



REQUIRED POST-LICENSING TRAINING

In order to maintain a foster family home license, annual training is required. This training is required for both adoptive and foster parents.

How many hours do I need?

If you are an adoptive parent, you must complete 8 hours of training a year. 8 hours is required for each adoptive parent, or for each person on the license. (Example: 8 hours is needed for Mom; 8 hours is needed for Dad.)

If you are an "open" foster home (where your goal is to foster, not adopt), you must complete 20 hours of training a year. Each person listed on the license is required to complete at least 8 hours of this training. (Example: 8 hours is needed for Mom. 8 hours is needed for Dad. Either Mom or Dad can complete the remaining 4 hours.)

Can my training be in any subject matter?

Not necessarily. According to Regulations, training must include (though not be limited to) all of the following subject areas: 1.) age-appropriate child development; 2.) health issues in foster care; 3.) positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem; and 4.) emancipation and individual living skills – if you care for youth and teens.