



# *DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES*

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## **Overview of Informational Outreach Session (IOS)/recruitment orientation:**

Notification of IOS meetings comes through Public Service Announcements and direct phone/email notification if the prospective parent has contacted our agency for information. No RSVP is required to attend.

Prospective parents may or may not have received a Foster/Resource Family Information Packet prior to the IOS. They will be provided with one at the IOS if they do not have one. Information in this packet will be referred to throughout the IOS.

The focus of the IOS meeting is to both educate the prospective parents about the needs and happenings in our county related to foster care/adoption and to connect them personally to those needs and happenings.

Foster youth and foster/adoptive parents will be at the IOS meeting to talk about their experiences and answer questions from prospective parents.

Prospective parents are encouraged to participate as much as they are comfortable in discussing their own interests and experiences.

The process to becoming licensed is explained and registration in one of the up and coming PRIDE sessions is encouraged. (IOS meetings are coordinated to occur with upcoming PRIDE sessions.)

Prospective parents are able to ask questions freely throughout this interactive and participatory meeting.

For further information about the IOS meetings, please feel free to contact me at one of contacts below.

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