

Hello Friends,

I am sure that during the Covid-19 Pandemic, it may be very difficult for Foster and Adoptive Families to obtain their required annual re-certification training hours. Therefore, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children in partnership with Southern Hills Baptist Church would like to invite families to participate in an Online Foster/Adoptive Training Opportunity. The online training is in the form of short videos (30 minutes in length) from a Family Sermon Series lead by Dr. Douglas O Melton. For each video a parent views and completes the attached evaluation, they can receive 30 minutes of re-certification training credit!

Families can access the videos using this direct: <https://www.obhc.org/programs/one-such-child/foster-parent-training-events/online-training-opportunities/>

For those families that live near Sallisaw, OK, we have a second training opportunity. This training opportunity is in the form of a VBS/Foster Parent Training Event to be held at First Baptist Church, Sallisaw. The direct link for that training can be found at the following link: <https://www.obhc.org/event/foster-family-training-sallisaw/2020-07-06/>

Both of these training opportunities have been approved by OKDHS Deputy Director of Foster Care & Adoptions, Andrea Buck. This approval means that participation in any of these opportunities will count toward the annual re-certification requirements. In order for Foster or Adoptive Parents to receive a certificate, they will need to remember to complete the evaluation attached to each video or training event.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding these training opportunities.

Sincerely,

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