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Together
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PRIDE

Idaho Child Welfare Partnership

The Partnership exists to promote the safety, permanency and well-being of children and youth in the state of Idaho.

PRIDE: A FOSTER / PRE-ADOPT PRE-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM

What is PRIDE?

PRIDE stands for Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education. PRIDE is Idaho's standardized curriculum of training for foster and adoptive parents and the new model of practice developed by Child Welfare League of America.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and Partner Universities have entered into an arrangement providing for Foster / Pre-Adoptive Trainers to be on staff, serving all areas of Idaho to provide standardized core training to pre-licensed foster parents statewide.

The PRIDE model is designed to strengthen the quality of family foster care and adoption services. It provides a standardized framework for the competency-based development and support for resource families. Consistent with the philosophy of teamwork, PRIDE training is co-facilitated. The co-facilitation team members include a University Partner, regional Health and Welfare staff, and experienced foster parent.

PRIDE Pre-Service Training is for those interested in becoming foster or foster / adopt families. It is geared to prepare families for the all important task of caring for children who have been removed from their homes. These training sessions also include kinship families providing temporary or permanent care for their relatives. A total of 27 hours of class time is offered in a variety of locations and times.



PRIDE Goals

- ❖ Meet the perspective, developmental, cultural, and permanency, needs of children placed with foster families and adoptive families.
- ❖ Strengthen families, whether they are families of origin, blended families, extended or kinship families, adoptive families, or members of a tribe or clan.
- ❖ Strengthen the quality of family foster care and adoptive services by providing a standardized, structured framework for pre-service training and mutual assessment; for foster parent in-service training; and for ongoing professional development.

PRIDE COMPETENCY CATEGORIES

1. Protecting and nurturing children.
2. Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing developmental delays.
3. Supporting relationships between children and their families.
4. Connecting children to safe, nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime.
5. Working as a member of a professional team.



PRIDE
Pre-Service Training
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For information on dates and times of trainings please contact one of the following, or go to www.icwrtp.org and access the training calendar

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