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Dear Staff Development Coordinators, Homefinders, and Training Directors:

Surveys have shown that nearly 85 percent of foster/adoptive parents access the Internet at least once a week. Increasingly, adult learners are using the Internet to enrich their lives, find information, and learn new skills. The feedback from foster/adoptive parents who have taken advantage of the CDHS Foster/Adoptive Parent Training Project has been consistently excellent. They have enjoyed participating in the trainings, talking with one another, and learning new techniques and skills.

During the Winter/Spring 2018 term, we will continue to offer training using *iLinc*, a distance-learning platform that uses the Internet to connect instructors and learners. We do not see this approach as a replacement for direct training but, rather, as a supplemental method available to participants who are interested in exploring this technology. These trainings will be “synchronous,” meaning that the trainer and trainees are online at the same time.

Please forward the attached announcement to any foster/adoptive parents who may wish to participate in the online training. They will be able to register online at the CDHS Foster/Adoptive Parent Resource Center website:

<http://cdhs.buffalostate.edu/fosterparenttraining>

Please inform interested participants that a **prerequisite** for the online trainings is *Introduction to iLinc*, which only has to be completed once. (See page 4 of the attached announcement for a description of *Introduction to iLinc*.) Participants should call 1-800-810-1349 if they cannot take *Introduction to iLinc* when it's offered. Wendy Neilson, senior training and development specialist, is the CDHS Foster/Adoptive Parent Training Project *iLinc* specialist. If you have any questions, please feel free to email her at neilsowt@buffalostate.edu.

Sincerely,

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