

MISSOURI ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

IN-SERVICE TRAINING POLICY

PURPOSE: To ensure foster parents receive appropriate in-service training to increase their knowledge and skills.

If a foster parent lives less than 40 miles from a MACF training site at least 24 of their 48 hours must be completed in a classroom setting. The other 24 hours may be earned by reading, watching movies or internet training.

If a foster parent lives more than 40 miles from a MACF training site at least 18 of their 48 hours must be completed in a classroom setting. The other 30 hours may be earned by reading, watching movies or internet training.

At times there may be extreme circumstances which may prevent a foster parent to fulfill all of the required classroom training hours. If this situation arises, the FCDS must address, on the Family Development Plan, the extreme circumstances and the arrangements made to fulfill the training requirement.

A foster parent may receive in-service hours for college classes. The class must relate to working with children. The foster parent will need to provide a copy of their official transcript in order to earn the credit. The in-service hours earned will be equal to the number of college credits earned.

Foster parents may read a book or watch a movie for in-service credit. 50 pages of a book equals 1 hour of in-service training. The foster parent must submit a brief plot summary and how the book/movie relates to fostering. The need to add how the information they learned will help them with fostering.

For relative foster parents who are required to have 30 hours of training per licensing period the requirements are as such:

LESS than 40 miles from MACF Office = 15 classroom hours
MORE than 40 miles from MACF Office = 10 classroom hours

Foster Parent

Date

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