

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 12: Foster Family Home Licensing	Effective Date: September 1, 2019
	Section 6: Medical Training Requirements	Version: 4

STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will require a licensee to complete Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid, and Universal Precautions training prior to initial licensure. Additionally, licensees must have continuous certification in order to maintain a foster family home license.

Code References

[465 IAC 2-1.5-22: Foster parent training](#)

PROCEDURE

The licensing worker¹ will:

1. Ensure that training accepted for credit meets the minimum requirements of these guidelines:
 - a. The CPR program must be certified in pediatric CPR and pediatric airway obstruction under the [American Heart Association Guidelines](#);
 - b. Blended learning, which includes classroom and on-line components, is acceptable;
 - c. First Aid training must include first aid for seizures, poisoning, and hemorrhaging. Any nationally accredited agency that provides First Aid training to public and private agencies is acceptable. Blended learning, which includes classroom and on-line components, is acceptable; and
 - d. Universal Precautions training must cover blood-borne pathogens which include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and the transmission of communicable diseases. Any nationally accredited agency that provides Universal Precautions training to public and private agencies is acceptable. The trainer must be certified. On-line, internet-based courses are acceptable.

Note: Foster parents must have continuous certification. For additional information on certification timeframes, please refer to the [American Red Cross](#).

2. Ensure documentation of the completed medical training is entered in the case management system; and
3. Maintain copies of certificates and documentation supporting completion of training.

The foster family home applicant or licensee will submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the licensing worker.

¹ The licensing worker refers to the Regional Foster Care Specialist (RFCS) or the Licensed Child Placing Agency (LCPA) worker.

Note: Prior medical training received as part of applicant’s profession (e.g., Medical Doctor [M.D.], Registered Nurse [R.N.], paramedic) may replace the training requirements upon approval by the Central Office Licensing Unit. Applicants with medical training must continue to meet the certification requirements for pediatric CPR and pediatric airway obstruction under the [American Heart Association Guidelines](#), as well as the certification requirements for First Aid and Universal Precautions (see separate policy, [12.20 Variances](#)).

PRACTICE GUIDANCE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

1. [American Heart Association Guidelines](#)
2. [American Red Cross](#)

RELATED INFORMATION

DCS staff may consult with staff development about training options for DCS licensed foster homes. DCS has a contract for instructor led classroom courses for foster parents licensed by DCS. The contract is only valid for DCS foster homes and does not include homes licensed by LCPAs. DCS will **not** reimburse the cost of training through any other source.