

## 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

- 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