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Children Awaiting Parents Offering Free, Individualized “Deciding Together” Online Training for Potential Foster/Adoptive Parents

Rochester, NY—In response to the **even more urgent need for foster and adoptive parents** due to the coronavirus pandemic, Children Awaiting Parents (CAP) has adjusted its upcoming **parent training to offer “Deciding Together” (DT)**, a highly personalized, trauma-informed family preparation and selection program.

“This pandemic is putting children and youth without a permanent and safe ‘forever family’ at much greater risk,” notes CAP Executive Director Lauri McKnight. “The uncertainty caused by this pandemic may trigger behaviors or fears due to the trauma experienced by so many children who don’t have a permanent family. CAP is committed to helping find families for youth, and DT training is an important way we can continue to prepare families for adoption.” CAP Adoption Specialist/Program Manager Veronica Black will oversee the DT program with the assistance of seasoned CAP trainers.

Families who sign up will be assigned to a trainer and will schedule mutually convenient times via virtual classes with their trainer. Classes are comprised of seven weekly 2-hour consultations to make a mutual decision about a family’s readiness to become a foster or adoptive family. Together, the trainer and the family will assess strengths and needs to foster, adopt, or both.

Anyone with questions or interest in registering for this free training should email Veronica Black at veronica@capbook.org.

CAP also will continue to offer its twice-monthly free **Informational Meetings** online through Facebook Live at 6 pm on the second and last Tuesdays of the month.

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