



# El Camino College Community Education

AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**SUMMER 2021**



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## Foster and Kinship Care Education



**FREE** classes for foster & kinship care resource parents focusing on skills needed for foster parents or relative caregivers to care for children in out-of-home care, as well as themselves.

**Our Mission:** The mission of the El Camino College Foster and Kinship Care Education program is to provide quality education and support opportunities to caregivers of children and youth in out-of-home care so that these providers may meet the educational, emotional, behavioral and developmental needs of children and youth in the foster care system.

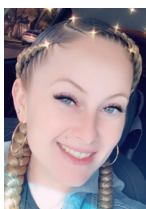
### Why is the Foster & Kinship Care Education Program Important?

From 1989 to 1998, the number of children in California's foster care system has grown by more than 50%-- from 68,000 to 105,000. The dramatic increase in the state's foster care population has been attributed to many factors--there are a greater number of children living in poverty, increasing numbers of parents who abuse alcohol and drugs, and increasing cases of child abuse and neglect. The El Camino College Foster & Kinship Care Education program plays a vital role in providing licensed foster parents and relative caregivers with the training and education that will help them in meeting the multifaceted and often complex needs of the foster children in their care. El Camino College and other community colleges play an important role by providing over 25,000 hours of education/training to foster parents and relative caregivers.

**TO BECOME A RESOURCE FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT: CALL 888-811-1121**

**TO REGISTER FOR RESOURCE PARENT (RFA) CLASSES: CALL 213-640-3082 OR 213-640-3079**

### Our Trainers:



#### Jenna Provinse

Against her high school counselor's advice, former foster youth, Jenna Provinse applied to and was accepted to a CA State University. Jenna double majored in Social Work and Psychology and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California. She is now accruing her hours towards her LCSW and plans on pursuing a Doctorate of Social Work. Jenna has both professional and direct service experience working in a variety of capacities with youth (individual and family therapy, behavioral interventions, group homes, ILP, and crossover youth). Coupled with her personal experience growing up in foster care and her experience as a resource relative caregiver to her niece, Jenna brings a broad spectrum of perspectives to her classes.



#### Tawana Smith-Black

Tawana Smith-Black has been working in the social services field for more than 25 years as a social worker and resource parent. In addition to caregiving, she teaches throughout LA County and consults on various projects.



#### Sandra Smith

With more than twenty-eight years of experience as a Foster Care resource parent, trainer, and educator, Sandra Smith brings a wealth of expertise, real-world understanding, and passion to her classes. As a Resource Parent of four boys, three of whom she adopted and one whom she co-raised with his biological mom, the heart of Sandra's love for FKCE and RFA training is rooted in her dedicated sense of advocacy for other Resource parents. She also draws upon her twelve years of experience as a middle school and high school instructor. She also earned a M.A. in Business and was one of the original PS-MAPP trainers.

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**OR CALL 310-660-6460 OR TEXT 424-279-4430 MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-4:00PM**

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| DATE           | TIME            | MAY CLASS SCHEDULE   | TRAINER      |
|----------------|-----------------|--|--------------|
| Tues., May 25  | 9:00AM - 3:00PM | <i>Pre-Service Certification Course: W-Rate<br/>(Whole Family Foster Home)<br/>Pre-Service Pt 1 through 3*</i> | Sandra Smith |
| Wed., May 26   | 9:00AM - 2:00PM |  |              |
| Thurs., May 27 | 9:00AM - 2:00PM |  |              |

| DATE           | TIME            | JUNE CLASS SCHEDULE   | TRAINER        |
|----------------|-----------------|---|----------------|
| Tues., June 8  | 9:00AM - 3:00PM | <i>Pre-Service Certification Course: D-Rate--<br/>(Fostering Children with emotional and<br/>behavioral issues) Pre-Service Pt 1 through 3*</i> | Jenna Provinse |
| Wed., June 9   | 9:00AM - 2:00PM |   |                |
| Thur., June 10 | 9:00AM - 2:00PM |   |                |

| DATE          | TIME             | JULY CLASS SCHEDULE   | TRAINER             |
|---------------|------------------|---|---------------------|
| Tues., July 6 | 10:00AM - 1:00PM | <i>RFA continuing education B/D/F/W rate renewal hours:</i><br><b>R.A.D. Behaviors Seen at Home and at School</b> Develop an understanding and treatment of Reactive Attachment Disorder. Learn about attachment and the cycle of need that a child innately has and how that cycle can be broken. Learn how separation from birth parents, or frequent moves and placements can and will affect the level of education a child will receive, if not treated. | Tawanna Smith-Black |

| DATE          | TIME             | AUGUST CLASS SCHEDULE   | TRAINER             |
|---------------|------------------|---|---------------------|
| Tues., Aug. 3 | 10:00AM - 1:00PM | <i>RFA continuing education B/D/F/W rate renewal hours:</i><br><b>Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones, But Words Will FOREVER Hurt Me</b><br>Participants will engage in an activity of labeling each other and describing the qualities and behavior of said label. Labeling doesn't just occur in the home. Youth are most often labeled in the schools. A lecture and discussion of the negative impact of labeling children with participants will be held. An additional activity will reveal how simple "redirection" will assist care givers in their parenting efforts." | Tawanna Smith-Black |

*\*Must complete all three consecutive classes in order to earn Pre-Service certificate.*

All classes are live online via zoom.

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