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UPDATE: Additional ELEVATE webinar: Thursday, August 20, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Resource family staff and family services staff who work with teenagers are strongly encouraged to participate. Register for the webinar [here](#).

The Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services, is inviting licensed child-placing agency staff to participate in the following training.

Licensed child-placing agency staff and local departments of social services staff are invited to join a webinar featuring a demonstration of ELEVATE, a new trauma-informed, self-paced learning platform with curriculum designed to support teenage youth, their caregivers, and those interested in caring for teenage youth, and professionals.

The platform includes 40 flexible courses for each audience, interactive learning tools, and a supportive online community built for real-world application. The courses will prepare caregivers to support teenage youth through life skills and independence, education and career planning, healthy families, health and wellness, financial confidence, digital literacy and online safety, peer pressure and abuse prevention, navigating transitions and goals, and legal rights and responsibilities.

Licensed child-placing agencies staff are encouraged to attend this webinar to learn about this new in-service training opportunity to offer foster and adoptive parents and other caregivers.

The webinar will be held on **Thursday, July 16, 2026**, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Chanda Yarbrough at Chanda.yarbrough9@dss.virginia.gov.