

FOSTER CARERS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT 2022

INTRODUCTION:

Nurture Fostering recognises the importance and value of training for their foster carers. It allows them the opportunity to reflect on their own practice and to learn new skills and develop additional skills over a period of time.

Nurture has therefore organised an array of training; some mandatory training which needs to be completed every 12 months, some additional training and workshops that will assist with knowledge building and support and also organised some workshops which we feel would support and under-pin learning and supporting children with complex issues.

We will be commencing our training for 2022 with a blended mix of on line training and on line interactive training until such times as the current pandemic has subsided and we can return to classroom based training for both our foster carers and our team members.

Mandatory Training: E Learning

To be completed every 12 months

- Safeguarding - Level 2
- Child Sexual Exploitation - Level 2
- Record Keeping
- Sexual Abuse and Recognising Grooming

Full List of E Learning Available: These are to be completed within the first 18 months of becoming a foster carer, these can be accessed as refreshers as and when required.

- Child Sexual Exploitation Level 1
- Child Sexual Exploitation Level 2
- Equality & Diversity
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Keeping Good Records
- Medication Awareness & Safe Handling Of Medication
- Safeguarding Level 1
- Safeguarding Level 2
- Sexual Abuse & Recognising Grooming
- Understanding Behaviour of Children & Young People
- Handling Information for Health and Social Care
- Information Sharing and Consent
- Food Safety and Hygiene Level 2

- Bullying and Cyberbullying
- Effective Communication with children and families
- Honour Based violence and forced marriage
- Human trafficking and modern day slavery
- First Aid – This course to be completed as soon as the foster carer has been approved

MANDATORY TRAINING – INTERACTIVE AND ON LINE

- Parent & Child Training – 3 days – All approved parent and child foster carers or foster carers who would like to be considered for parent and child placements will be required to attend this course – March
- PACE – Training – June
- Safer Care and Allegations
- Care Proceedings from a child’s prospective
- PTSD
- Positive Care Giving
- Caring for children and Young people that have been sexually abused – Behaviours, signs and strategies to use

WORKSHOPS:

- Parental controls and guidance – Adam Mead
- Missing children protocol The police processes and procedures – PC David
- The importance of sexual health in teenagers
- Mental Health in children and young people
- TSD Workshops and drop in sessions – Supervising Social Workers

TRAINING CALENDER:

COURSE	DATE & LOCATION
Skills to Foster	<p>This course is two full days virtual 9.30 – 4.30, both days have to be attended:</p> <p>February 24 & 25</p> <p>June 16 & 17</p> <p>September 5 & 6</p> <p>Weekend Skills to foster training virtual 9.30-4.30:</p>

	<p>Saturday: March 5 and 12 Saturday: October 8 and 15</p>
Skills to Foster for Transferring Foster Carers	By arrangement to suit foster carers
Induction Training – Mandatory for all newly approved foster carers	<p>This will be a virtual course 10-13.00</p> <p>January 28 March 29 May 24 July 21 October 4 November 24</p>
TSD Workshops	<p>Virtual 10.00-13.00 TSD's need to be completed by your first annual review.</p> <p>January 27 March 24 May 19 July 19 October 20 December 8</p>
TSD Drop In Sessions	<p>These will take place the first Thursday of every month: Foster carers can drop in, facetime or telephone us for support and advice. From 10-12</p> <p>February 3 March 3 April 7 May 5 June 2 July 7 September 1 October 6 November 3</p>
IT Support	<p>Adam is available to support with any IT issues every Thursday from 10-12, you can telephone, face time, e mail or organise to drop in for support</p>
Workshops:	
Parental Controls and Guidance	<p>Virtual 10-1 March 17</p>
Missing Children Protocol – A police prospective	TBC
Effects of Domestic Violence on children	TBC
The importance of Sexual Health in Teenagers	TBC
Mental Health and wellbeing in teenagers	TBC
Mandatory Training	
Parent & Child – 3 day training	<p>Virtual Training 10-2 March: 4,5 and 7</p>

	Please note that all three days must be attended
PACE – (Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity, Empathy) Training	Virtual 10-2 March 10
Life story, keeping memories safe	Virtual 10-1 April 19 November 8
Care Proceedings from a child’s prospective	Virtual 10-2 April 28 December 12
Safer Care & allegations	Virtual 10-2 May 10 October 13
PTSD in Children and Young People	Virtual 10-1 June 6
Positive Care Giving	Via Zoom 10-12 July 11th
First Aid – Mandatory for all new foster carers and to be repeated every three years	By Invitation only - April
Caring for Children & Young People that have been Sexually Abused – Recognising the signs and Behaviours	Zoom 10-1 September 26

SUPPORT GROUPS

Nurture would like to see as many of you as possible at our support groups, we anticipate that the first three will be held on line and this will be reviewed at the end of June 2022

February 10

April 7

June 14

August: Lewisham 4, Croydon 11 (weather permitting and restrictions permitting we are proposing one central meet up in a park/beach for all to enjoy. – This will be confirmed closer to the time. One of the above dates.

October: Lewisham 11: Croydon 18.

December: 15th December

The above dates/times and venues are subject to change and will be in line with government guidance at the time.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AVAILABLE:

The safeguarding board of every local authority provides training free of charge to its residents. In Lewisham for example the following training can be accessed by its residents. We encourage all of our foster carers to access their local safeguarding board training hub to enable them to have greater access to additional training.

Examples of training available currently through the Lewisham Safeguarding Board.

- Complex Neglect of Children and Young People
- Controlling & Coercive Behaviour
- Criminal Exploitation & Modern Slavery of Children & Vulnerable Adults
- CSE Through the Lens of Contextual Safeguarding
- Effects of Domestic Abuse on Children
- Domestic Violence & Abuse Awareness
- Fabricated & Induced Illness Awareness
- Gaming & Gambling Harm Prevention Programme for children and Young people
- Gangs, Exploitation & Effective Practice
- Health Improvement Programme
- Intra-familial Child Sexual Abuse
- Safeguarding Children Level 1
- Safeguarding Sexually Active Young People
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Children & Young People from Extremism
- Self-Harm & Suicide Ideations in Young People Awareness
- Sexual Violence and Exploitation Amongst Young People
- Tech Abuse of Children & Young People

NVQ Level 2 TRAINING

The Skills Network are offering free NVQ courses to be completed over a 16 week period in the following areas:

- Level 2 Certificate in Behaviour that Challenges in Children
- Level 2 Certificate in Equality & Diversity
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health

Please can you confirm your attendance to info@nurture-fostering.co.uk – We look forward to hearing from you.