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Alabama	30	GPS—Group Preparation and Selection	15 hours	
Alaska	Varies	Created their own pre service training	10 per person or 15 per couple, each person must complete at least 5	
Arizona	see other	AZ curriculum	6 hours	Preservice training: Statute requires 6 hours, but our preservice curriculum is a minimum of 30 hours (some contractors require additional training)
Arkansas	30	PRIDE	15 per parent	
California	12	Majority use PRIDE	8 hours	California’s child welfare system is state supervised, county administered so counties provide their own foster care parent preservice training. Many counties utilize the CA Community Colleges to provide foster care parent training. A few counties (mostly small) contract with other organizations or provide the training themselves and some partner with surrounding counties to provide their trainings together.
Colorado	27 + CPR	County administered. Each county varies, but must meet state hour requirement.	20 hours (32 for specialized foster parents)	

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Connecticut	30 (see description)	In the process of changing from PRIDE to TIPS-MAPP (Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence -- Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting).	Currently use six approved trainings over the course of a year. See description.	Core (DCF) foster parents must receive 30 hours of pre-licensing training. The foster/adoption units are hoping to add 3 hours of “fostering health” and 3 hours of “racial justice” to the preservice training. Kinship families need 9 hours of pre-licensing training. The post-licensing requirements are 6 sessions annually per policy, but we are working on establishing greater clarity as to how many hours per session this needs to entail as well as identified topic areas. For therapeutic foster care (TFC), foster parents must receive 30 hours of PRIDE or TIPS MAPP training, and an additional 7 hours of child-specific training prior to licensure. TFC foster parents are required to obtain 28 hours of post-licensing training per year. Family and Community Ties Foster Care foster parents (this is an even more enhanced foster care service than TFC) are required to obtain 30 hours of TIPS-MAPP and an additional 21 hours of child-specific training. FCT foster parents are required to obtain 30 hours of post-licensing training per year.
Delaware	30	Created their own pre service training	not yet determined	
District of Columbia	30	TIPS-MAPP (Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence -- Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting)	30 hours every 2 years	

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Florida	21	Each CBC uses their own curriculum which could include MAPP/PRIDE or be self-created. Curriculum must be approved by DCF Office of Child Welfare.	8 hours, but can be as high as 21 based on the level of care being offered	If adoptive parents are going through a private adoption agency, those adoptions are regulated by Florida Statute 63, which does not have a minimum training requirement for adoptive parents. Each private adoption agency, however, employs its own training/educational sessions based on the services they provide (i.e., birth mothers only, pre-adoptive families only, or both).
Georgia	23	IMPACT -- Initial Interest, Mutual Selection, Pre-Service Training, Assessment, Continuing Development and Teamwork (state created).	15 hours	IMPACT: Partnership Parenting consists of a three-tiered training program that includes pre-service curriculum, required in-service curriculum for the first year of service, and training recommendations for years two through five of service.
Hawaii	18	PRIDE	6 hours	
Idaho	27	PRIDE	10 hours	

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Illinois	27	PRIDE	Every 4 years: 16 hours of training for each licensed traditional foster parent; 64 hours of training for each licensed specialized foster parent. Educational Advocacy (6 training hours) must be completed by at least one foster parent in a two-parent home.	Relative caregivers: You and your spouse (if you are married) must complete six hours of training to get a license. To meet this requirement, you may take special training classes or watch a set of four training videos in your home.
Indiana	10	RAPT -- Resource and Adoptive Parent Training	15 hours (20 for therapeutic foster certificate)	
Iowa	30	MAPP	6 hours	Initially, foster parents are required to complete CPR/first aid, mandatory reporter, medication management (a short self-study booklet) within their first year of license. If they are willing to take placement of an HIV-infected child, they must complete the training "Caring for Children with HIV" before placement.

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Kansas	30	MAPP	9 hours	
Kentucky	30	PS-MAPP and web-based training. See description.	Depends on approval level. Basic: 6 hours; specialized (care plus): 24 hours; medically fragile: 16 hours plus certification in CPR for infants, children, and adults and first aid.	In addition to preservice training, web-based training required by Council on Accreditation: Pediatric abuse and head trauma; Non-certified first aid and universal precautions, medication administration, medical passport. Most regions build it into pre-service training, but it's required before placement.
Louisiana	21	MAPP	15 hours	
Maine	18	State created	18 hours in two years per home (with at least 6 completed by secondary foster parent if applicable).	For specialized foster parents, 36 hours of annual training are required during the two year term of the license (with minimum of at least 12 of those hours completed by the secondary foster parent, if applicable).
Maryland	27	PRIDE	10 hours	
Massachusetts	30	MAPP	no annual requirement, but strongly encouraged	

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Michigan	12	Agency determined, but must address: Characteristics and needs of children, safe sleep practices for infants, effective parenting, behavior management, importance of the foster child's family, role of the agency, emergency procedures, first aid, fire safety, and separation of the foster child for independence	6 hours	No less than 12 hours of training to be completed no later than the end of the original 6-month licensing period and before the placement of a child. No less than an additional 12 hours of training during the next 2 years. No less than 6 hours of training annually in subsequent years
Minnesota	6 minimum	Administrative rule addresses mandatory topics for pre-service training and examples of topics that could be addressed during annual in-service training.	12 hours per individual or 18 hours per couple	
Mississippi	15	PATH		Universal blood borne pathogens (1 hour video), car seat safety (up to 3 hours), first aid and CPR training (up to 5 hours), resource parents who have a swimming pool or body of water on their property must be CPR certified, travel/finance training (up to 3 hours).
Missouri	27	STARS-Specialized Training, Assessment, Resources, Support and Skills	15 hours	30 hours of inservice training every 2 years are required to maintain professional parent status and to receive the professional parent incentive of \$100 per month/per child. CPR, First Aid, HIPAA and Ready, Set Fly are required in the first year of licensure.

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Montana	18	Keeping Families Safe - created by the state	15 hours	
Nebraska	30	TIPS-MAPP	12 hours	
Nevada	27-30	In Nevada, 2 of the 3 child welfare agencies utilize PRIDE for pre-service training. The third child welfare agency uses PS-MAPP (Partnering for Safety and Permanency-- Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) for pre-service.	4 hours	Preservice for family foster care ranges from 27 to 30 hours across the state, with an annual four (4) hour ongoing requirement for re-licensure per the FC regulations. However, per the Nevada Administrative Code (regulation) there is only an eight (8) hour requirement for preservice, but as you can see, all three child welfare agencies currently require more hours through their chosen pre-service curriculums. Nevada's treatment foster homes have a 40 hour pre-service requirement and an annual 20 hour re-licensure per the NAC (regulation).
New Hampshire	21	FACES -- Foster & Adoptive Care Essentials	see other	service training during the 2-year licensing period. Specialized—a minimum of 32 hours of competency based in-service training during the 2-year licensing period. ISO—individualized service option—a minimum of 48 hours of competency based in-service training during the 2-year licensing period.
New Jersey	27	PRIDE	21 over three years	18 preservice training hours for our relative care/family friend resource families.
New Mexico	27	RAFT -- Relative Adoption Foster Parent Training (state created)	12 hours	12 of the annual training hours are mandated by the state for all licensed caregivers
New York	No specific hour amount	Most districts/agencies use MAPP	no minimum number of hours	
North Carolina	30	TIPS-MAPP	10 hours	

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North Dakota	27	PRIDE	12 hours	
Ohio	36	Ohio Child Welfare Training Program (There is not a mandated pre-service training curriculum but there are mandated topics.)	40 hours (per two year licensing period)	Preservice: 12 hours for pre-adoptive infant foster home; 36 for family foster home; 36 for specialized foster home. Continuing (per two year licensing period): 24 for pre-adoptive infant foster home; 40 for family foster home; 60 for specialized foster home.
Oklahoma	27	Bridge - created by the state	12 hours	
Oregon	24	Pre-service: Oregon's own curriculum (standardized basic packet with minimum requirements and trainers can add to it)	30 every two years per foster parent	There are some exemptions for preservice training including some exemptions for relatives. Annual training: Have a menu of trainings offered periodically through partnership with Portland State University; allow certifiers to count materials that they have checked out from foster parent library; contract with Foster Parent College; if they are participating in a child's mental health or educational services (direct role, trained on interventions); local conferences, etc.
Pennsylvania	not specified	No specific curriculum counties are required to use, but there is specified content.	6 hours minimum	State supervised, county administered. There are specific topic areas that need to get covered but not linked to a specific number of hours for preservice training or a specific curriculum that all counties use.
Puerto Rico	not specified	The curriculum covers: 1. sexualized behavior; 2. Medication management; 3. Emotional Trauma; 4. Deficiencies in development; 5. Sexual Abuse	not specified	

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Rhode Island	30	TIPS-MAPP (Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting)	no requirements	
South Carolina	14	Pre-service training administered by the South Carolina Foster Parent Association (SCFPA). See other	No requirement for annual training, but require 28 hours every 2 years for re-licensure	are available on the SCFPA website at: http://scfpa.com/Training.aspx . Trainings offered by other organizations related to "the foster care process; caring for the child in foster care; meeting the emotional, physical, or educational needs of th child in foster care; or, the impact fostering has on the foster family" are also accepted.
South Dakota	30	PRIDE and Unity Training	6 hours	If a foster parent cares for a child with a disability or a medical, behavioral, or emotional disorder, an additional 12 hours of training is required to meet the needs of the child.
Tennessee	20	PATH	15 hours	
Texas	35	PRIDE +	50 hours for homes with two foster parents; 30 hours for homes with one foster parent.	
Utah	32	Utah's own training	12 hours	

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Vermont	21	Created by the state in partnership with the university	no minimum number	There are 2 parts to the training: "First Steps" (which is offered on an ongoing basis) and "Foundations" which is offered 2 times per year in each of the 12 districts: First Steps is the precursor to Foundations and was developed to meet the needs of caregivers (foster and kin) who receive conditional licensing based on an immediate placement. First Steps provides the essential information that parents need to care for this child. It is offered statewide and on an ongoing basis either as an "all-day in person training" or via tele-conference in 4 x 1.5 hour sessions for foster parents or 5 x 1.5 hour sessions for foster/kinship parents. Foundations is a more comprehensive training and is required, in addition to First Steps, for parents to become licensed. These trainings are offered twice per year in each of the 12 districts throughout the state. They are "in person" trainings and are comprised of 6 x 3 hour sessions.
Virginia	not specified	PRIDE and Traditions of Caring	not specified	Guidance and regulation provide a list of competencies and additional training requirements which must be addressed, but no number of hours is specified. Virginia uses PRIDE and Traditions of Caring, both of which address the required competencies. Ten hours per year of in-service training post-approval is recommended but not required.
Washington	27	PRIDE	36 hours every three years	3-hour orientation required
West Virginia	27	PRIDE	12 hours	3-hour orientation required
Wisconsin	see other	state created - topcis determined by legislation	10 hours	6 hours of preplacement training prior to the placement of any child in the home and complete a minimum of 30 hours of initial licensing training during the initial licensing period.

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Wyoming	27-30	PRIDE	36 every two years	
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