

Foster Parent Training Available Online

“Continuing Education for Idaho’s Resource Families Anytime...

Anywhere...”



Now there is an alternative for busy foster parents who find it difficult to attend foster parent training! Through online foster parent training programs, you can complete mandated training hours from the comfort of your own home and schedule. Once training courses are completed, all you need to do is print the certificate of completion directly from the website and send a copy to ICWRTC.

There are dozens of courses and topics to choose from with new courses being added continuously. Courses are developed by professionals with extensive experience in the foster care arena and most hold a Masters or Ph.D. This service is provided for free to foster parents by ICWRTC through a university partnership with IDHW. For more details contact your regional University Partner.

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How do I get started?

There are two different websites you may use to access on-line foster parent training courses: The first is the Foster Care & Adoptive Community, located at <http://www.fosterparents.com/agency/idaho.htm> . Once on this website, simply complete the registration form and select your course of choice from the list provided. If you want to know more about a course, click on the course title and a brief description will popup. Next, download the information, read through your course material and take the multiple choice test. Upon passing (80%) the course test, download and print your certificate and present it to the Resource Family Specialist upon re-licensure. You will have thirty days from the day you registered to complete the course.

The second website is the Foster Care College at www.fosterparentcollege.com. To register for courses from this website, first contact your regional university partner listed above and they will sign you up. Once registered, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to get started. As with the first website, you may choose the courses you wish to take and print your own certificate when the course is completed and present it to the Resource Family Specialist upon re-licensure. You will have thirty days from the day you registered to complete the course.

Do I need an e-mail address?

Yes. All course communication is done through e-mail and on the www.fosterparentcollege.com website. Your e-mail address will also be your login user ID. If you do not have an e-mail address, there are many free web-based services, such as Hotmail, Yahoo, Gmail, etc. where you can create an e-mail account.

My spouse and I share an e-mail address and we both want to register for online courses. Will this be a problem?

It may be a problem on the www.fosterparentcollege.com website if each individual wants to earn credit for a course. On this website all users are identified by their e-mail address and it cannot be entered twice. Each spouse will have to have a separate account and e-mail address if they each want to earn credit for the courses taken. However, you may identify yourself as a couple, use the same e-mail address, and receive credit for your household.

I only have dial-up internet. Will these programs still work on my computer?

Yes. While it is recommended to view the courses on a computer that has high-speed internet access because it will be much faster (i.e. DSL, cable, T-1), all programs should work on a dial-up connection. Please be aware that with a dial-up connection it will take longer to download the courses.

To get started or to answer any other questions, contact your local university partner listed above for assistance.