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**Discipline for Positive Behaviors:** This session teaches parents how to prevent challenging behaviors and how to use positive methods to discipline their children.

**Take the ACT Program with You:** The final session encourages participants to use the learned tools at home and in the community.