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Dear Prospective Foster and Adoptive Families,

Thank you for beginning your path to foster or adopt children involved with Massachusetts' Department of Children and Families.

As you may already know, when children have experienced abuse or neglect and must be separated from their parents or other relatives, they are placed in the temporary and safe care of foster parents. DCF trains foster parents so they have the skills needed to nurture children who have experienced trauma and to work in partnership with birth families. Our training program, the Massachusetts Approaches to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP), provides these enhanced parenting skills that will help you meet the challenge of foster parenting.

The document that follows provides an overview of MAPP sessions that will be offered throughout the Commonwealth. Registration in the course is required and is subject to eligibility processes. To register and learn more about eligibility requirements, please speak with your social worker or the contact provided for each course.

You'll notice that there are separate MAPP trainings offered for individuals seeking to adopt. The curriculum for prospective foster and adoptive parents is consistent but the separate sessions allow opportunities to specifically discuss each type of care.

Your social worker or staff from the DCF recruitment line, 1-800-KIDS 508, are available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Lopes  
Asst. Commissioner for Foster Care, Adoption & Adolescent Services

# MAPP Schedule

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## MAPP Schedule Northern Region

### January: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Lynn	1/24/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Kim Wadsworth: (781) 477-1620	Tuesdays
Malden	1/24/2017	6PM-10PM	English	Foster	Deborah Terzian: (781) 388-7181	Tuesdays
Framingham	1/17/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Sheila Fitzgerald: (508) 424-0145	Tuesdays
Cambridge	1/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Virginia Chan: (617) 520-8711	TBD
Haverhill, Lawrence	1/12/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Jill Overko/Haverhill: (978) 469-8878 Sharon Deacon/Law: (978) 557-2568	Thursdays
Cape Ann	1/10/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster/ Adoption	Fredia Torrence: (978) 825-3853 Stephanie Frankel: (978) 557-2734/ADLU	Tuesdays
Lawrence	1/19/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Adoption	Stephanie Frankel: (978) 557-2734	Thursday
Lowell	*Rolling MAPP	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Tracy Ireland: (978) 275-6887	Tuesdays

### March: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Cape Ann	3/1/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Fredia Torrence: (978) 825-3853	Wednesday

### April: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Lawrence	4/5/2017	6PM-9PM	Spanish	Foster	Sharon Deacon: (978) 557-2568	Tuesdays/ Thursdays
Framingham	4/11/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Sheila Fitzgerald: (508) 424-0415	

## MAPP Schedule Boston Region

January: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Boston	Rolling MAPP	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Howard Barsook/Dim.: (617) 989-2874 Georgina Neate/Hyde P: (617) 363-5084 Corinna Chan/ Park St.: (617) 822-4759 John Davis/Harbor: (617) 660-3594 Marsha Donovan/ADLU: (617) 989-9209	Wednesdays

*NOTE: MAPP schedules in Boston allow for continuous enrollment, please discuss options with your social worker or the contacts listed on this page.*

## MAPP Schedule Central Region

### January: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Worcester	1/3/2017	6PM-9PM	Spanish	Foster	Maria Benitez (508) 793-8100	Tues. and Thurs.
South Central	1/5/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Cassandra Kumnick (508) 929-1058	Thursdays
North Central	Rolling MAPP	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Robin Cormier (978) 353-3617	Wednesday

### February: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Worcester	2/15/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Adoption	Valerie Fluitt: (508) 929-2143	Wednesday

## MAPP Schedule Western Region

### January: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Holyoke	1/11/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Mary Quirk: (413) 493-2673	Wednesday
Greenfield	1/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Brian Shelasky: (413) 775-5032 Euphemia Molina: (413) 775-5058	Tuesdays
Springfield	1/31/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Adoption	Dawn Sweetman: (413) 452-3351	Tuesday

### February: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Pittsfield	2/21/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Jonathan Lothrop (413) 236-1826	Tuesdays, Thursdays Saturdays

### March: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Van Wart	3/14/2017	6PM-9PM	Spanish	Foster	Tamara Gofman: (413) 205-0511 Luz Estrada: (413) 205-0528	*Tentative; Tues. and Thurs.
Springfield	3/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Marianne Fratamico: (413) 452-3426 Katie Fialho: (413) 452-3291	Wednesday

## MAPP Schedule Western Region

### April: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Greenfield	4/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Brian Shelasky: (413) 775-5032 Euphemia Molina: (413) 775-5058	Thursdays

### June: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Van Wart	6/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Tamara Gofman: (413) 205-0511 Luz Estrada: (413) 205-0528	Nights TBD
Springfield	3/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Marianne Fratamico: (413) 452-3426 Katie Fialho: (413) 452-3291	Wednesday

## MAPP Schedule Southern Region

### January: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Fall River	1/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Jack Sylvia: (508) 235-9838 Rich Mello: (508) 235-9829	
Taunton	1/9/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Jody Ricketson: (508) 821-7099 Nicole Bonnano: (508) 821-7089	Mondays
Brockton	1/11/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Conrad Loprete: (508) 894-3815	Wednesdays
Cape and Islands	1/13/2017	TBD	English	Foster	Maria Turner (508) 760-0219 Susan Dinatale: (508) 760-0322	
New Bedford	1/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Jim Tremblay: (508) 910-1102 Barbara Owen: (508) 910-1124	Occurs twice weekly.
Plymouth	1/17/2017	6:30PM-9:30PM	English	Foster	Kathy Wagner: (508) 732-6244 Erin Foley : (508) 732-6232	Tuesdays

### February: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Cape and Islands	2/3/2017	TBD	English	Foster	Maria Turner: (508) 760-0219 Susan Dinatale: (508) 760-0322	
Brockton	2/9/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Adoption	Lynn Shephard: (508) 894-3745 Mary Ward: (508) 894-3963	
Arlington	2/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Elizabeth D'Sarno: (781) 641-8512	*Location TBD
Coastal	2/27/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Kathy Shea: (781) 794-4416	Mondays

## MAPP Schedule Southern Region

March: 2017

Location	Start Date	Time	Language	Type	Contact	Notes
Cape and Islands	3/4/2017	9AM-4PM	English	Foster	Maria Turner: (508) 760-0219 Susan Dinatale: (508) 760-0322	
Arlington	3/9/2017	6PM-9PM	English	Foster	Elizabeth D'Sarno:(781) 641-8512	*Location TBD
Cape and Islands	3/11/2017	9AM-4PM	English	Foster	Maria Turner: (508) 760-0219 Susan Dinatale: (508) 760-0322	
New Bedford	3/2017	6PM-9PM	Spanish	Foster	Jim Tremblay: (508) 910-1102 Barbara Owen: (508) 910-1124	Occurs twice weekly.
Cape and Islands	3/18/2017	9AM-4PM	English	Foster	Maria Turner: (508) 760-0219 Susan Dinatale: (508) 760-0322	
Brockton	3/21/2017	*6PM-9PM OR 6:30PM-9:30PM	English	Adoption	Lynn Shephard: (508) 894-3745 Mary Ward: (508) 894-3963	*Time and location depends on applicants.
Cape and Islands	3/25/2017	9AM-4PM	English	Foster	Maria Turner:(508) 760-0219 Susan Dinatale: (508) 760-0322	