

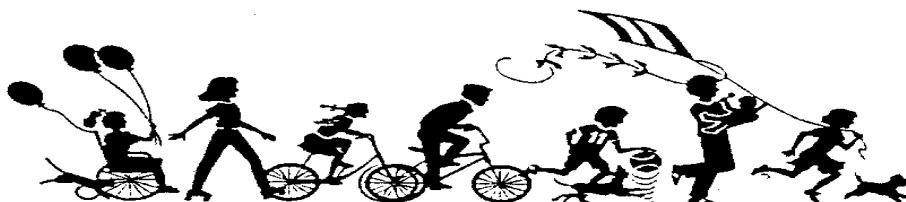


**EL CAMINO COLLEGE**

**FOSTER AND KINSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

**July - September 2017**



The Foster and Kinship Education Program offers both pre-service classes for prospective resource foster and adoptive parents and continuing education for existing resource foster and kinship caregivers. The following provides an overview of our course offerings:

- Foster & Kinship Care Education (FKCE)
- Relative caregiver (kinship) and non-related family caregivers—enhanced orientation and other classes designed for caregivers
- D-Rate pre-service and continuing education classes
- F-Rate / medical foster care pre-services and continuing education classes
- W-Rate / whole family foster care pre-service and continuing education classes
- Renewal classes for B, D, F & W

## **Programs**

### **Foster & Kinship Care Education (FKCE)**

Kinship Orientation

Relative caregiver (kinship) and non-related family caregivers—enhanced orientation and other classes designed for caregivers.

### **Pre-Service**

D-Rate pre-service and continuing education classes

F-Rate / medical foster care pre-services and continuing education classes

Whole family foster care for families parenting teens and continuing education classes

**Renewal classes** for; B, D, F & W Rate classes

## **Program Descriptions**

### **Resource Family Approval (RFA)**

This class is for prospective resource foster and adoptive parents.

#### ***Total of 20 hours***

This program is the pre-service training mandated by the Department of Children and Family Services for all prospective foster and adoptive parents in Los Angeles County. The length of the training is 12 hours with eight hours pre-placement training, facilitated by two professionals: an experienced resource parent, and a community college trainer. All participants must complete the orientation conducted by the Community Care Licensing (CCLD) Division for the State of California.

## **Kinship Caregiver Orientation**

The Kinship Care Education Program is designed for grandparents, aunts, uncles or other extended family members who are caring for relatives' children. The Enhanced Kinship Orientation (four hours) program offers classes designed to meet the unique needs of kinship caregivers so that they are able to navigate the system.

## **Foster & Kinship Care Education Program (FKCE)**

### *Pre Service Trainings/Certifications*

The FKCE program offers pre-service and recertification renewal for resource foster and kinship caregivers. Resource foster parents are required to complete coursework to maintain the certifications. There are four certifications for resources parents: B-Rate, D-Rate, F-Rate and W-Rate. Each certification requires mandated hours of training. Classes can only be used for one certification.

## **Specialized Foster Care Pre-Service (D-Rate)**

### ***Total 16 hours***

This training is designed for Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) resource foster care providers who are interested in caring for children living in out-of-home care with severe and persistent emotional and behavioral challenges.

The Department of Mental Health assesses these children to the status of D-Rate. The resource foster parents must be referred by a DCFS Child Social Worker (CSW) in order to attend the D-Rate Pre-Service Training. The resource foster parent must then complete the 16-hour D-Rate Pre-Service Training Program in order to qualify to receive the D-Rate incentive for the extraordinary costs they will incur while providing care of the children.

## **Medical Foster Care (F-Rate)**

### ***Total 16 hours***

The F-Rate certification classes are designed for those Resource Foster Care providers who care for children who are medically fragile. Resource foster parents must have at least two years of experience as a foster parent and must be referred by the DCFS social worker in order to qualify for the training. Each resource parent will be certified by the DCFS Medi-Cal Placement Unit to complete the 16-hour F-Rate Pre-Service Training Program. Upon completing the training they will be eligible to receive the F-Rate incentive to cover the extraordinary costs incurred while providing services to the children in their care. DCFS approval must be obtained before new or additional children with special medical conditions can be placed in their foster homes. Priority enrollment is reserved for DCFS homes.

## **Whole Family Foster Care – SB500 (W-Rate)**

### ***Total 16 hours***

The training is designed by the Department of Children and Family Services to prepare resource parents to mentor and care for pregnant and parenting teens.

## Renewal Classes

### B-Rate, D-Rate, F-Rate and W-Rate Renewal Classes

- DCFS' D-Rate foster care providers must complete 18 hours of D-Rate renewal classes.
- F-Rate foster care providers must complete 12 hours of F-Rate renewal classes.
- B-Rate foster care providers must complete 12 hours of B-Rate renewal classes.
- W-Rate / whole family foster care providers must complete 12 hours of W-Rate renewal classes.

**Contact your social worker with any questions regarding your renewal dates.**

### Classes for Kinship Caregivers

Training is offered to assist relative and non-relative caregivers adapt to new and/or continuing roles as caregivers. Relatives will gain a better understanding of the DCFS system and how it works, as well as receive information that will enhance their ability to be more effective accessing services and navigating the systems of care.



# July 2017

## **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Awareness & Identification (B,D,F,W,K)**

**July 8, 2017** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Location: East Dining Room*

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Awareness & Identification is an interactive training that will provide participants with awareness of the intersection of sex trafficking and children in the child welfare system. It will uncover the psychological and family dynamics that drive the ongoing maltreatment and victimization of children and young adults by sex traffickers.

## **D-Rate Pre-Service Training**

### **D-Rate Pre-Service Training Part I: DCFS Policy and Law**

**July 15, 2017** 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Location: ITEC Room 229*

### **D-Rate Pre-Service Training Part II: Behavior Management and Resources**

**July 22, 2017** 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Location: ITEC Room 229*

This class provides instruction to caregivers who are interested in caring for children who are assessed by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as D-Rate. D-Rate is for children who exhibit severe and persistent emotional and behavioral problems. You must be a foster parent who has been licensed for at least two years or directed by DCFS to take this training in order to be considered for D-Rate certification upon the completion of this class. **You must attend all classes to receive the certificate of completion.**

## **AB-12 Updates (B,D,F,W,K)**

**July 22, 2017** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

This class is designed for both relative and non-relative caregivers. AB-12 legislation is now in effect. Youth over 18 who reside in your home are now considered young adults. You will be given tools to help manage their transition while residing with the family.

## **Behavior Management (B,D,F,W,K)**

**July 22, 2017** 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

This class provides information to the caregiver as to reasons for acting out and how to manage the behavior. This teaches them the difference between acting out and behavior disorder. They are also given tools to manage the behavior as well as resources.

## **How to Navigate the Allegation Process as a Caregiver (B,D,F,W,K)**

**July 29, 2017** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Location: ITEC Room 229*

Caregivers will learn safety and prevention methods to safely care for children under Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) rules and guidelines to prevent allegations and removal of the child.

## **How to Pass a DCFS Home Inspection (B,D,F,W,K)**

**July 29, 2017** 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

*Location: ITEC Room 229*

This class will provide a home inspection list under the Resource Family Approval (RFA) guidelines and the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) expectations as well as forms that should be posted and onsite compliance procedures.



# August 2017

## **Understanding the LGBTQ Community & Our Foster Youth (B,D,F,W,K)**

**August 5, 2017** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

This workshop is designed to develop an understanding of sexual identity as it relates to LGBTQ youth in foster care. The class will focus on defining terms and dispelling myths, while increasing awareness of the emotional challenges faced by youth and caregivers.

## **Advocacy for Children with Special Needs (B,D,F,W,K)**

**August 12, 2017** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

Children with special needs have special rights. Come learn what their rights are and how to advocate for them. Due to the trauma all foster youth face, foster parents must be informed about the process in place to assist our children as they navigate the school system. What must I have to enroll a foster youth in school? Is there tutoring provided for my struggling foster youth? How do I provide help for my foster youth with emotional difficulties? What are my responsibilities? This class will answer these questions and many more you may have. You are the greatest advocate in the life of the children who are in your home.

## **Rights of Foster Youth (B,D,F,W,K)**

**August 12, 2017** 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

Foster youth have rights and so do caregivers. A good understanding of these rights helps to prevent allegations. This class will help to understand what is expected. This class will provide you with the knowledge needed to make appropriate decisions, seek appropriate care, and provide information needed as foster youth become older and have concerns about “aging out” of the system. This class will provide you with the knowledge needed to advocate for our youth.

## **College Success & Foster Youth: Part I (B,D,F,W,K)**

**August 19, 2017** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Location: Decathlon Room*

Part I: Financing College

What is a PellGrant and CalGrant or work study? Is your child college bound? Helping your child access financial aid can be a difficult task. This workshop will help you become familiar with the financial aid process, requirements, forms, minimum grade point average and timelines to enable you to help your foster youth apply to a four-year college or community college and pursue their post-secondary education.

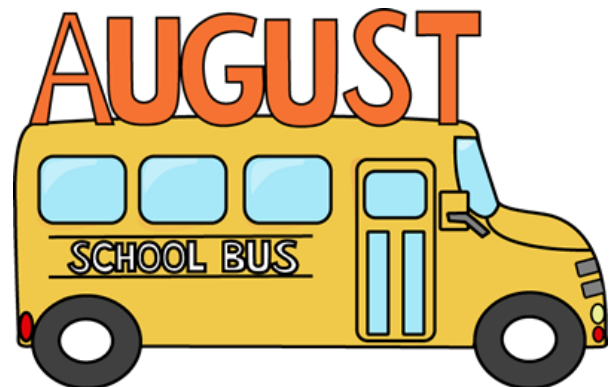
## **College Success & Foster Youth: Part II (B,D,F,W,K)**

**August 26, 2017** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Location: Decathlon Room*

Part II: Knowing What's on Campus

The class will provide caregivers with information regarding on-campus resources and programs for the first-year student. Caregivers will be provided with strategies for influencing and coaching youth in their care.



# September 2017

## **FYAP Caregiver Education Success-ERH (B,D,F,W,K)**

**September 9, 2017** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

Presented by LAUSD's Foster Youth Achievement Program, this presentation will cover who is an educational rights holder and what that means. How Resource Families and caregivers can support the educational success of students will be discussed. Further, we will discuss the rights of foster students and laws around education. Lastly, we will review local resources

## **FYAP Program and Foster Youth Rights (B,D,F,W,K)**

**September 9, 2017** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

Presented by LAUSD's Foster Youth Achievement Program, this presentation will discuss the LAUSD foster care population and the related challenges for students, legislation and district policy specific to foster youth, and the services and responsibilities of the new Foster Youth Achievement Program and how to obtain resources and assistance.

## **Mental Health Perspective in the Educational System (B,D,F,W,K)**

**September 9, 2017** 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

What are the responsibilities of the Educational System to foster youth? How do foster parents seek the services needed to address trauma and mental health needs? Foster parents have many arenas to seek assistance for our youth. The services the school district must provide are important for foster youth as they attempt to understand themselves and prepare for a productive future. Please attend this class to better understand the responsibilities of this stakeholder in your foster youth's life.

## **F-Rate Pre-Service Training**

### **F-Rate Pre-Service Training Part I: DCFS Policy**

**September 16, 2017** 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

### **F-Rate Pre-Service Training Part II: Diagnosis and Prescription**

**September 23, 2017** 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

You will receive information about caring for children in foster care who are medically fragile. Instruction will be provided on DCFS F-Rate criteria, record keeping, medical equipment usage and behavior management. **In order to be considered for F-Rate certification, upon completion of the class, you must be a foster parent, have a medical background, or have been directed by DCFS to take this training.**

## **Prudent Parent Standards (B,D,F,W,K)**

**September 30, 2017** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Location: Stadium Room*

Prudent Parenting Standards allows caregivers and foster youth to live their lives as normal as possible, eliminating such requirements as fingerprinting, CPR, first aid, etc. It creates a family-like setting and provides more support from family, friends, and the community.



**Children are NOT allowed  
in the classroom.  
Childcare is not provided.**

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:

**Enrollment Information**

To register for a class and/or to receive additional information, please call or email:

310-660-3593 ext. 3585 or [fostercare55@elcamino.edu](mailto:fostercare55@elcamino.edu).

**Location:**

El Camino College  
16007 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90506  
[www.elcamino.edu](http://www.elcamino.edu)

**Class location:**

Classes are conducted in the Bookstore Building and Industry Technology Education Center located on the Manhattan Beach Boulevard side of the El Camino College campus. Please check the schedule for class location.

**Parking**

Park in Lot D or B. Parking passes are \$3 and require exact change to purchase. They can be purchased at the kiosks located in parking Lot J or the Police Station located at the corner of Crenshaw and Redondo Beach boulevards.

Class Description	Date	Time

