What is Circle of Parents®?

- Circle of Parents provides free parent support meetings for anyone in a parenting role.
- Groups talk about anything related to raising kids, discipline, school, health and safety.
- Groups meet weekly and keep information shared in group confidential within the limits of the law
- Parents never judge other people's situations or stories.
- Parent Leadership is central to the Circle of Parents group with parents leading the groups with the help of a trained facilitator
- Circle of Parents meetings are based on principles of family support, mutual self-help and shared ideas, shared support.

For more information about Circle of Parents visit the Circle of Parents website at www.circleofparents.org. For more information about this training and to register contact:

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Registration Deadline is

June 15, 2020



Circle of Parents Training June 23 - 25, 2020 Richmond, VA

Three Day Training held at the Families Forward Virginia Richmond, VA 23229 9:00 am - 4:00 pm each day

Tuesday June 23 Overview of the Circle of Parents Model Model & Best Practices Key Roles & Parent Leadership (Please arrive at 8:30 for sign in.)

> Wednesday June 24 Group Process Children's Circle

Thursday June 25 Special Challenges & Issues Getting Started -Marketing Your Program Overview of Circle of Parents® Model and Best Practices Key Roles & Parent Leadership Tuesday, June 23 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Registration begins at 8:30

This three day training is designed for all **adult and children's program volunteers** as well as those responsible for the **oversite** of Circle of Parents groups.

The Overview Training

Topics the first day include:

- Overview and Foundations of Circle of Parents
- Mutual Self-Help Model & Best Practices
- Key Roles & Parent Leadership

Group Process Children's Circle

Wednesday, June 24 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

The second day of training will include the following:

- Children's Circle
- The Art of Facilitating
- Group Structure
- Group Development
- Group Operations
- Action Planning for Start Up of Circle of Parents in Your Community



Special Challenges & Issues Marketing Your Program Are You Ready to Get Started? Thusday, June 25 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M

The third day of training will include the following:

- Behavioral Challenges
- Issues Impacting Your Group.
- Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting
- Marketing Your Program
- Getting Ready for the First
 Meeting
- Group Assessment, Data

Collection & Program Evaluation

• Sharing of Action Plans

This training is provided at no cost to participants by Families Forward Virginia. The training is made possible by a grant through the Virginia Department of Social Services Community Based Child Abuse Prevention grant program. Included in the training are materials and snacks. Overnight accommodations and meals are not included. It is expected that participants attend all three days of the training. If you need to cancel, please do so as soon as possible as there may be a waiting list. <u>Cancellations after June 15th will incur a \$50 cancellation fe</u>e.