

441—113.8(237) Foster parent training.

113.8(1) Required preservice training. Each individual foster parent shall complete an entire 30 hours of the “Partnering for Safety and Permanence: Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting” (PS-MAPP) which is approved pursuant to rule 441—117.5(237).

- a. Applicants shall complete PS-MAPP training before receiving a license for the first time.
- b. Applicants shall retake PS-MAPP if the licensing process is not completed within 24 months after PS-MAPP is initially completed.
- c. The department may waive the PS-MAPP training requirement in whole or in part when the department finds that:

- (1) The applicant has completed relevant training or has a combination of relevant training and experience that is an acceptable equivalent to all or a portion of the required preservice training; or
- (2) There is good cause for the waiver based upon the circumstances of the child and the applicant.

113.8(2) Required preplacement orientation. All foster parents shall have orientation pursuant to rule 441—117.2(237) prior to the placement of a child in foster care in their home. Orientation may be provided prior to licensure, but it shall not count towards the required 12 hours of preservice training.

113.8(3) Required in-service training.

a. Amount of training. Each individual foster parent shall complete six credit hours of approved in-service training. The training shall meet the requirements of rule 441—117.7(237) and this rule and shall be based on an assessment by the foster parent and the licensing worker of the foster parent’s training needs. At least three credit hours of the training shall be group training. The training shall be completed prior to each renewal of a license.

b. Rescinded IAB 8/9/89, effective 10/1/89.

c. Documentation. Each individual foster parent shall submit the following to the family’s licensing worker within 30 days of the completion of the training and prior to the expiration date of the license:

- (1) Title of training, or description of content.
- (2) Name of training provider.
- (3) Date(s) of training.
- (4) Number of hours.
- (5) Form 470-2540, Foster Parent Training Report, or its equivalent.

113.8(4) Required training in universal precautions. Before licensure, each individual foster parent shall complete one hour of training related to the use and practice of universal precautions. Training shall be completed through the approved individual self-study course, “Universal Precautions in Foster and Adoptive Family Homes.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.5A.