

## **Foster Parent Training Committee Charge**

(A committee of the Wisconsin Training Council)

**Scope of the Committee:** The purpose of the Foster Parent Training Committee is to coordinate the development and delivery of high-quality, competency-based pre-placement, foundation, and ongoing training for foster parents, treatment foster parents, and pre-adoptive parents in order to strengthen the quality of care for children. The training will be consistent with the philosophy and competencies of the worker, supervisor, and administrator training provided by the five training partnerships in Wisconsin.

**Responsibilities of the Committee:** The work of the committee will include:

- Advisement on the development, delivery, maintenance, support, and updating of pre-placement training for foster, treatment foster, and pre-adoptive parents.
- Advisement on the development, delivery, maintenance, support, and updating of foundation training for foster and treatment foster parents.
- Research and development of a plan for supporting the provision of ongoing training for foster and treatment foster parents.
- Study on the relevancy and need of foundation and ongoing training for adoptive parents.
- Discussions with the Evaluation Committee to assure the development of evaluation tools to analyze the impact of pre-placement and foundation training.
- Advisement to DCFS staff on revisions to Numbered Memos and Administrative Rules specific to foster, treatment foster, and adoptive parent training.
- Accurate and consistent dissemination of committee developments and updates to statewide stakeholders.
- Solicitation and consideration of feedback from statewide stakeholders.

**Structure of the Committee:** The Foster Parent Training Committee is co-chaired by the two training partnership representatives. The committee will meet on a quarterly basis or more frequently, as determined by the committee, in order to fulfill its responsibilities. The committee will maintain minutes of its meetings and present these to the Training Council on a regular basis. Representation on the committee is defined below and can be modified as approved by the Training Council. Committee membership includes:

- County representatives – 6
- Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare representative – 1
- Tribal representative – 1
- Foster Parent representatives – 2
- Treatment Foster Parent Agency representative – 1
- Milwaukee County Treatment Foster Parent Collaborative representative – 1
- Adoptive Parent representative – 1
- Adoption Agency representative – 1
- Special Needs Adoption representative – 1
- Foster Care and Adoption Resource Center representative – 1
- Youth Work Learning Center representative – 1
- DCFS/BPP representative – 1
- Training Partnership representatives – 2