Prior to placement being made in a licensed Level 2 foster home, each foster parent shall complete 6 hours of pre-placement training offered online with a follow up in-person session. Level 1 homes have six months after licensure to complete pre-placement training. Let your Foster Care Coordinator know if you cannot complete the training online. The website is: http://wcwpds.wisc.edu/foster-parent-training Use the Module Notebook as a tool for reviewing with your Coordinator.

Within the first 12 months after licensure, each Level 2 foster parent shall attend Foundation Training offered by the Department or its designee.

For every subsequent year of licensing, each Level 2 foster parent will be expected to complete 10 hours of on-going training. The following is a list of acceptable training methods:

- Video, audio and web-based presentations: Online courses
- Foster Parent support group meetings when there is a speaker presentation – only speaker portion of the meeting may be counted.
- Other conferences and workshops related to children and/or foster care – (completion certificate required).
- Books, periodicals, and web-based resources related to children or foster parenting – 2 hours total per year
- Educational videos or TV Programs – 2 hours total per year
- Work-related training that has relevance to working with children or the birth families of children.
- Adult Education courses that have relevance to working with children or the birth families of children(contact your coordinator)
- Face to Face consultation with Professional with expertise in specific identified areas: (i.e., time spent with child’s therapist or teacher specific to discussing interventions, strategies, etc., working with the Birth to Three professionals, etc.
- Conferences, workshops, seminars and webinars (completion certificate required)
- Mentor Family Consultations
- Support Groups – specific to caring for children

Foster parents must adhere to training standards set by the State and WCDHS.

Each foster parent must submit a Training Evaluation form after each training to his/her foster care coordinator to receive credit for the training. Trainings provided through our department will not require an evaluation as long as you have signed in. Forms are available from the coordinator. For training sources that do not offer a completion form, talk with your coordinator in advance about how to count training time.