

LOUISIANA FOSTER CARE SUPPORT SERVICES

"You Care for Kids, We Care for You!"



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Foster Care Ambassador
North LA

Margie serves all of north Louisiana including the Shreveport, Monroe, and Alexandria regions by providing support services to foster caregivers. She will work to strengthen current support organizations, help establish new ones, and build community relationships and support for foster families.

Contact Margie for more
information about connecting
to a group in your area!

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Foster Care Support Organizations are groups that meet regularly with other foster parents to provide information, encouragement, and occasional training to help families cope with their unique situations.

These meetings are for foster parents to have a safe space to share their personal experiences without fear of judgment. It's a comfortable environment where many others will have experienced similar situations and everyone can feel understood. You will discover you are not alone.

Foster parents gain and develop coping skills for concerns they may encounter during their journey by sharing personal experiences, and offer advice and guidance to those who need it.

While fostering, parents may experience a gamut of emotions at different points in the process. You will often find these feelings are validated as legitimate emotional responses to difficult issues. Your support group will celebrate the good times with you, and help provide understanding and guidance through the difficult times.

Foster Care Resource Organizations are groups that provide advocacy services, basic needs of children in foster care, and occasionally training for foster parents.

Visit our website
to learn more!



Find *Foster Care Resource Organizations* who provide items like food, diapers, clothing, and much more at

LouisianaFosterCare.com

Helpful Resources

**Louisiana Foster Care
Support Services**

LouisianaFosterCare.com

Louisiana Fosters

LouisianaFosters.la.gov/resources

**Louisiana Child Welfare
Training Academy**

LCWTA.org

Quality Parenting Initiative

QPI4Kids.org

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**Training and Support Organization
Information**



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IMPORTANT TRAINING UPDATE

In-person training has been canceled or postponed until further notice due to the COVID-19 social distancing mandates. However, there are a number of online trainings available at the Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy website.

IMPORTANT: As of May 31, 2020 Foster Families should have completed 15 training hours including the required online trainings of Safe Sleep, CPR/First Aid, Medication Management and Mandated reporting that are located on the LCWTA website. If you have any questions about your training hours, please contact your regional DCFS Home Development worker.

For the most up to date training schedule please visit
The Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy website at
LCWTA.org/calendar.

TBRI® Fridays ONLINE

Crossroads NOLA is excited to offer you the ability to experience TBRI® Fridays trainings ONLINE, from wherever you are! These trainings will be happening LIVE via Zoom, giving you the opportunity to interact with the trainers and other participants as you learn. Each online course is made up of 4 modules spread across 4 days. You must participate in all 4 modules to complete and get CEU credits for the course. Make sure to save the dates and times. Remember, it's NOT just Fridays anymore!



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It's NOT just Fridays anymore!!!

To register go to their website:

<https://crossroadsnola.org/tbri-fridays-register/>

SUPPORT ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Are you looking for a support organization in your area?

Below you will find a list of active support organizations who host meetings in the Shreveport, Monroe and Alexandria regions. If there isn't a group within a reasonable distance and/or you would like to discuss starting one in your area, contact your Ambassador for assistance. We are here to help! **Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information. Search Louisiana Foster Care Support Organization or scan mobile phone camera over QR Code**



Shreveport Region

North Point Community Church

Brandon Williams
(318) 742-9565
brandon@ncc.team

Shreveport Regional Foster Parent Association

Stacy Eppers
(318) 572-1295

QPI Faith Based Community Group

Courtney Sanders
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Monroe Region

The Bridge

Tara Stone - Ruston
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Kept
North Monroe Baptist Church
Erin Powell
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Alexandria Region

CenLa Foster Parent Support Group (Fostering Community)
info@fosteringcommunity.org



The groups to the left are for *Foster Care Support Organizations* in the Shreveport, Monroe and Alexandria regions who host meetings.

For information on Foster Care Resource Organizations which

provide items such as food, diapers, clothing, etc. please visit our website at LouisianaFosterCare.com