

Foster Parent College Courses

Overview

Preservice participants who will be licensed through a county agency can take the Foster Parent College (FPC) courses, as identified on the [Course Descriptions](#) document, free of charge.

The OCWTP partnered with FPC to provide these courses. FPC courses are innovative, research-based, and developed by nationally recognized experts in the fields of parenting, social work, pediatrics, psychology, psychiatry, and education.

The Preservice courses are self-directed (no live instructor) and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are seven courses in Preservice series. It is preferred, but not required, for families to take the courses in the order they appear on the Course Descriptions sheet.

Participants will take one or two FPC courses each week at a time convenient to them. All courses are four hours of training credit, except the last course, which is two hours of training credit.

Registration

County training liaisons should submit their preservice participants' names and information to their regional training center, just like they do for enrollment for licensed caregivers. They should clearly indicate the participant should be enrolled in Preservice.

Ohio requires each person on the license to attend training in full. Therefore, families are not allowed to share an FPC account. Each participant will need their own account. Accounts are email-based so separate emails are needed.

Preservice participants will be enrolled into a Preservice subgroup and will be issued a log-in to FPC. They will only have access to the Preservice FPC courses.

Participation

Once participants are registered for the preservice series, they can begin taking the courses. The regional training center administrator will be able to monitor each participant's progress through the series. FPC has tutorials to help troubleshoot if participants have technical issues:

<https://www.fosterparentcollege.com/info/howto.jsp>. There is also a help button that allows them to directly submit questions to FPC staff.

At the end of each course, participants are given the opportunity to ask questions or provide comments. They will also be able to view and print their certificates. The regional training center administrator can also view and print completion certificates.

Additional instructions will be provided to the participants upon enrollment.