

# Training Requirements For Kin & Foster Caregivers



The Vermont Child Welfare Training Partnership will guide you on your journey to becoming a kin or foster caregiver.

# TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

## For Licensed Kin and Foster Caregivers

Please note: Each person needs their own individual account and must complete each course individually.  
*Click here to see the DCF Family Services training policy for caregivers.*



### Step 1: Orientation

You are supporting your family by becoming a kinship caregiver or you are interested in becoming a non-relative foster parent. Your local Resource Coordinator will invite you to take an online Orientation so you can learn more about the application and licensing process. You will also learn about your role in the child welfare system and what supports are available for you. This training needs to be completed prior to licensure.



### Step 2: Foundations Online

After you attend Orientation online, you will receive information for enrolling (or be automatically enrolled) in Foundations Online. This course can be attended from the comfort of your own home, or anywhere that you have access to the internet. You will learn more about your role as a kin/foster parent and how to be a more confident and competent trauma-informed caregiver. This course needs to be completed prior to licensure.



### Step 3: Foundations Learning Network

After you complete Foundations Online, you'll be enrolled in an in-person or online/virtual Foundations Learning Network. In this learning opportunity, you will join with others across the state to deepen your trauma-informed learning and caregiver skills. This is an excellent time to network with other kin and foster caregivers while sharing experiences and learning. You have one year from the date of licensure to complete this course, although you are strongly encouraged to complete it as soon as you've completed Foundations Online.

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