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Purpose

To outline initial training requirements for resource caregivers, including foster care, kinship, and pre-adoptive families.

Policy


All child caring adults who live in unrelated licensed resource families must complete Foundation Training before the end of the first year of licensure. Kinship caregivers are required to attend Foundation Training unless the Residential Licensing Unit (RLU) grants an exemption due to unusual circumstances or approves an alternative training.

Each district will offer Foundation Training a minimum of twice a year. Resource caregivers are expected to attend all sessions. Individual training sessions may be acceptable substitutes for attending training sessions at the discretion of the Resource Coordinator.

Individuals who did not complete the training may complete the requirement by making up sessions at the next Foundation Training. If extraordinary circumstances prevent completion of this requirement, the resource coordinator may request that the RLU approve an extension.

RLU will confirm attendance at the time of licensing renewal. If resource caregivers have not attended and there is not an adequate reason, the license may be revoked if there is no child in care in the home. If there is a child in the home, the license will be limited to that child and will be closed when the child leaves.

Resource caregivers are required to attend 40 hours of training in 2 years to move from one level of reimbursement to the next level. The 40 hours of training can be a combination of hours completed by caregivers in the household. Those hours should include Core Trainings unless the resource caregiver can document the comparable training or attainment of the competencies of a particular module. Training

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opportunities may include formal training, workshops, relevant conference, reading books, viewing videos, or other similar activities

The district may require other trainings necessary to provide appropriate care for children in placement. Resource caregivers providing specialized care may also have additional requirements depending on the responsibilities of the resource parent to meet a child's specific needs. Training requirements for families providing specialized care will be outlined on the Caregiver Responsibility Tool.

After 4 years of experience and 80 hours of training, 10 hours of training a year is required to maintain the current level of reimbursement.

Definitions

Resource Family/Resource Caregivers: Relative and non-relative homes who are licensed for foster care or approved for adoption.

Resource Coordinator Tasks

- Provides information about fostering children in custody to interested members of the community, following local protocols for pre-screening of potential applicants.
- Informs Community Training Specialists of all families needing Foundation training.
- Requests list from Community Training Specialists of all graduates, including any individual sessions missed by participants.
- Sends requests for any necessary exemptions or extensions for Foundation training to the RLU.
Sends list of graduates to the RLU.