

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 12: Foster Family Home Licensing Section 06: Medical Training Requirements	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

Appropriate medical training for licensed resource parents is a vital part of meeting the responsibility of ensuring the safety and well-being of children in out-of-home care. Therefore, resource parents must demonstrate continuous certification of completion of the medical trainings.

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PROCEDURE

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

The licensing worker 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. A current course in First Aid training that includes first aid for seizures, poisoning, and hemorrhaging, and
 - c. Universal Precautions training must cover bloodborne 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. This training is available via the Indiana University (IU) Canvas website. On-line, internet-based courses are acceptable.

2. Ensure the foster family home applicant or licensee understands their responsibilities regarding training requirements, including:
 - a. Copies of completion certificates of medical training must be submitted to the licensing worker,
 - b. An updated Red Cross First Aid manual or its equivalent shall be available in the foster home, and
 - c. Additional trainings must be completed within the required timeframes to maintain medical training.

Note: Prior medical training received as part of an applicant's profession (e.g., Medical Doctor [M.D.], Registered Nurse [R.N.], or paramedic) may replace the training requirements upon approval by the Central Office Foster Care Licensing Team. Applicants with medical training must meet the continuous certification of requirements for pediatric CPR and pediatric airway obstruction under the American Heart Association Guidelines, as well as the completion requirements for First Aid and Universal Precautions. See policy 12.20 Variances for additional guidance.

3. Ensure documentation of the completed medical training is entered in the case management system; and
4. Maintain copies of certificates and documentation supporting completion of training. See policy 12.22 Licensing File Requirements for additional information.

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RELEVANT INFORMATION

Definitions

Licensing Worker

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

Forms and Tools

- [American Heart Association Guidelines](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [IU Canvas](#)

Related Policies

- [12.20 Variances](#)
- [12.22 Licensing File Requirements](#)

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LEGAL REFERENCES

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

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PRACTICE GUIDANCE- DCS POLICY 12.06

Practice Guidance is designed to assist DCS staff with thoughtful and practical direction on how to effectively integrate tools and social work practice into daily case management in an effort to achieve positive family and child outcomes. Practice Guidance is separate from Policy.

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