

Foster Parent Continuing Education Tool

Note: For BRS providers, each foster parent must complete 30 hours of training annually. This is monitored by DCYF BRS Contracts.

TRAINING	NUMBER OF HOURS	TRAINING APPROVAL	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	ADDITIONAL TRAINING INFORMATION
Alliance in-person or online training	1 to 1	Accept all Alliance Training	Certificate	All trainings must meet one of the four Core Competencies
Foster parent support meetings when training is included	1 to 1 for the training portion	Licensing Division Licensor	Agenda	Four Core Competencies:
Child specific therapy when addressing behavior management	1 to 1	Licensing Division Licensor	Documentation from therapist	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding and Working within the Child Welfare System 2. Parenting and Family Management 3. Caregiver Self-Awareness and Development 4. Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ)
College courses meeting one of the three Core Competencies	1 class credit equals 1 training hour	Licensing Division Licensor	Syllabus and transcript	*One training from each of the Four Competencies is required during the first and second licensing cycles.
Child specific training for a medical condition (feeding tube, diabetes, etc.). Not for routine medical care.	1 to 1	Licensing Division Licensor	Certificate of training confirmation	<p>Continuing Education Hours Required:</p> <p>24 hours of ongoing training for every three-year cycle.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants can count up to 12 hours of training prior to being licensed for their first licensing cycle. The training must have been completed within 12 months of LD receiving the foster care application and meet one of the Four Core Competencies.
Child Specific culture event (example: Pow Wow)	1 to 1	LD Licensor to consult with Supervisor	Note or information relevant from event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Foster parents can carry over up to 12 hours of training to their next licensing cycle if they completed more hours than required.

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Book Club: Foster Parent receives hours when the group meets and discusses application of book. Training hours are not given for reading the book.	1 to 1 time spent discussing application of books or CaRES Book Club	Licensing Division Licensors must pre-approve book unless it's through the CaRES Book Club	Complete worksheet or certificate.	NA
Parental Compass Podcast - State approved	1 to 1	Licensing Division Licensors	Certificate	NA
Child Placing Agency (CPA) In-person training	1 to 1	Licensing Division Licensors	Certificate or Trainer confirmation	NA
*CPR/First Aid and BBP do not count toward Continuing Education Hours. However, it is still required to be documented in the licensing provider portal.	*Foster Parents who are training do not get those training hours. The intent of training is new learning	NA	NA	NA