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### Becoming Trauma Informed Parents

#200-17

*Date/time:* **Thursday, January 19, 2017 • 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM**

*Location:* **Webinar**

*Cost:* Free to all birth, adoptive, foster, and kinship parents

*Presenter:* **Stephanie Grant, PhD**, is a developmental psychologist who focuses on working with infants and children with attachment concerns and trauma histories. She works as a clinician, professor, and researcher. She is also a foster and adoptive mom herself, so she has real-world experience and understands what it's like to put theory into practice.

*Description:* If you want to learn about the impact of trauma on children from the foster care system, you will not want to miss this webinar. This training will help provide basic education and skills for foster, adoptive, and kinship parents of children who have experienced trauma and/or attachment disruptions. Attend this webinar to learn why different techniques are needed and what skills you can use to provide compassionate care that supports the need for safety and love in our vulnerable children. This training will utilize visual displays and allow time for questions and answers.

#### Beginning and intermediate skill levels

##### Target audience:

- ✓ Birth Parents
- ✓ Adoptive Parents
- ✓ Foster Parents
- ✓ Kinship Parents

## How to register for trainings

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### Is That Your “Real” Mom? Parenting Children from Another Culture #205-17

**Date/time:** Tuesday, March 7, 2017 • 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

**Location:** Webinar

**Cost:** Free to all adoptive, foster, and kinship parents

**Presenter:** **Kathy Yates, BASW, ACBSW**, has 33 years of experience working in child welfare, with 30 of those years being in adoption. She worked 29 years as a child welfare supervisor and seven years as an adoption program manager. She has presented trainings for 20 years. She is an adoptive parent of four children adopted cross culturally.

**Description:** Every parenting relationship—including birth, foster, adoptive, and kinship—is a cross-cultural relationship, whether the child is of a different “race” or not. In fact, every relationship in life is cross cultural because culture encompasses everything from different ethnicities, socio-economic status, spiritual beliefs, gender, disabilities, and so on. Due to trauma children have experienced prior to entering the child welfare system, even parents raising a child of the same ethnicity as themselves are faced with a child who has experienced a very different way of life than their own. Parenting cross culturally presents unique challenges, including coping with discrimination and supporting positive identity formation. However, cross-cultural placements can work when those involved understand the child’s unique needs. This webinar will address the concepts of race, culture, and other related terms and assist parents in identifying their strengths as they relate to cultural sensitivity and cultural humility and provide them with skills and insight to parent cross culturally with success. This training will utilize visual displays and allow time for questions and answers.

**Beginning skill level**  
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### Parenting Youth Who Have Been Sexually Abused and Have Experienced Other Trauma

#609-17

**Date/time:** Thursday, September 21, 2017

Registration 5:30 PM • Program 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Location:** Houghton/Keweenaw Department of Health and Human Services

47420 State Highway M26, Suite 62, Houghton, MI 49931

**Cost:** Free to all birth, adoptive, foster, and kinship parents

**Presenter:** Cheryl Williams-Hecksel, LMSW, has 20 years of clinical and administrative experience in public and private child welfare and mental health agencies and has been on the faculty of the MSU School of Social Work since 2006. She coordinates the School's Evidence Based Trauma Treatment Certificate and is involved in MSU's work with the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute.

**Description:** A holistic approach and range of supports and resources are essential to promote healing and the health and well-being of children who have been sexually abused and experienced other trauma. This training will explore the unique experience of these youth while exploring their problems and needs. Caregivers will also strategize about promoting healing while building upon strengths and enhancing protective factors. This training will utilize small and large group discussions.

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Baker Hall  
655 Auditorium Road, Room 10  
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- Fill in name, address, email, and accommodations request below.
- Select classes:
  - Becoming Trauma Informed Parents #200-17
  - Is That Your "Real" Mom? Parenting Children from Another Culture #205-17
  - Parenting Youth Who Have Been Sexually Abused and Have Experienced Other Trauma #609-17
- Submit this form by mail or fax listed above.

**Confirmations, including directions will be sent via email only, one week prior to the event for which you have registered.**

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Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please check if your information has changed since your last registration with us!