

Pre-Service

RAPT I Introduction to DCS

3 hours

Introduction to the mission, vision, and values of the Indiana Department of Child Services and the basic structure of the department. Explanation of the licensing process to become a resource and adoptive parent. Discussion of the role of resource parents as a member of the service team. . Review of some potential impacts of fostering and adoption on children.

RAPT II Child Abuse and Neglect

4 hours

Learn the definitions of abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse. Learn the characteristics of maltreating families and recognize predisposing attitudes and behavior in a maltreating family. Have increased recognition of the different indicators, signs, and effects of abuse and neglect in children. Learn when and how to report suspected abuse.

RAPT III Attachment, Discipline and Effects of Care-giving on the Family Overview

3 hours

Know how a child's developmental level affects his/her understanding and reactions to out-of-home placement. Be aware of a variety of effective strategies that promote healthy development, attachment, and self-esteem, while managing children's behaviors. Recognize the potential effects on the resource family of providing care.

RAPT IV Adoption

6 hours

Understand the Special Needs Adoption Program (SNAP) in the State of Indiana. Recognize common adoption issues for children, parent, and families. Be aware of resources in the community.

In Service

Educational Advocacy

2 hours

Understand what is required to be an effective educational advocate. Be aware of federal laws and state statutes that apply to student in care. Understand the process in identifying and assisting children with a disability that adversely affects learning.

Child and Family Team Meeting

3 hours

Understand the purpose of a Child and Family Team Meeting as it fits into the Indiana Practice Model. Understand the important role of the resource parent as part of the team and in the Child and Family Team Meeting. Know the procedure that is followed when preparing for and conducting a Child and Family Team Meeting.

Sexual Abuse

3 hours

Understand natural and healthy sexual behaviors for children at different ages. Be aware of behavior signs, including problematic sexual behaviors, which might indicate a child has been sexually abused. Know how to respond if a child makes a disclosure about sexual abuse. Know techniques to assure the safety of the child, family, and others when a child exhibits problematic behaviors in response to sexual abuse.

Nuts and Bolts

2 hours

Nuts & Bolts is a training that takes a look at some of the immediate practical issues that every resource parent needs to know. By the end of the training participants will understand the importance of Lifebooks and how to assist children in care in creating or adding to one; be familiar with Medical Passports and how to obtain/fill one out for the child(ren) in your care; know the policies regarding smoking; know the fundamentals of child seat safety and how to access further information; and understand the forms and procedures necessary to obtain the resource parent per diem and where to go if there are questions regarding it.