

## ***Foster Family Training Options***

- **How can I complete my annual Training Hours?**
  - **Workshops / Training provided by Children’s Bureau’s Foster Care Program**
    - Ongoing training opportunities are available, usually each month.
    - Various workshops of differing topics are arranged.
  - **Agency Sponsored / Hosted Training:**
    - From Time to Time, Children’s Bureau as an agency, or other departments within Children’s Bureau, will offer invitations for our foster care program or community partners to take advantage of special speakers and presentations.
    - How do I get credit?
      - If a foster parent attends a presentation that is not provided by the Foster Care Program, the foster parent MUST notify the Licensing Department of their participation, or otherwise no credit will be received.
  - **Alternative Training**
    - Online, books, videos, books on tape, etc.
    - Up to a maximum of 8 hours per training period.
    - For books – one hour of training for each 60 pages (15 pages is 0.25 hr)
    - Web-based courses available from Fosterparents.com or Fosterparentcollege.com – certificate usually given.
    - IYI ([www.IYI.org](http://www.IYI.org)) has live webinar sessions and webinar archive feeds.
      - Complete an Alternative Verification Form for archived webinars.
      - Not all topics will be worth credit.
    - Other Alternative sources must be pre-approved by the Licensing Department.

**Most alternative sources will require the foster parent to complete the Alternative Training Verification Form (SF 52643) – EACH PARENT MUST COMPLETE THEIR OWN FORM. Parents cannot share a form**

- **Training outside of CB**
  - Training provided by professionals in other venues/forums such as:
    - Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Meetings, Classes, etc.
    - May be hosted by Schools, Churches, Hospitals, Specialty Groups, other agencies, etc.
    - Topics must be relevant to your role as a foster parent. The licensing department will determine if the training meets the standard of DCS.
    - If you are a medical, educational, or clinical/social work professional, many of the trainings you take to maintain professional licensure may count toward your foster care training requirement.
  - How do I get credit?
    - Provide a copy of your certificate of attendance and any materials you received for each workshop (agenda, handouts, etc.).
- \*First Aid, CPR and Universal Precautions cannot count as in-service credit as they are considered licensing requirements.