

WAC 110-145-1495 What is the in-service training requirement for staff and volunteers having responsibility to provide care to children?

(1) If you have employees in your agency, you must offer in-service training programs for developing and upgrading staff skills. If you have five or more employees or volunteers, your training plan must be in writing.

(2) Staff must complete a minimum of 24 hours of ongoing education and in-service training annually. Training must be relevant to the problems experienced by the children you serve, and may include, but is not limited to:

(a) Crisis intervention techniques, including verbal deescalation, positive behavior support, and physical response and restraint training as approved by the department;

(b) Behavior management techniques;

(c) Substance abuse;

(d) Suicide prevention, assessment, and intervention;

(e) Family intervention techniques;

(f) Indian child welfare and working with Native American children;

(g) Cultural diversity;

(h) Mental health issues and interventions;

(i) Mediation skills;

(j) Conflict management and problem-solving skills;

(k) Child abuse and neglect;

(l) Characteristics and management of sexually aggressive or otherwise predatory behavior and physically assaultive behavior;

(m) Emergency procedures;

(n) Bloodborne pathogens;

(o) Fire safety and emergency planning; and

(p) Foundational LGBTQIA+ culture.

(3) You must discuss with your staff updated policies and procedures, as well as, the rules contained in this chapter.

(4) Your training on behavioral management must be approved by DLR and must include nonphysical, age-appropriate methods of redirecting and controlling behavior.

(5) You must document all training including a description of the training provided and the date of the training. This information must be kept in each employee's file or in a separate training file.

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