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Adoption Services

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Training and Meeting Centers in Queens, Capital District, and Central New York

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To Whom It May Concern:

While MAPP training works for foster parents, it is not enough for adoptive parents. Family Focus Adoption Services, a full service adoption agency and part of CONNECTIONS, has developed an alternative specialized training for three groups of adopters:

1. Folks who want to adopt from the foster care system, but do not want to be traditional foster parents first;
2. Current foster parents considering adopting their foster children (recommended);
3. People looking to adopt older out-of-state foster children (most strongly recommended – should even be required for these people).

Our Spring 2019 "B" training sessions for Central New York begin on May 1 (schedule enclosed).

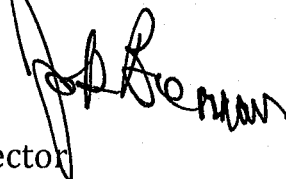
Families or workers interested in the training, but not looking for Family Focus certification, are welcome to take all or part(s) of the training **at no cost**. (Certification is only for Family Focus applicants.) Letters documenting completion, however, will be available to all.

Enclosed are the dates of the training and a list of the topics to be covered at each session.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on my cell at 845-401-5225 or by email directly at [ffasjack@gmail.com](mailto:ffasjack@gmail.com).

Sincerely Yours,

Jack Brennan  
Executive Director



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## Central New York Adoption Training Spring 2019

- Thirty-five-hour training on the successful adoption of children from the foster care system.
- Two parts: A – for those without MAPP; B – for everyone, including MAPP trained.
- All trainings are Wednesday evenings from 6:45-9:30.
- All adults – staff or families - welcome; but no children, please.
- **No fees** unless you later apply to adopt through FFAS.
- Coffee, tea, soda, and water complimentary. Kitchen available. Short drive to fast food.
- Feel free to bring dinner.
- Free parking
- All sessions at the FFAS Capital District Training and Meeting Center:  
8134 Oswego Road. Suite A – Seneca Campus, Liverpool NY 13090

B: Intro Session – May 1

B: Session 1 – May 8

B: Session 2 – May 15

B: Session 3 – May 22

B: Session 4 - May 29

B: Session 5 - June 5

B: Session 6 - June 12

June 19 – Weather Make Up Session

(Part A begins July 10)

Please register by calling: 315-949-0346 or email to: [ffasrich@gmail.com](mailto:ffasrich@gmail.com)

In case of inclement weather, call 845-401-5225 to check for session cancellations.

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Watch our website for future training dates: <http://familyfocusadoption.org/calendar.html>.

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## **2019 "B" TRAINING DATES AND TOPICS**

(Adjustments as needed)

Intro Session: Wednesday, May 1:

What adoption is  
Our training assumptions

B1. Wednesday, May 8th:

Consumer mentality  
What the kids don't know  
What we as adopters didn't know

B2. Wednesday, May 15th:

Trauma and its consequences  
Culture and its impact  
The two-fold nature of a person  
Gifts vs. trades

B3. Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Worship of the Almighty Feeling  
The Model of Hope  
Blaming vs. solving the problem  
Bigger than vs. tit for tat  
Judging by the best, not the worst

B4. Wednesday, May 29th:

Inducement  
Adoption Transference  
Boundaries  
Covenants and adoption guides

B5. Wednesday, June 5th

Attachment: what it is and what it means

B6. Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>:

What we as adopters have learned  
What love is and what it isn't

Weather Make Up Session: Wednesday June 19