

Foster Parent Training

The Child Protection Worker will ensure foster parents have opportunities to participate in skill-based training to enhance their abilities to provide competent care to children and youth.

REFERENCE

Department of Health and Social Services Policy
P.R.I.D.E (Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education)

PURPOSE

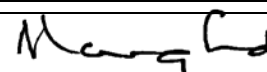
- To ensure foster parents have the knowledge and support required to address the needs of children and youth;
- To ensure foster parents understand their roles and responsibilities;
- To safeguard children receiving Foster Care services from neglect, abuse or inappropriate parenting methods in foster homes.

PROCEDURE

1. Inform foster parents of all training available through the Health and Social Services Authorities (HSSA's). P.R.I.D.E. Training modules will include:
 - The purpose and structure of the Child and Family Services system including the foster care program;
 - Working as a member of a professional team;
 - Protecting and nurturing children and youth;
 - Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing developmental delays; and;
 - Supporting relationships between children and youth and their families;
 - Connecting children and youth to safe, nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime.
2. Provide foster parents with the opportunity for supplemental training on specialized topics related to caring for children and youth in foster care including but not limited to:
 - The Foundation for Meeting the Developmental Needs of Children at Risk
 - Using Discipline to Protect, Nurture and Meet Developmental Needs

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Director of Child and Family Services



- Addressing Developmental Issues Related to Sexuality
- Responding to the Signs and Symptoms of Sexual Abuse
- Supporting Relationships between Children and their Families
- Working as a Member of a Professional Team
- Promoting Children's Personal and Cultural Identity
- Promoting Permanency Outcomes
- Managing the Fostering Experience
- Effects of Chemical Dependency on Children and Families
- Understanding and Promoting Child Development
- Understanding and Promoting Preteen and Teen Development
- Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Domestic Violence
- Working Together to Improve Educational Outcomes for Youth in Care.
- Teens in Care: Supporting Attachment and Preparing Youth for Successful Adulthood.

3. Suggest training opportunities to foster parents in correspondence with the needs and skills discussed during *Quality of Care Reviews* and *Quarterly and Annual Reviews*.

FORMS

- None

TOOLS

- None