

Foster parents are required to complete twelve (12) hours of in-service training for the first two years of licensure and eight (8) hours per year each year thereafter. A maximum of four hours can be completed through books and/or videos; however, this type of training must be pre-approved by the Licensing Specialist. The remaining hours must be completed in a face-to-face setting. The caregiver must document the date of training, topic, trainer and length of the training.

Ongoing training opportunities consist of the following:

- NAPPI (Non-Abusive Psychological and Physical Intervention- 4 hours) – required annually
- Psychotropic medication training- required within 120 days of initial licensure
- Water Safety Training- required once within the first year of license, if not taken prior to licensure, and then renewed every 3 years
- Car Seat Training- optional
- First Aid Training- completed as part of pre-service training for new foster parents
- CPR Training- optional, but highly encouraged
- 30 hours of additional training if a foster parent is interested in becoming a medical foster parent
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