

Licensed Child Placement Agency
Date of Meeting: 3/2/22

Super Saturday and TOT Trainings – Chatney Grice:

Recently an email was sent regarding trainings from Chatney Grice. If you have anyone needing to be placed on the email distribution list, please email Chatney.Grice@dcs.in.gov.

Super Saturday trainings are ongoing for Foster Parents to participate in RAPT trainings. Included with training are guest speakers, staff to answer questions and resource information. Super Saturday trainings are held the third Saturday of each month from 10 to 1. The class in April will be held the last Saturday in April due to the Easter holiday. Please send questions to Arlene.Jones-Joiner@dcs.in.gov

TLT:

The following trainings should be taken again due to there being new information:

RAPT 4

Sex Abuse 101 and 102

Tick 1 and 2, Tick 3 was dropped.

Upcoming SAFE trainings – Nicci Chenowith:

SAFE Trainings:

March 7 (Refresher)

March 8 & 9 (Two-day Practitioner)

May 9 & 10 (Two-day Practitioner)

May 11 (Supervisor)

July 11 & 12 (Two-day Practitioner)

July 13 (Supervisor)

October 17 (Refresher)

October 18 & 19 (Two-day Practitioner)

October 20 (Supervisor)

To register, email Nicci.Chenowith@dcs.in.gov

Annual Information

Annual statutory requirements for Foster Family Homes includes:

1. **A home visit with home study, hereafter referred to as SF 53213 Annual Report Resource Family Home.**
2. **Completion of In-Service Training**
 - a. Each licensed foster parent is required to complete 15 ongoing training hours annually; foster home licenses indicated as *Therapeutic* require 20 ongoing training hours annually.
3. **Continuous certification in pediatric CPR and pediatric airway obstruction, First Aid, Universal Precautions, AND**
4. **If applicable, Well water testing results.**
 - a. This is only applicable if the foster family home water source is a well. The test must be completed annually regardless of a Variance request to utilize bottled water.

FAQ Guidance:

Initial Licenses and Relicenses will be completed utilizing the SAFE Home Study Model. Please adhere to the fidelity of SAFE per the Consortium of Children.

Transfers will be completed utilizing the SAFE Home Study Model. The receiving agency should complete their own, independent assessment of the foster family home and the applicants.

If an individual is being added to the Foster Home License as an **applicant**, the SAFE Home Study Model should be completed.

If specifically requested, Adoption Home Studies should be completed on the SAFE Home Study Template(s).

All annual reviews and any other revision will be captured on SF 53213. Use best judgement to determine if additional state forms are necessary.

The MaGIK Checklist will continue to reflect old requirements, please utilize the date of the home visit in fields in order to submit the annual review submission.

Annual Review FAQ – Nicci Chenowith:

Reported error within Annual Report Form:

Nicci showed the one-page Annual Report form during the meeting. Nicci described the purpose and usage of Annual Report form.

Other Annual Review items in general:

Nicci has an FAQ for the annuals that she has put together. This will be made available shortly.

External Policy Review Group Update – Whitney Vowels:

The External Policy Review Group has 5 LCPA licensing policy drafts to be reviewed. I have a list of everyone who has expressed interested in being a part of the process. We hoped to hold the meeting in the next week or two, but internal policy reviews have been slowed down due to the current legislative session. We will be selecting a date as soon as all internal reviews are complete and a calendar invite will be sent out

IDO:

Travel mileage rate has increased to 41 cents on 2/1/22. An email will be sent regarding this matter.

LCPA/ Residential Invitation meetings:

Bridget McIntire (Administrative Assistant to David Reed) will begin sending the invites for LCPA/Residential meetings. Please send Bridget the names you need added to the email distribution list (Bridget.McIntire@dcs.IN.gov).

Professional Foster Care – David Reed and Crystal Whitis:

David reported that the LCPA interest shown in Professional Foster Care usage is good. LCPAs are sending to DCS good ideas regarding Profession Foster Care.

Professional Foster Care is primarily geared for kids with high acuity behavioral needs and are hard for parents to interact with.

DCS staff are currently reviewing ideas for Professional Foster Care sent from the LCPAs. The proposals will be reviewed to assess feasibility of implementation.

Service Standards are currently being drafted for Professional Foster Care by DCS.

An LCPA RFI (Request for Information) was released in the past several years to gather possible ideas for increased

DCS has proposals for Professional Foster Care which are one year old and more recent. DCS staff are currently discussing the Professional Foster Care logistics and if it can be procured. DCS does not want to rush the creation of Professional Foster Care (or something like it) and plans to be thoughtful and deliberative to ensure it functions optimally.

Please send more ideas, alongside some thorough details for Professional Foster Care to David.Reed@dcs.in.gov.

Providers are the experts and more knowledgeable than DCS, therefore they have the autonomy to guide their own Professional Foster Care structure and functioning. It is not the intent for DCS to be very prescriptive and set all the rules around Professional Foster Care.

There have been quite a few questions about the income/employment requirement for Professional Foster Care homes. Adults will not be required to quit their jobs in order to engage in Professional Foster Care. DCS supports use of other resources if needed during the day, so that resource parents can work if they choose.

Next LCPA meeting: 4/6/22 from 1 to 2 EST