



DCS Practice SOP

Foster Family Home Licensing

12.06: Medical Training Requirements

Related Policy: [12.06](#)

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Roles

- Licensing Worker

Procedure

To help keep children in out-of-home care safe and healthy, licensed resource parents must complete medical training. This training gives parents the skills they need to care for children properly.

The Licensing Worker Responsibilities for Medical Training

The licensing worker must:

1. Check that all medical training meets the following rules:
 - a. CPR Training:
 - Must include pediatric CPR and pediatric airway obstruction, and
 - Must follow American Heart Association Guidelines
 - b. First Aid Training:
 - Must be current, and
 - Must include care for seizures, poisoning, and bleeding
 - c. Universal Precautions Training:
 - Must cover bloodborne pathogens including, but not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and how diseases spread
 - This training is available online through the Indiana University (IU) Canvas website, and
 - Online courses are acceptable
2. Make sure the foster family home applicant or licensee understands their training responsibilities:
 - a. They must give the licensing worker copies of their training certificates,
 - b. A current Red Cross First Aid manual or its equivalent must be available in the foster home, and
 - c. All required training must be completed on time to keep their license.

Note: If the applicant is a medical professional (e.g., M.D., R.N., or paramedic), they may be allowed to use their professional training instead. This must be approved by the Central Office Foster Care Licensing Team. See References. Even with this approval, they must still meet the certification rules for:

- Pediatric CPR and airway obstruction (per American Heart Association Guidelines)
- First Aid
- Universal Precautions

3. Enter training records into the case management system; and
4. Keep copies of all training certificates and related documents. See References.

Definitions

- [Licensing Worker](#)

Resources

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

Additional Information

- N/A

References

- [Policy 12.20 Variances \(Foster Family Home Licensing\)](#) – [Related Practice SOP](#)
- [Policy 12.22 Licensing File](#) – [Related Practice SOP](#)