

Training Requirement for Foster Parents

Initial Training

The Spirit Lake Tribal Social Services foster care program follows the UNITY Model for the training and assessment of all individuals interested in becoming foster families. UNITY is Extending OUR Families through Unity. It is recommended that each prospective foster or relative provider take UNITY Pre-Service training prior to licensure and each must take the UNITY Pre-Service training prior to child placement and/or complete the full UNITY training course within the first year of licensure. For further information on the UNITY training model, please feel free to contact Ashley Roulette at Spirit Lake Tribal Social Services 701-766-4404 ext. 106.

The UNITY Pre-Services training provided within the first year of licensure will also meet the annual 12-hour requirement for that year. Relative providers who have not taken UNITY must complete the course during the Relative Home Study process.

Prior to licensure, each foster parent must also take a two-hour Fire Safety and Prevention Course, 1st Aide, and CPR approved by Spirit Lake Tribe for Family Foster Care Homes.

On-going Training

Each foster parent must complete 12 hours of on-going training each licensing period. Training must be related to children and/or parenting and approved by your licensing worker.

Additionally, each foster parent must complete a one-hour Fire Safety and Prevention Refresher Course approved by Spirit Lake Tribe for Family Foster Care Homes.

Treatment Foster Care

Additional training is required for each foster parent providing treatment level foster care to children. These will be explained to you by a PATH representative.

For All Training

Spirit Lake Tribal Social Services licensing worker will send out information regarding training 2wks prior to actual training date. All trainings are open to the community as well as those foster parents who are in need of training hours.