

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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FAMILY MATTERS: Our Time, Their Future



**April 14, 2012
8:30 am-4:00 pm**

Registration & Continental Breakfast 8:00 am-8:30 am

**Chesapeake College
1000 College Circle
Wye Mills, Maryland 21679**

*This is a collaborative effort
between Maryland Department of Human
Resources (DHR) Social Services
Administration (SSA) &
local Departments of Social Services (DSS),
Maryland Foster Parent Association (MFPA)
and*

*The University of Maryland (UM)
School of Social Work (SSW)
Child Welfare Academy (CWA)*



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Benefits of Attending Resource Parents Conference:

It's FREE

Expert Speakers

Great Topics

Delicious Food

(continental breakfast & lunch)

**Expense Reimbursements
(\$50 per family)**

**7.5 Continuing Education
(In-Service) Training Hours**
certificates will be provided



Who Is Eligible to Attend:

Maryland's DHR/DSS (Public)
Resource Parents:
*Foster/Adoptive Parent
Kinship Caregiver*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Ashley Rhodes

Ashley Rhodes-Courter wrote the book "Three Little Words" as a way to piece together the puzzle of her past and also to thank those who step up for child welfare issues every day. An advocate for adoption and foster care reform, Ashley was born in North Carolina in 1985 and entered the Florida foster care system at the age tender age of three. Over the next nine years, she lived in 14 placements before being adopted at age 12 by Phil and Gay Courter of Crystal River, Florida.

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS

- Parenting the Child with Attachment Difficulties
- Behavior Management Skills and Techniques (Discipline)
 - Youth Engagement:
A Teen's Perspective:
Can You Hear Me?
 - Bridging the Gap:
Families Working Together
- Court Lingo and CASA

SPECIAL GUEST

Darla Henry

Darla L Henry is a Social Worker, Trainer, Teacher and Consultant with a mission to build a path toward healing and belongingness/permanency for children and youth in the child welfare system, Darla established and authored the 3-5-7 Model.

Registration limited to first 200!

To Register

On-line:

www.family.umaryland.edu
(under Education and Training, click on Resource Parents)

For More Information

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Please Note:

- No Child Care
- Primary Resource Parent, Spouse, and/or Support Person must register individually
- Participants are required to attend full day to receive their certificates & expense reimbursements
- Participants who arrive beyond 9:00 am for the conference will not be awarded certificates or expense reimbursements