

HOPE & HOME PRECERTIFICATION EDUCATION

Welcome to DaVinci Foster Parent Education! The training you will receive is crucial to your success—not only in navigating the foster care system—but also, and more importantly, in helping children who have been hurt, abused, neglected, and traumatized. Every part of your foster parent training is designed to help you care for children with a depth of love and a breadth of understanding. — Ross Wright, Hope & Home CEO

About Precertification Education

Precertification education is important for two main reasons. It is required by the State of Colorado for your licensure as foster parents. But more importantly, it is crucial to your journey as foster parents. We believe that foster parenting is one of the hardest jobs you may ever do. With that in mind, we want to help set you up for success.

How Do I Access My Precertification Education?

All education at Hope & Home will take place via Hope & Home's online learning system, called DaVinci. It's our goal to make sure that courses are accessible, engaging, and meaningful.

Our expectation of you is that you will come prepared to engage with course content and to reflectively apply it to your foster parent experience. We also expect you to complete courses on your own. Because education credits are tracked on an individual basis, each individual must have their own DaVinci account and complete their education individually. This means that spouses cannot share accounts with each other or complete trainings on behalf of their spouse.

How Long Does Training Take?

Training typically takes between 30-60 days. When training is completed more quickly, we've found that it can be difficult to retain all the information presented. When training is completed too slowly, it's difficult to recall what was learned. While you will not be assigned a precertification training due date, it is important to complete training in a timely manner. You will be awarded a certificate of completion for each course that expires one year after it is obtained. All certificates must be valid at time of licensure.

First-Time Login Information: Visit HopeAndHome.org/licensing and follow the instructions under DaVinci First Time Login. *You will receive a welcome email immediately after registration.*

General Login Information: Visit HopeAndHome.org/licensing and follow the instructions under DaVinci Ongoing Login.

PRECERTIFICATION EDUCATION OVERVIEW

Please complete courses in the order listed below.

INTRODUCTORY COURSE

Learn about Hope & Home's Precertification Education program.

01—Welcome to Hope & Home: A Love to Nurture Organization

STATE COURSES (COLORADO CHILD WELFARE TRAINING SYSTEM)

These courses are the preliminary building blocks for your foster parent journey.

02—Mandatory Reporter Training

03—Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard

04—Child Development and the Effects of Trauma: The Essentials

05—Child Development and the Effects of Trauma: Infant and Toddler

06—Child Development and the Effects of Trauma: School Age Child

07—Child Development and the Effects of Trauma: Adolescent Development

You'll notice below that the numbers begin to jump around a bit. This is because the Guided Learning Courses (right column) build off of the H&H Foundational and Advanced Courses (left column). It is important to follow the order presented below.

H&H FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

These courses introduce the nuances of the foster care system, as well as provide a framework for understanding your role through the lens of foster care.

08—A Legal Overview

09—Volume 7: Rules Regulating Foster Care

11—Attachment, Trauma, Grief, and Loss

12—Discipline

H&H ADVANCED COURSES

These courses build on key topics of the foundational courses.

14—Sexualized Behaviors in Foster Care

15—The Allure of a RAD Diagnosis

16—Culture and Diversity

17—Love to Nurture: From Theory to Practice

20—The Mission

H&H GUIDED LEARNING COURSES

These courses run concurrently with your online courses. You are required to have completed the prerequisites listed below in order to attend the session, but you are strongly encouraged to register for the sessions you would like to attend even before you have the courses complete.

10—Session 1: Your Role and Responsibilities as a Foster Parent

Prerequisites: A Legal Overview; Volume 7: Rules Regulating Foster Care

13—Session 2: Creating a Healing Environment for Children in Your Care

Prerequisites: Attachment, Trauma, Grief, and Loss; Discipline

18—Session 3: Love to Nurture

Prerequisites: Culture and Diversity; Love to Nurture: From Theory to Practice

19—Session 4: Foster Parent Panel

Prerequisites: All precertification coursework except closing course