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Bus drivers learn ‘Love & Logic’ strategies Series of trainings for school support staff begins today

School bus drivers from the Daviess County, Owensboro, Hancock County and McLean County public schools districts will participate in a specialized training focusing on “Love & Logic” strategies and trauma-informed practices, which are designed to help transportation professionals recognize and respond to student behaviors in a positive way.

Bus drivers are often the first member of a school team who sees a child at the beginning of the day, and the last to see them at the end of the day. “They can absolutely be that one positive adult relationship that kids need,” said DCPS district social worker Christina Dalton, who is facilitating this training along with Highland Elementary School principal Leslie Peveler.

The training is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon today (Thursday, July 25) at Owensboro High School, 1800 Frederica St.

DCPS director of transportation Downey Ward said, “All of the participating districts requested this ‘Love & Logic’ training in recognition of the recurring need to reinforce our understanding, compassion, communication and positive discipline skills when safely conducting daily pupil management within our respective school communities.” Ward said approximately 300 school bus drivers and monitors will attend the training session today.

Trauma-informed practices training will also be shared with health room assistants at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 29, at the Western Kentucky University/Owensboro campus, 4821 New Hartford Road; and “Love & Logic” training will be presented to school cafeteria staff members from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Blandford Hall on the campus of Owensboro Community and Technical College, 4800 New Hartford Road.

Trauma-informed practices involve understanding, recognizing and responding to the effects of all kinds of trauma, with an emphasis on physical, psychological and emotional safety. “Trauma” may include a child’s exposure to violence, crime, or psychological or physical abuse, as well as dealing with medical stress or grief. “Love & Logic” provides a framework of strategies designed to nurture positive behaviors in children.

The goal of providing these trainings to education support professionals is to embrace children with consistent, supportive and positive adult behaviors throughout the school day. “We know that in order for things to change for a child, we have to first change ourselves,” Dalton said.

Our media partners are invited to attend any of these three training sessions. For more information, contact Christina Dalton at 270-314-1831 or Christina.dalton@daviess.kyschools.us

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