

Minnesota Child Welfare Training System

A joint effort between the MN Dept of Human Services and SW Health and Human Services

Foster Parent Training

Check out our website: SWMHHS.com / Foster Parent tab for information and registration form or call 507.532.1217

Join us for our new on-line training for Foster, Adoptive, & Kinship Resource Family Training.

An agency professional will guide participants through an interactive and informative training series filled with activities and learning opportunities. The sessions will provide answers to many important questions.

The first meeting will be Orientation and Overview, **Wed, February 8th, 6 – 9 PM.**

The online classes will be:

- 1. The Child Welfare Team**
- 2. Child Abuse and Neglect**
- 3. Parent-Child Attachment**
- 4. Understanding Behavior in Foster Children**

The 2nd meeting will be a review of the previous 4 videos and classroom activities, **Wed, February 22nd, 6 – 9 PM.**

- 1. Child Development**
- 2. Cultural Issues in Parenting**
- 3. Working Together with Primary Families**

The 3rd meeting will be a review of the previous 3 videos and classroom activities, **Wed, March 8th, 6 – 9 PM.**

- 1. Caring for Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused**
- 2. Reducing Family Stress**
- 3. Foster Care to Adoption**

The 4th meeting will be a review of the previous 3 videos and classroom activities, **Wed, March 22nd, 6 – 9 PM.**

Foster Care Provider Requirements

Live in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood or Rock County.

Live in a house or apartment which has at least 2 bedrooms and meets fire code for safety reasons.

Be at least 21 years old for Child Foster care, 18 years old for Adult Foster Care.

Be single or a couple.

Have enough income to meet your own family's needs.

Have experience as a caregiver, or be willing to learn if you don't have experience.

Use methods of discipline that do not include corporal punishment.

All household family members welcome having a child in the home.

All household family members support the licensing process.

Agree to keep all information confidential.

Participate in a series of home visits to complete the home study.

Attend required training.

Complete the application materials:

- 1. Submit to a fingerprint check for all household members age 13 and older.**
- 2. Provide 3 personal references.**
- 3. Submit a statement regarding the physical health of all household members.**
- 4. Complete a health statement for all adults in the house hold.**
- 5. Be free of chemical use problems for at least the past 2 years.**

SWHHS Recommendations

Demonstrate financial and emotional stability, responsibility and a willingness to work closely with the agency.

Have reliable transportation to transport children to appointments (maybe frequently).

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