

# Journey to Hope • Youth Symposium



Ashley Rhodes-Courter is a social worker, foster parent and the New York Times Best Selling Author of *Three Little Words*. Come and hear how Ashley has turned her story of pain into power. She will inspire you with

her passion and leave you feeling empowered and hopeful. Ashley spent almost 10 years in the foster care system, where she was shuffled between 14 homes, before being adopted at the age of 12.

In the afternoon Ashley will break off with youth and share her journey through care, talk about breaking the cycle, and setting and achieving goals. She will share tips to improve communication and the importance of finding creative outlets. All youth attending this training will receive Ashley's memoir, which is currently being made into a major motion picture.

In the afternoon, adults will hear from Allison Davis Maxon, a specialist in the fields of foster care, adoption and trauma. Allison will present *Desperately Seeking Attachment*, helping us understand the complex emotional and behavioral issues our children are struggling to overcome. Additionally, she will give us tools to create, facilitate, and sustain the relationships they need to feel connected and whole. Allison will guide us in using a developmental lens to focus on needs and will present the *10 Things Your Child Needs Everyday*.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018**  
**Lamp Liter Inn • Visalia, CA**  
**3300 W. Mineral King Ave.**

Registration ..... 9:00am - 9:30am  
*Resource Tables Open*

Training..... 9:30am - 4:00pm  
*Lunch Provided*

**- You Must Register to Attend -**  
**Registration is FREE**

This workshop is designed to support foster and adoptive parents and youth. Professionals who support families and children are also encouraged to attend. This training is rated PG13 due to content of topics. Youth under the age of 13 cannot attend. Also, please note there is no childcare provided.

For parents, caregivers, professionals, and community members register at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/JourneyToHope-Adult>

For youth ages 13-24 register at the following link (This link is for youth only. Gift bags will be provided to all youth in attendance):

<https://tinyurl.com/JourneyToHope-Youth>

You may also register by fax at **559-741-7368**  
**by using the form below**

**5 CEU's will be available through Fresno Pacific University**

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