



Pathway Caring for Children is a private, non-profit social services agency. Our mission is to help children and families realize the possibilities of their lives through foster care, adoption, and counseling.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Patricia A. Miller



RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday, September 10th

3:00-6:30pm.....Check in & Dinner on own
7:00-9:00pm.....Evening Program
9:00-10:30pm...Casual Activities

Saturday, September 11th

8:00am.....Breakfast
9:00-11:45am....Morning Program
12:00pm.....Lunch
1:00-5:00pm.....Options and Relax Time
5:30pm.....Dinner
7:00-9:00pm.....Evening Program
9:00-11:00pm....Relax and Options

Sunday, September 12th

8:30am.....Breakfast
9:30-11:30am....Optional Worship and Morning Program
12:00pm.....Check out

Contact Us

For more information or if you have questions please contact:

Paula Gates,
Pathway Family Resource Expert

Phone: 330-818-0432
Email: pgates@pathwaycfc.org

ADOPTIVE & KINSHIP MOTHERS Weekend Retreat

Live for Today:
The Power of Emotional Presence

Friday, September 10 - Sunday, September 12

With Speakers:
Velma Bridges & Paula Gates

Lakeside Chautauqua
236 Walnut Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440

Lodging at Fountain Inn
236 Maple Avenue
Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440

Program at Wesley Lodge



WWW.PATHWAYCFC.ORG

Join us for a time of:

Friday, September 10 - Sunday, September 12

WEEKEND THEME

Live for Today:

The Power of Emotional Presence

Live for Today:
Satisfying Hungers

Cherish Yesterday:
Transformation from Guilt and
Shame to Forgiveness and Respect

Be Present for Today:
Connecting to Your Child

Trust for Tomorrow:
Transformation from Fear to Faith

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Meals Provided: Saturday breakfast, lunch,
dinner, and Sunday breakfast

Sleeping Plan: Two mothers to a room.

Retreat Cost: \$150

Please Register by: Friday, August 20

***Copy of Covid vaccination card or negative Covid test
within 3 days of retreat must be presented to attend.***

As state guidelines evolve, Pathway will make appropriate decisions.

Adoptive and Kinship Mothers 2021 Weekend Retreat Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I am a(n) (please specify all that apply):

___adoptive parent ___kinship parent

Please mark the age(s) of your children:

___0-11 ___12-18 ___18-adult

Name of roommate preference: _____

Dietary restrictions or food allergies: _____

Payment: (\$150 includes cost of retreat, lodging,
and all Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast)

___Cash

___Check (made payable to Pathway Caring for Children)

Credit :

___Visa ___MasterCard ___Discover

___American Express

Cardholder Name: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Registration Form and payment may be mailed to:
Pathway Caring for Children
4895 Dressler Rd NW Suite A
Canton, OH 44718

*Form and payment may also be dropped off at
Pathway's Canton office during business hours.*



Velma Bridges

Velma has experience as a birth, foster, and adoptive parent, and most recently as a kinship caregiver to her grandson.

Pathway Caring for Children was founded in 1973 by Velma and her late husband, Jim Bridges. Velma started the counseling program and served as a counselor to children and families. Velma provided foster parent training using her unique insights from her experience. She has specialized in helping families build a trust relationship using TBRI (Trust Based Relational Intervention) and practicing this model in parenting her grandson. She's had her own journey of self-awareness and attunement to share with others.



Paula Gates

Paula has served with Pathway for over 32 years and developed the comprehensive post-adoption services 23 years ago, adding specific programming for kinship families in the last 7 years.

Her passion is supporting adoptive and kinship parents through their challenges in building strong connections with their children. Paula developed the Family Empowerment program which helps parents apply TBRI (Trust Based Relational Intervention) strategies with their "children from a hard place". Paula has started many parent support groups at Pathway Caring for Children. As a result, she traveled across Ohio with Jayne Schooler training professionals to start support groups as well. Paula lives with her husband of 46 years, Dan, enjoying semi-retirement at her dream lake cottage. She has 3 grown birth sons.