



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

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Dear Staff Development Coordinators, Homefinders, and Training Directors:

Surveys have shown that nearly 85 percent of foster/adoptive parents access the internet at least one a week. Increasingly, adult learners are using the internet to enrich their lives, find information, and learn new skills. The feedback from foster/adoptive parents who have taken advantage of the Foster/Adoptive Parent Training Project has been consistently excellent. They have enjoyed participating in the trainings, talking with one another, and learning new techniques and skills.

During the Fall/Winter 2020 term, we will continue to offer training using WebEx, a distance-learning platform that uses the Internet to connect instructors and learners. We do not see this approach as a replacement for direct training but, rather, as a supplemental method available to participants who are interested in exploring this technology. These trainings will be “synchronous”, meaning that the trainer and trainees are online at the same time.

Please forward the attached announcement to any foster/adoptive parents who wish to participate in the online training. They will be able to register online at the Foster/Adoptive Parent Resource Center website:

<http://www.hslcnys.org/fosterparenttraining/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at Heather.Dominguez@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Dominguez".

Heather Dominguez, Master Trainer
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