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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Greetings-

I would like to invite you to upcoming informational sessions regarding the Rensselaer County Foster Care Program. These sessions will be held on **Tuesday, August 9** and **Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 5:30pm**. Interested parties should attend one of these two sessions, if possible. Attendees will be provided with information that may help them decide if they wish to attend the ten-week Group Preparation and Selection/Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (GPSII/MAPP) program. This program is required in order to become a certified foster/adoptive/kinship parent through Rensselaer County Department of Social Services.

Please be advised **you must attend all 10 GPSII/MAPP meetings** to complete the program successfully. If you have a prior engagement and would still like to attend, please contact me. In addition to the below dates, we schedule a minimum of two separate home visits to assess your understanding of the information presented, review information from class and observe your home to ensure it meets our criteria with respect to safety and NYS regulations.

Fall 2016 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, September 13, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**
Tuesday, September 20, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**
Tuesday, September 27, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**
Tuesday, October 4, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**
Tuesday, October 11, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**
Tuesday, October 18, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**
Tuesday, October 25, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**
Tuesday, November 1, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**
WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**
Tuesday, November 15, 2016	**5:30 – 8:30pm**

Please RSVP to Bob Buckley or Melissa Babin to confirm your attendance. We look forward to working in partnership with you as you explore your interest in Rensselaer County's Foster Care program.

Bob Buckley, Homefinder (518) 833-6147 Email 38b240@dfa.state.ny.us
Melissa Babin, Homefinder (518) 833-6158 Email 38b321@dfa.state.ny.us

All sessions and meetings will be held at Rensselaer County Department of Social Services, 127 Bloomingrove Dr, Troy, NY 12180, 2nd Floor Conference Room. (Located behind the North Greenbush Police Station up the hill, please feel free to park outside the main entrance.)