



What is Talk With Me Baby: Foster Care?

The brain undergoes its most dramatic development during the first three years of life. This makes early childhood a **“period of great vulnerability, but also a period of great opportunity.”** We know that young children (aged 0-5) in foster care have often suffered from environments that do not nurture brain development and they become at-risk of falling behind in their developmental learning. These development delays can have a significant impact on the child’s cognitive ability for language, literacy, school readiness, and ultimately educational success.

Talk With Me Baby: Foster Care is a curriculum that was created to provide foster parents of children **ages birth to five, with strategies and tools to nurture brain and language development.** This training equips the community serving Georgia’s youngest foster children with the ability to:

1. Understand basic concepts associated with child language and brain development;
2. Demonstrate requisite verbal (e.g., inflection, intonation, narrative quality, and interrogative engagement) and nonverbal skills (e.g., visual contact) for delivering language nutrition;
3. Demonstrate the ability to use a specific language nutrition strategy (e.g., singing, storytelling, or narrating actions);
4. Understand the relationship between language nutrition and creating a supportive and responsive relationship with their young foster child(ren);
5. Demonstrate the ability to teach others how to provide language nutrition to foster children.



Bring Talk With Me Baby: Foster Care to the families and children you serve.

The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services is sponsoring 10 train-the-trainer trainings of “Talk With Me Baby: Foster Care” across the state of Georgia. The goal of these trainings is to ensure that **all foster families who serve our young children have access to this content.** Trainings are open to organizations and individuals who provide training to foster parents.

To Register, please find the training that is most convenient to you and click the corresponding link.

City	Date	Time	Location	Registration
Savannah	Monday March 19, 2018	9:00 - 12:00 pm	Chatham County Health Department	TWMB: Foster Care Savannah
Macon	Thursday March 22, 2018	9:00 - 12:00 pm	River Edge Behavioral Health Center	TWMB: Foster Care Macon
Rome	Thursday March 29, 2018	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Goodwill of North Georgia - Rome	TWMB: Foster Care Rome
Columbus	Tuesday April 17, 2018	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Columbus Public Library	TWMB: Foster Care Columbus
Atlanta	Thursday April 19, 2018	9:00 - 12:00 pm	Goodwill of North Georgia - Decatur	TWMB: Foster Care Atlanta
Valdosta	Monday April 23, 2018	1:00 - 4:00 pm	City Hall Annex, Multi-Purpose Room	TWMB: Foster Care Valdosta
Valdosta	Tuesday April 24, 2018	9:00 - 12:00pm	City Hall Annex Multi-Purpose Room	TWMB: Foster Care Valdosta (2)
Macon	Wednesday April 25, 2018	9:00 - 12:00 pm	River Edge Behavioral Health Center	TWMB: Foster Care Macon (2)
Athens	Thursday May 3, 2018	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Athens-Clark County Library	TWMB: Foster Care Athens
Atlanta	Wednesday May 9, 2018	9:00 - 12:00 pm	Families First	TWMB: Foster Care Atlanta (2)

This training will be facilitated by Sarah Flesher of [Endurance Project Management](#).
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