

Vermont Child Welfare Training Partnership

Alternative Trainings for Foundations Part 2

Caregivers are required to complete Foundations (Part 2 – Classroom). Options for doing so include:

FULL IN PERSON ATTENDANCE: This is strongly recommended for all caregivers. Exceptions are as follows:

- **VARIANCE:** The Resource Coordinator requests a variance from RLSI for the person to be excused from the *entire* 18 hour Foundations (Part 2) course.
- **ALTERNATIVE TRAINING:** Occasionally a caregiver needs to miss one or two sessions of Foundations. In this case, the RC must provide and document alternative training. The purpose of this document is to:
 - Explain the Alternative Training Process
 - Provide Alternative Training Curricula to give to caregivers who need to miss an individual Foundations Class(es)
 - Provide “*Alternative Training Record*” for Resource Coordinators to fill out

Caregivers who enroll in Foundations (Part 2) course will receive a Graduation Certificate if:

1. They have attended ALL 6 in person sessions of Foundations (Part 2).
2. **AND** an “*Alternative Training Record*” has been completed and signed by the Resource Coordinator **for any missed classes.**

Attendance records and “Alternative Training Records” will be entered into the CWTP database. Only those participants who have perfect attendance or a completed “Alternative Training Record” will receive a graduation certificate.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT DISTRIBUTION OF ALTERNATIVE TRAINING AND INTERNET ACCESS:

The Alternative Training Packets are designed to be sent to participants via email, as they contain a number of online links (videos, articles, websites) – If participants do not have internet, you will have to provide them with physical copies (provided) of some items.

Foster Parent College:

A Foster Parent College class takes approximately an hour to complete, times listed vary depending on topic. The foster/kin parent can print certificates after the class is completed, at no additional charge. These can serve as a record of course completion.

In order to have FSD pay for these classes the participant must request units for course payment. Units are available from your Resource Coordinator. For further assistance please speak to your Training Coordinator as he/she can assist you with this and assign more units if needed.

Website for Foster Parent College: <http://www.fosterparentcollege.com/>

Attachments:

- Packet for each Session (total of 6) which include referenced articles
- “Alternative Training Record”