

WAC 110-147-1725 What training must I provide prospective adoptive parents? (1) You must provide a minimum of ten hours of training before approval of a home study that includes at least the following:

(a) The rights and responsibilities of adoptive parents and the adoption agency;

(b) The potential risks and challenges inherent in adoption;

(c) The needs and characteristics of children available for adoption;

(d) Attachment, separation and loss issues for children and families, including attachment disorders and other emotional problems that institutionalized or traumatized children may experience;

(e) The importance of cultural and ethnic identity to the child and ways to foster these identities;

(f) The long term implications for a family that has become multicultural through adoption; and

(g) The effects of adoption on the child and family.

(2) Training to prepare the adoptive family for a particular child must also be provided. This training must include the child's:

(a) Cultural, racial, religious, ethnic and linguistic background;

(b) Medical, social, birth and developmental history; and

(c) Educational data.

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