

Benefits of Pursuing Licensure

- Additional support for meeting the needs of the child in your care, via the monthly foster care board rates:
 - ⇒ Age 0-5- \$475
 - ⇒ Age 6-12- \$581
 - ⇒ Age 13 & up-\$634
- Additional support for yourself, through your assigned Licensing & Placement Social Worker

Sound interesting? Contact your child's assigned social worker for more information today!

Knowledge is
Power



TIPS-MAPP: An Overview for Kinship Caregivers



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Licensure is a Journey...

...and it all begins with TIPS-MAPP! Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety & Permanence-Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting, more commonly known as TIPS-MAPP, is an evidence-based curriculum which satisfies the State of North Carolina's requirement that all individuals interested in becoming licensed caregivers for youth in DSS custody complete 30 hours of pre-service training.

Classes are held on a rotating basis, two nights per week, for five weeks. Interested individuals must show competency in the areas covered in all 10 classes to be considered for licensure.

MAPP At-A-Glance

Session 1: Welcome to TIPS-MAPP

This session provides participants with an overview of the child welfare system, the laws guiding child welfare practice, and the important role that foster & adoptive parents play in meeting the needs of youth in care.

Session 2: Where the MAPP Leads

This session focuses on child development, the impact that abuse and neglect have on development, and ways that foster and adoptive parents can intervene.

Session 3: Losses & Gains: The Need to Be a Loss Expert

This session builds upon the previous meeting by further exploring the impact of separation on the growth and development of children.

Session 4: Helping Children with Attachments

This session helps participants to develop the skills necessary to identify children's needs and understand issues that impact attachment for children in care.

Session 5: Helping Children Learn Healthy Behaviors

This session guides participants in assessing their ability to teach children who have been abused or neglected how to manage their own behaviors.

Session 6: Helping Children with Birth Family Connections

This session focuses on the importance of the birth family to the child's identity and self-concept.

Session 7: Gains & Losses: Helping Children Leave Foster Care

This session explores the partnership efforts involved in moving a child to permanency.

Session 8: Understanding the Impact of Fostering or Adopting

This meeting helps participants to explore the impact that fostering and adopting will have on their family.

Session 9: Perspectives in Adoptive Parenting & Foster Parenting Teamwork and Partnership

This meeting focuses on the nuts and bolts of teamwork in child welfare.

Session 10: Endings and Beginnings

Review of material, discussion of next steps, and GRADUATION!

Interested in learning more? Contact Layla Bluefort-Resource Development Training Specialist at RDTrainers@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov today!

