

Safe & Together Interactive Training

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David Mandel, MA, has been working in the domestic violence field for over 20 years. David writes, trains and consults nationally on improving systems' responses to domestic violence when children are involved with a focus on batterer accountability and change. David and his staff have extensive experience improving the response of child protection agencies to domestic violence. Their work includes implementing a domestic violence child welfare consultant model in CT, intensive training of Alternative Response child welfare staff in Ohio and intensive child welfare and children's legal services staff training in Florida.

DENVER, DAY 1 - OCTOBER 21; DAYS 2 AND 3 - NOVEMBER 2 AND 3
 GRAND JUNCTION, DAY 1 - OCTOBER 22; DAYS 2 AND 3 - DECEMBER 2 AND 3
 PUEBLO, DAY 1 - NOVEMBER 4; DAYS 2 AND 3 - NOVEMBER 15 AND 16
 GREELEY, DAY 1 - NOVEMBER 5; DAYS 2 AND 3 NOVEMBER 18 AND 19

DAY 1 (attendance at Day 1 is required for attending Days 2 and 3)

Community Day for all stakeholders with interest in improving services to families with co-occurring child protection and domestic violence issues. David Mandel will lead this training.

DAY 2

Intensive skill building for only Child Protection staff, Domestic Violence Advocates and Domestic Violence Treatment Providers.

This will be held separately and concurrently for CPS staff (in one location) and Domestic Violence Advocates/Violence Treatment Providers (in a separate location).

DAY 3

Day 2 participants meet together.

Register on-line at www.CDHSacademy.com
 Questions -- Please contact (303) 761-0807 or
cgtjoe@integra.net. No charge to attend.

See EndingViolence.com
 to Learn more
 about David



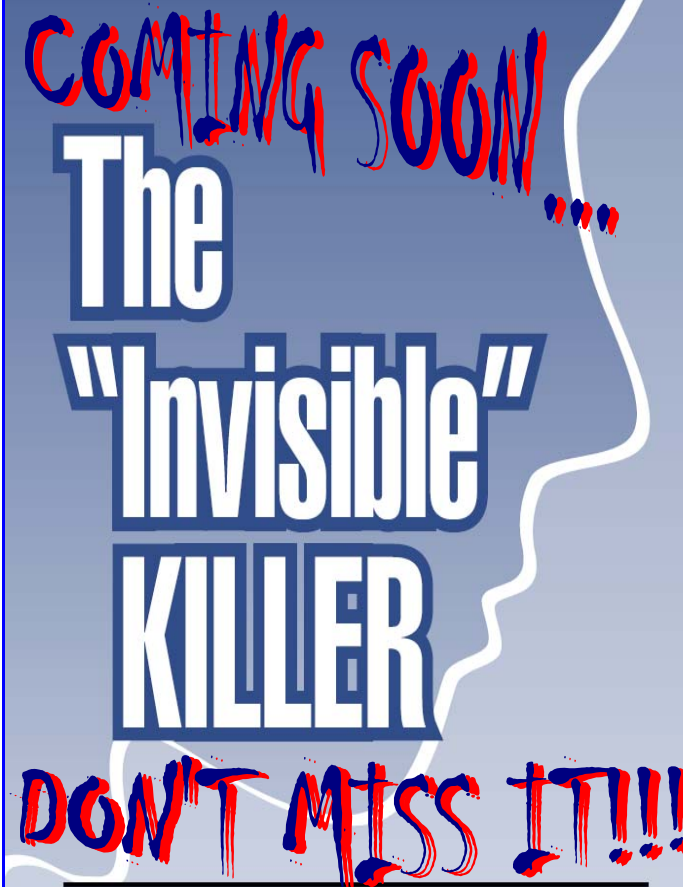
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The "Invisible" Killer is coming soon to your next home visit... and, it could save your life! Prepared by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and brought to you by your foster home supervisor, this brochure outlines vital, basic information concerning the nature of carbon monoxide, the danger of carbon-monoxide poisoning, and what steps you can take to protect ourselves and your family from this "invisible" killer. If you have any questions or need additional information about carbon monoxide and/or carbon monoxide detectors, please be sure to visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's website at www.cpsc.gov.

Colorado's Child Passenger Safety Law
 Changes Effective August 1, 2010
 (Source: CPS Law Summary Flyer at www.carseatscolorado.com)

Mandatory Restraint: REAR-FACING CAR SEAT.
Age: NEWBORN UNTIL 1ST BIRTHDAY.
Requirements: CHILD WEIGHS LESS THAN 20 POUNDS AND IS SECURED IN BACK SEAT ONLY.
Safety Advocates* Recommend: Restrain your infant in a rear-facing seat as long as possible for the best protection in a crash. "Convertible"-type car seats allow children to ride rear-facing until 30-45 pounds.

Mandatory Restraint: REAR OR FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT.
Age: 1, 2, AND 3 YEARS OLD.
Requirements: CORRECT USE OF CAR SEATS. FOLLOW UPPER WEIGHT LIMIT ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.
Safety Advocates* Recommend: Restrain your child in a "5-point" harness system until they are at least 40 pounds or to upper weight limit of seat. Keep child rear-facing as long as car seat allows. Use upper-tether straps where applicable (refer to your car seat and vehicle's owner's manual for more information).

Mandatory Restraint: FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT OR BOOSTER SEAT.
Age: 4, 5, 6 AND 7 YEARS OLD.
Requirements: CORRECT USE OF CAR SEAT OR BOOSTER SEAT. FOLLOW UPPER WEIGHT LIMIT ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.
Safety Advocates* Recommend: Regardless of age, restrain your child in a car seat or booster seat until they are about 57" (4'9"). A child's height is the best predictor of proper seat belt fit.

Mandatory Restraint: BOOSTER SEAT OR LAP AND SHOULDER SEAT BELT.
Age: 8 UNTIL 16TH BIRTHDAY.
Requirements: CORRECT USE OF BOOSTER SEAT OR SEAT BELT. FOLLOW UPPER WEIGHT LIMIT OF BOOSTER SEAT ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.
Safety Advocates* Recommend: The child should be able to sit back against the seat back with knees bent naturally at the edge of the seat, the shoulder belt comfortably crossing the shoulder between the neck and arm, and the lap belt low on the hips, touching the thighs. Children under 13 should sit in back seat only.

*Safety advocates include the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Safe Kids USA.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, ETC.



Colo. Springs

♥ OPEN HOUSE • 1 HOUR
The next open house is scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 5th, 5:30 to 6:30pm at 1440 E. Fountain Blvd., Colo. Springs. The Open House is for introducing Kids Crossing to potential foster parents and anyone else interested in knowing more about KC and foster care. It's also a great way for veteran foster parents to get an update on changes. **PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT FOSTERING.** RSVP to Melissa Parkowski at 667-7044 or mparkowski@kidscrossing.com.

♥ CORE TRAINING • 12 HOURS
• Kids Crossing, Colo. Springs.
• Next training: Wed. Nov. 3rd, 6-10pm, and Sat. Nov. 6th, 9am to 5pm. (There will be a break for lunch on Sat.)
• A commitment to attending both days is required.
• RSVP to Jackie at 667-7050 or send an email to jporter@kidscrossing.com.

FREE All-Day Training! Must RSVP by 10/10/10



*Save the Date
November 6, 2010*

You are cordially invited to
An Educational Symposium
**Achieving High Success
In School**

Presented by
The Family Attachment Center
(719) 632-3204

Topics included:
➤ The Five Points of Success
➤ Disengage From Power Struggles
➤ Build A Team For The Child Amongst Teacher, Parent, Professional, and Child
➤ Understanding Attachment as the Foundation for Success In School

The Penrose House
Donated by the El Pomar Foundation
1661 Mesa Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
November 6, 2010 9am-4 pm
FREE with RSVP By October 10th
Lunch is on your own

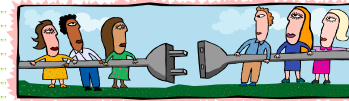
Pueblo

LOVE & LOGIC TRAINING:
Catholic Charities • 429 West 10th St. Suite 102
Phone: 544-4233 ext 120 or 112
Fee: \$25 a person or \$30.00 a couple.

Denver

♥ SEXUAL HEALTH FOR FOSTER CARE CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS • 4 HOURS
• This training will cover information on normal sexual development in children and adolescents, how to work effectively with medical and mental health professionals regarding your child's sexual development, identifying how a sexually abused foster child can affect your family, and strategies for supporting your child with issues related to sexual development and sexuality.
• October 4 in Denver and broadcasting to Canon City in Fremont County.
• From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
• For foster, adoptive and kinship care providers.
• Eligible for 4 continuing training hours.
• \$15 for adoptive parents and foster parents with private agencies.
• Registration priority will be given to Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Care.
• Register online at www.cdhsacademy.com
• If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Bigner, Butler Institute for Families, University of Denver, phone 303-871-2434.
• Informational flyer at www.thebutlerinstitute.org

Colo. Springs Foster Parent Support Groups



*** FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP ***

TOPIC: WE HAVE CORI PARISI COMING FROM EL PASO COUNTY DHS TO TALK ABOUT:

INVESTIGATIONS IN FOSTER HOMES

DATES & TIMES:

- THU • OCT. 14 • 1:00 - 2:30 PM
- WED • OCT. 20 • 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Please RSVP if you plan to attend: Call Melissa at 667-7044 or email to mparkowski@kidscrossing.com.

CHILD CARE: It's important to call in RSVP's for child care, or we won't be able to provide it. Call Melissa at 667-7044 or email her at mparkowski@kidscrossing.com.

REFRESHMENTS: Please bring a snack to share; KC will provide beverages.

TRAINING CREDIT: 1.5 hours.

*** MENTORING SUPPORT GROUP ***

This group is for foster parents, who have been licensed at least 3 years and are interested in mentoring new foster parents.

- Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Thursday. Next meeting is Oct. 7th from 10 to 11 a.m. at Kids Crossing in Colo. Springs.
- Please RSVP prior to meeting day for child care, or we will not be able to provide it. Contact Melissa 667-7044 or mparkowski@kidscrossing.com.
- KC will provide refreshments, please bring a snack to share.

ADOPTION TRAINING THROUGH EL PASO COUNTY DHS September through December 2010

Adoption training classes through El Paso County consists of three classes. Each class is scheduled for a Tuesday/Thursday (2 hours each) session. You must attend both Tuesday and Thursday to receive credit for the class. Families should start with the first class and proceed through all 12 hours. Classes will be held from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. All the adoption classes are required for new adoptive families receiving an adoption subsidy from El Paso County. Others may attend as well. Each class will be 4 credit hours, for a total of 12 hours.

The building is locked between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. and it is difficult to get someone's attention to get in the building after that time, so please be on time. Please use the north door (side door facing Denny's) and knock for admittance into the building. The trainings will be held at El Paso County Department of Human Services, 105 N. Spruce, Colorado Springs, in the Community Conference Room on the 1st floor.

Sorry, but no child care is available and the Department will not reimburse for child care costs.

Please call **Melanie Lawson at 719-444-5974** or e-mail her at MelanieLawson@elpasoco.com to reserve your spot.

Get Ready—Preparing for Your Adopted Child:	Sept. 14 and 16	Oct. 12 and 14	Nov. 30 and Dec. 2
Get Set—Parenting Traumatized Children:	Sept. 21 and 23	Oct. 19 and 21	Dec. 7 and 9
Go—Life After Adoption:	Sept. 28 and 30	Oct. 26 and 28	Dec. 14 and 16

★ CONGRATULATIONS!!!

- ♥ Congratulations to Candace & Jason who adopted their daughter in August.
- ★ **Going the EXTRA Mile!** Foster dad, Francis is working with a new youth in his home while continuing to work with the young man who was previously in his home. Francis is visiting the young man regularly in order to maintain the connection.
- ★ **Off to a GREAT Start!** Foster parents, Linda & Dave did a great job of assisting a teen in her transition to their home. Linda attended staffings and the teen was able to have transition visits in their home prior to her move. The transition, which actually took place in August, went very well
- ★ **SUPER EFFORT!** Foster mother, Milly has done a wonderful job of motivating the parents of the two children in her home. She has served as a mentor to them to help them along in their treatment.
- ★ **SUPER Team Effort!** Foster parents, Elliott & Eden stepped in and helped out by providing respite care for three weeks, including transporting children a great distance back and forth to school every day for a week, so they wouldn't have to be moved into another home for the first week of school.
- ★ **OUTSTANDING team work!** Foster mother, Mindy spoke with other foster parents at the support group meeting this month about resources for drug exposed babies and has offered to be a support to foster parents who are dealing with this issue with the children in their homes.
- ★ **Going ABOVE & BEYOND!** Foster parents, Linda & Tom provided a great deal of assistance to the youth in their home who elected to emancipate himself. They provided furniture and other necessities and continue to provide him with support as he is now on his own. They continue to have regular contact with Ronnie even though he has moved on.
- ★ **WAY TO GO!** Kudos to Jeff, who is on the tennis team at Mitchell High School.
- ★ **THANK YOU!** Foster parents, Becky & Brian donated a couch and a microwave to an emancipating youth in August.
- ★ **MAKING A DIFFERENCE!** Former foster parent Joe adopted four children who had been placed in his home. In addition, he had two other teen boys who had been long-term foster children in the home. Joe has continued to maintain contact with these two youth and is a lifelong family connection for the young men.
- ★ **SPECIAL thanks!** Foster mother, Jackie stepped up and worked closely with the family of the youth in her care when his mother died in August and provided support to him as he has grieved.

"Keep doing what you do so well!"