



ARTICLES

[‘What I Wish I Had Known About Re-Entry’](#)

Foreign Service Officer and FSYP Board member Kim DeBlauw discusses lesson learned, from a parent’s perspective, upon returning home. [Read More](#)

[‘Top 6 Suggestions for Mental Health on Re-Entry’](#)

FSYP Board Member Elizabeth Cavert Morrison outlines 6 resilience strategies youth as they transition to life in the U.S. [Read More](#)

[‘Overcoming the Challenges of Re-Entry from a TCK Perspective’](#)

FSYP Board members and former TCKs share their insights on thriving in the face of adversity while posted in the U.S. [Read More](#)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

2017 Youth Awards Ceremony

Every summer FSYP recognizes outstanding Foreign Service youth at our annual Youth Awards Ceremony. This year FSYP will honor the following Foreign Service youth recipients:

FSYP – Academic Merit, Community Service, Essay, Art, Welcome Home Video, Youth Advocacy

OBC - KidVid

AAFSW – Academic Merit, Essay, Community Service

AFSA - Academic Merit, Art, Community Service

- The ceremony will take place on Friday, July 7, 2017 at the State Department George C. Marshall Center from 10a.m. – 12p.m.
- Pre-registration is required. Please register online at fsyf.org/event-256300 or email fsyf@fsyf.org.

FSYP Summer Re-Entry Programs for Middle and High School Students and Parents

Every year in August, FSYP offers a high school and middle school re-entry program for students and their parents. Often it is taken for granted that students and their parents will have a seamless transition back to the U.S. after years of being posted overseas, but that is often not the case. Most youth will struggle with the social environment, culture, and norms of school life in the U.S. FSYP offers Re-Entry programs to introduce attendees to common challenges youth face upon returning from overseas, to provide a safe place for questions, answers, and discussion, and to facilitate youth and parents in developing a support network.



FSYF Re-Entry Program Schedule

**High School Re-Entry
for Teens**

Friday, August 11, 2017

6pm–9pm

Oakwood- Falls Church
501 Roosevelt Blvd
Falls Church, VA 22044
Register online at
fsyf.org/event-2553826

**High School Re-Entry
for Parents**

Friday, August 11, 2017

6pm-9pm

Oakwood-Falls Church
501 Roosevelt Blvd
Falls Church, VA 22044
Parents will be emailed
a registration code after
registering their child
for Re-Entry

**Middle School Re-
Entry for Students**

Sunday, August 13,
2017

1pm-3pm

Oakwood-Falls Church
501 Roosevelt Blvd
Falls Church, VA 22044
Register online at
fsyf.org/event-2555338

**Middle School Re-
Entry for Parents**

Sunday, August 13,
2017

1pm-3pm

Oakwood-Falls Church
501 Roosevelt Blvd
Falls Church, VA 22044
Parents will be emailed
a registration code after
registering their child
for Re-Entry

Save These Dates

Family Mini-Golfing at Upton Hill Park, Saturday, June 10, 2017 1pm -3pm, Upton Hill Park, 6060 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA, 22205

- Foreign Service youth of all ages are invited for an afternoon of mini-golfing
- Come out and play two (2) games and enjoy free snacks and drinks
- Register online at fsyf.org/event-2555532

FSYF Resume Workshop, Saturday, June 17, 2017 10am – 12pm, Oakwood- Falls Church, 501 Roosevelt Blvd, Falls Church, VA, 22044

- This workshop will cover best practices and techniques that will give college age students the tools to document your education, prior work experience, and highlight special skills you have accumulated as a Foreign Service youth.
- This workshop is intended for college age students, including rising college freshman. High school juniors and seniors are also welcome as well as parents.
- Register online at fsyf.org/event-2555641

FSYF Meet Up: Bring your dog to “Pops for Pets” at Lubber Run Amphitheater, Sunday, June 25, 2017 6pm-7pm, 200 S. Columbus Street, Arlington, VA 22204

- Meet up with Foreign Service families and their dogs at a benefit concert for the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, hosted by the Arlington Philharmonic
- This event is free
- Register online at fsyf.org/event-2563017

Welcome Back Picnic and 5K Fun Run, Sunday, September 17, 2017, 3pm – 6pm, Nottoway Park, Vienna, VA

- This event is open to all Foreign Service families. Free food and drinks!
- Everyone is invited to participate in the 5K Fun Run/Walk, but it is not required.



Become a Member of FSYF

Please consider joining FSYF and showing your support of FS youth. Choose from three affordable membership levels (a special bonus for new Lifetime members!)

Welcome to New and Returning Members (February 3, 2017 – May 30, 2017)! Connect with each other by using the Member Directory in FSYF’s Members Only Section.

Alarcon	Dean	Hand	Matthews	Secco
Ashley	DORSCHNER	Huntington	McDonald	Shayman
Babcock	Draemel	Jacobs	Mears	Sherrill
Beckmeyer	Dunnigan	Jafari	Mobley	Shtelmakh
Bitner	Eppler	Jurczyk	Morrow	Srivastava
Bouldin	Etcheverry	Keller	Naland	Stephenson
Brown	Feeken	Kepler	Oudkirk	Swart
Call	Feldmann	Lawton	Parker	Tambakis
Chang	Fraiture	Ledesma-Leese	Phemister	Thomas
Chavez Abidar	Gray	Liddle	Poletes	Torreano
Church	Grimes	linn	Reedy	Valdes
Cobble	Haber	Longhauser	Reid	VanHorn
Davis-Rizzuto	Hamiton	Martin	Sankoh	Whatley

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FS FAMILIES

Programs of Interest at FSI: Classes are held at the Schultz Center 4000 Arlington Blvd.

Raising Bilingual Children (MQ851)

Parents in the foreign affairs agencies have a unique opportunity to encourage bilingualism in their children. This evening course explores strategies to take advantage of the multicultural experiences this lifestyle affords. Furthermore, participants will learn about resources available, and the challenges and rewards of raising children bilingually.

Course Dates and Times

20 September 2017 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Registration

This is a non-tuition workshop. Register at <http://www.state.gov/m/fsi/tc/fsistraining/c48019.htm>



Young Diplomats Overseas Preparation (MQ250)

This two day workshop is designed for children entering grades 2 – 12, and is open to all foreign affairs agency family members. Children are grouped according to age and are given an introduction into the world of Diplomacy and Overseas Safety and Security

Parents are required to be on campus while children are in class. We recommend registering for MQ911 Security Overseas Seminar which runs concurrently with the youth program.

Course Dates and Times

26 June – 27 June 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
10 July – 11 July 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
17 July – 18 July 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
24 July – 25 July 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
31 July – 1 August 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
7 August – 8 August 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration

email FSITCTraining@state.gov

"Special Needs Education Allowance (SNEA)" courtesy of FSspecialneeds@yahoo.com

The Department will host two (2) webinars to discuss Special Needs Education Allowance (SNEA):

- Wednesday, June 7 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. EDT (1200-1300 ZULU)

- Tuesday, June 13 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. EDT (1200-1300 ZULU)

PLEASE NOTE that these times are one hour earlier than several recent webinars.

The first SNEA webinar on June 7 will provide basic information about SNEA by representatives from MED, Allowances and HR. There may be time for a few questions at the end.

The second SNEA webinar on June 13 will be less structured and focus on questions that participants may have.

To participate in the first webinar June 7, simply click on the following link a few minutes before the program start from any computer with Internet access: <http://deptofstatehr.adobeconnect.com/snea>

For the second webinar, Jun 13, use this (slightly different) link:

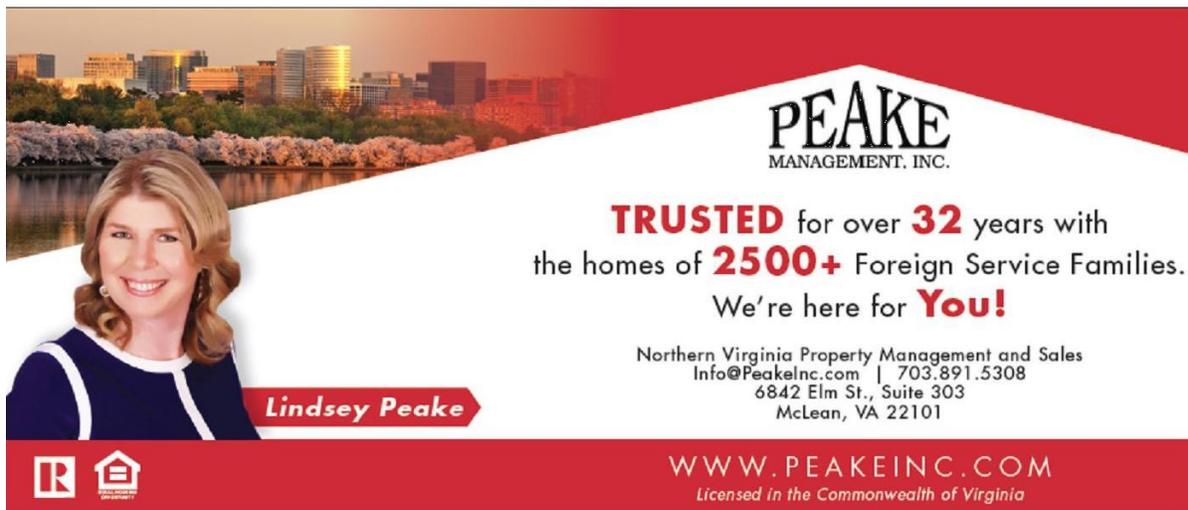
<http://deptofstatehr.adobeconnect.com/sneaqa>

Log-on as "guest" however you like, but it would be helpful to include your location - i.e. "Linda, La Paz." This will admit you to a "virtual seminar room" shared among all participants (up to 500) in which you'll hear and read the captioning of the presentation and will be able to post questions or comments.

Those unable to participate in the live webinars can view the recorded versions a few days later at this link: http://diplopedia.state.gov/index.php/HR_Webinars



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About the Foreign Service Youth Foundation: Since 1989, FSYF has helped Foreign Service youth embrace the adventure of an internationally-mobile childhood by encouraging resilience and fostering camaraderie. Global programs include: a Foreign Service youth written newsletter, an adult newsletter, five annual contests, and two scholarships for college-bound seniors. D.C.-area events include: re-entry seminars for high school and middle school students, a college admissions workshop, teen/tween game nights at [Oakwood Apartments](#), and a Fall welcome back picnic. FSYF also assists [FLO](#) and [AAFSW](#) in providing emergency support to families evacuated from overseas. For more information, visit www.fsyf.org. CFC code 39436.