@tccw.org](mailto:Ronya.Faulkner@tccw.org).

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