



**Lutheran Children  
and Family Service**

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a certified resource parent with Lutheran Children and Family Service. The first step in the certification process is your attendance at an agency-sponsored open house. The 2010 open houses will be held at 5401 Rising Sun Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120, on the following dates:

- Monday, January 11, 2010, 6:30-8pm
- Thursday, April 15, 2010, 6:30-8pm
- Monday, May 24, 2010, 6:30-8pm
- Thursday, August 26, 2010, 6:30-8pm
- Monday, October 25, 2010, 6:30-8pm

The next step is to participate in pre-service trainings that will help prepare you to be a Resource Family (for adoption, foster care, and/or kinship care) for children who are in the child welfare system. The pre-service training consists of twelve consecutive training sessions, which are each 3 hours in length. The training topics are as follows:

- #1 Orientation and Overview of Foster Care, Adoption & Kinship
- #2 The Parent as Part of the Child Welfare Team
- #3 Child Abuse and Neglect
- #4 The Effects of Abuse and Neglect on Child Development
- #5 Attachment and Separation
- #6 Discipline
- #7 Cultural Issues in Placement
- #8 Primary Families
- #9 Sexual Abuse
- #10 Effects of Caregiving on the Family (Infectious Disease)
- #11 Permanency Issues for Children and Families
- #12 Lifeskills and Wrap-up

The trainings are currently being offered at the following times:

- At our office at 5401 Rising Sun Ave, Philadelphia, 19120
  - Wednesday evenings, 6-9pm, January 20, 2010 to April 7, 2010
  - Wednesday evenings, 6-9pm, June 2, 2010 to August 18, 2010
  - Wednesday evenings, 6-9pm, November 3, 2010 to February 2, 2011
    - Note: There will be no training held on November 24 or December 29
- At our office at 231 N. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, 19139
  - Thursday evenings, 6:15pm-9pm, November 12, 2009 to February 4, 2010
    - Note: There will be no training held on November 26, December 24, or December 31.
  - Thursday evenings, 6:15pm-9pm, April 22, 2010 to July 8, 2010
  - Thursday evenings, 6:15pm-9pm, September 2, 2010 to November 18, 2010

For more information, or to register for an open house, please call (215) 456-5700 x200 and ask to speak to a member of the intake department. Childcare is provided during the pre-service trainings, but children must be pre-registered by calling (215) 456-5700 x235.

