



Cobb County Foster Adoptive Parent Association, Inc.

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Thank you for speaking with me about becoming a host for our monthly training meetings. Each foster parent is required to complete 15 hours of training each year by the State of Georgia. Our organization provides an opportunity each month for two hours of training. Our meetings not only give our foster/adoptive parents relevant training, it provides them a time to network with each other, as well as the children time to network with other children in their circumstance. This is sometimes an additional visit with their siblings, if they had been separated coming into care.

We are a very diverse group of around 140+ homes, who volunteer our time, finances, home and hearts to caring for the over 400 children in foster care in Cobb County. We do not have much in finances and reach out to the community for support for various needs of not only the Association but the foster/adoptive parent community as a whole.

We normally have 130-160 adults and children (40/60) each month and have plans to continue growing. Our specific needs for a meeting place are as follows:

- 1) Dining and meeting space large enough to accommodate 200 adults and children
- 2) ability to host meetings three months of the year from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm with a little extra time for clean up. We normally meet on the third Thursday of each month, but that can be changed if needed.
- 3) microphones/AV items (projector, computer support, etc)
- 4) Childcare space for approximately 60-100 children from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. We have our own volunteers but can always use more if the church would like to be involved. We normally have 20-30 volunteers. Children are split into six groups: infants, toddlers, preschool, K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and teens (middle/high school)
- 5) If available, a space large enough to host our annual Christmas Party (replaces the monthly training meeting), usually 400+ in attendance with time ending at 9:00 or 9:30 pm including clean up time. At this time, we have a church that has committed to 2017.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you to discuss the possibility of your becoming one of our host churches.

With much appreciation,
Cobb County Foster Adoptive Parent Association