

"THIS RESOURCE PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUING TO BUILD PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN FOSTER CARES AND SOCIAL WORKERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES. BY PROVIDING SUCH IN DEPTH CLEARLY WRITTEN INFORMATION IN THE CARER'S MANUAL, THE PROSPECTIVE AND/OR EXISTING CARER CAN TAKE REAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN LEARNING. THIS DETAIL PROVIDES THE CARER WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS THE MATERIAL READ PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL TRAINING. IN THIS WAY, IT FACILITATES THE TRAINEE TO DWELL ON THE DETAIL AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT THE INFORMATION HAS FOR THEM IN THEIR DECISION TO FOSTER OR HOW BEST TO CONTINUE TO FOSTER. IT WILL ALSO BE AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR THEM TO USE IN THEIR DAY TO DAY JOB AS FOSTER CARER AS NO DOUBT MUCH OF THE MATERIAL WILL MAKE FAR GREATER SENSE WHEN ACTUALLY DOING THE JOB. THE VERY TASK OF FOSTERING INVOLVES KNOWING THE 'ORDINARY' AND EVERYDAY KNOWLEDGE AND 'WAYS OF DOING IT' ASSOCIATED WITH PARENTING WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY KNOWING HOW BEST TO RESPOND WHEN THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD REQUIRE PERHAPS A DIFFERENT APPROACH"

Dr. Valerie O'Brien-U.C.D.

"This piece of work is extremely important and will be of one of the very few packages available within Europe, which can provide a uniformity of training nationally. I know it also meets the provisions of the Irish Government's standards for foster care and concurs with the provisions of the recently published 'Standards for Children in Out of Home Care in Europe' We applaud this piece of work. It is very good that it is jointly delivered by social workers and foster carers and young people who foster"

Keith Henderson-President-International Foster Care Organisation.

"IT IS A REALLY GOOD COURSE IT MADE ME WANT TO BE A FOSTER PARENT EVEN MORE"

Sue Gardener-Prospective foster parent.

"The course is very interesting. The content is very clear and it gave great insight into fostering on every level"

Lisa Clancy-Prospective foster carer.

**Foundation for Fostering - Accreditation
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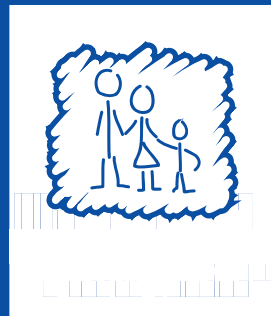
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"Foundation For Fostering"

incorporating
New Beginnings

A training course for prospective foster parents/relative carers and their families.



COURSE CONTENT:

- What is Fostering?
- Working with the Health Service Executive.
- Child Development & Attachment.
- Common Behaviours of Children and Young People in Care.
- Safe Care.
- Taking Care of Children who Care.
- Birth Families and Contact.
- Moving on.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course will be of benefit to existing foster parents and their families, prospective foster parents and their families, social workers, child care workers and health professionals involved in foster care.

A LEADERS TRAINING PACK CONSISTS OF:

- 1 x “Foundation for Fostering” Leader’s Manual.
- 1 x “Foundation for Fostering” Resource Manual.

- 1 x “New Beginning” Leaders Guide.
- 1 x “New Beginnings” Children’s workbook.
- 1 x “New Beginnings” Young persons work book.
- 2 Jigsaws.
- Laminated name cards, laminated equal chance and quotes cards.
- DVD
- 1 x Brief Case.

EACH COURSE REQUIRES:

2 x Leaders training packs and sufficient resource manuals and “New Beginning” workbooks (unique in Europe) for the course participants.

Cost of “Foundation for Fostering” available on request from the National office.

It is essential that all facilitators have group work and facilitation skills to run this course.



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