



## *Memoir Writing Workshop for Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Families*

with author Deborah Gold

*Saturday, June 22, 2019*

**9:00am – Noon at Offices of Formed Families Forward**

**4031 University Dr., Fairfax, VA**

Deborah Gold, university creative writing professor and author of *Counting Down: A Memoir of Foster Parenting and Beyond*, will conduct an introductory life-writing workshop focusing on the experiences of foster and adoptive parents and caregivers who work with children and youth in care. Written exploration can help caregivers and professionals process the triumphs, losses and challenging moments involved. While much of the workshop will be interactive, a replicable “photo album” format and process instructions will enable participants to ‘re-teach’ the workshop in other settings. Reflective writing as a means of self-care and personal growth will also be discussed. The fee covers the workshop and cost of the book provided.

Session cost is \$18. Please register at <https://ffmemoirwriting.eventbrite.com> or by visiting our website at [www.FormedFamiliesForward.org](http://www.FormedFamiliesForward.org)

Open to all parents, caregivers, and professionals, though content will address issues of particular relevance to foster, adoptive and kinship families. We offer training and support to foster, adoptive and kinship families raising children and youth with special needs. Older teens and young adults are welcome to attend. Please note child care for younger children is not available.