



Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System
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PUBLIC ADOPTION TRAININGS

2021 TRAINING LOCATIONS

Information is subject to change. Please see PDS for most up to date information



Due to COVID-19 precautions and guidelines, It is unknown when regular in person classes can resume. We are offering live Zoom meeting trainings as well as self-paced trainings in Canvas at this time with limited in-person trainings as required.

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REGISTRATION STEPS:



Registration is done in **PDS Online**.[🔗](#)
All attendees should have an account already based on their
foster/adoptive license.
Each parent needs to register using their own account.



Be sure your **PDS User Profile** is complete and up to date. Information collected on the user profile form (survey) will determine which trainings you can access in PDS and how we communicate important registration information to you. You may need to update your profile if you transition from fostering to adopting.

[Click here to see our PDS User Guide for assistance](#) [🔗](#)



Questions:

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TRAINING FORMATS:

CANVAS DISTANCE LEARNING PLATFORM INFORMATION

Canvas trainings are self-paced courses that use a blend of activities, quizzes, and discussion in the Canvas platform. These courses will have a 7 day window of completion. Users will be actively engaged with other participants and trainers throughout the course.

Canvas System Requirements:

Separate Emails: Each parent must have a valid email address in order to create a Canvas account. Email addresses cannot be shared

Screen Size: Canvas is best viewed at a minimum resolution of 800x600. If you want to view Canvas on a device with a smaller screen, we recommend using the Canvas mobile app.

Operating Systems: Windows 7, and newer Mac OSX 10.10 and newer Linux, chromeOS

Computer Speed and Processor: Use a computer 5 years old or newer when possible 1GB of RAM 2GHz processor

Internet Speed: Along with compatibility and web standards, Canvas has been carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments. Minimum of 512kbps

Supported Browsers: Canvas supports the current and first previous major releases of the following browsers: Chrome 79 and 80, Firefox 73 and 74 (Extended Releases are not supported*) Edge 79 and 80, Respondus, Lockdown Browser (supporting the latest system requirements) Safari 12 and 13, (Macintosh only)

VILT- VIRTUAL INSTRUCTOR LEAD (ZOOM) DISTANCE LEARNING PLATFORM INFORMATION

Zoom trainings are performed using video chat software to actively engage participants during a 3 hour class period. Participants are expected to engage with video and audio discussions and multiple tools will be used to encourage participation throughout the session. You should expect to participate live, on camera, for the entire training as scheduled.Be aware that some of the images and discussions during class are extremely sensitive, can be triggering, and are inappropriate for children. **Please ensure that no children are exposed to the content during this class.**

Zoom System Requirements:

Supported Platforms: Zoom can be accessed via a link that will be sent to you prior to your training. It is specific to your training. It is strongly encouraged to create a Zoom account prior to your training. Zoom can be used in a computer browser or by downloading the Zoom app.

Minimum Technology Requirements:

- **Computer or smart device**
- **Reliable internet connection**
- **Webcam**
- **Microphone or telephone**

Internet Speed: Reliable and steady internet to support a large bandwidth.



IN-PERSON

COVID-19 Precautions

We are adhering to University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee COVID-19 safety precautions and the following guidelines will be in place:

- We will not allow any walk-ins or guests. Only registered participants will be admitted to the suite.
- Childcare will not be available.
- Masks are required for the duration of the training, including breaks and entering/exiting the suite. If you do not have a mask, one will be available for you.
- Where marked, we ask that everyone follow entrance and exit paths.
- Upon entry, temperatures will be checked using a contactless thermometer. No entry will be allowed for anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher per CDC guidelines.
- 6 feet physical distancing will be enforced for the duration of the training time. Couples will be seated together at the same table.
- Class maximums have been lowered to accommodate physical distancing.
- Rooms and surfaces will be kept clean at all sites.
- Several handwashing and sanitizer stations will be available.
- No communal food or beverage will be available. We encourage you to bring your own food and beverages that do not require heating and refrigeration, in order to maintain social distancing and space capacities in the shared break space.

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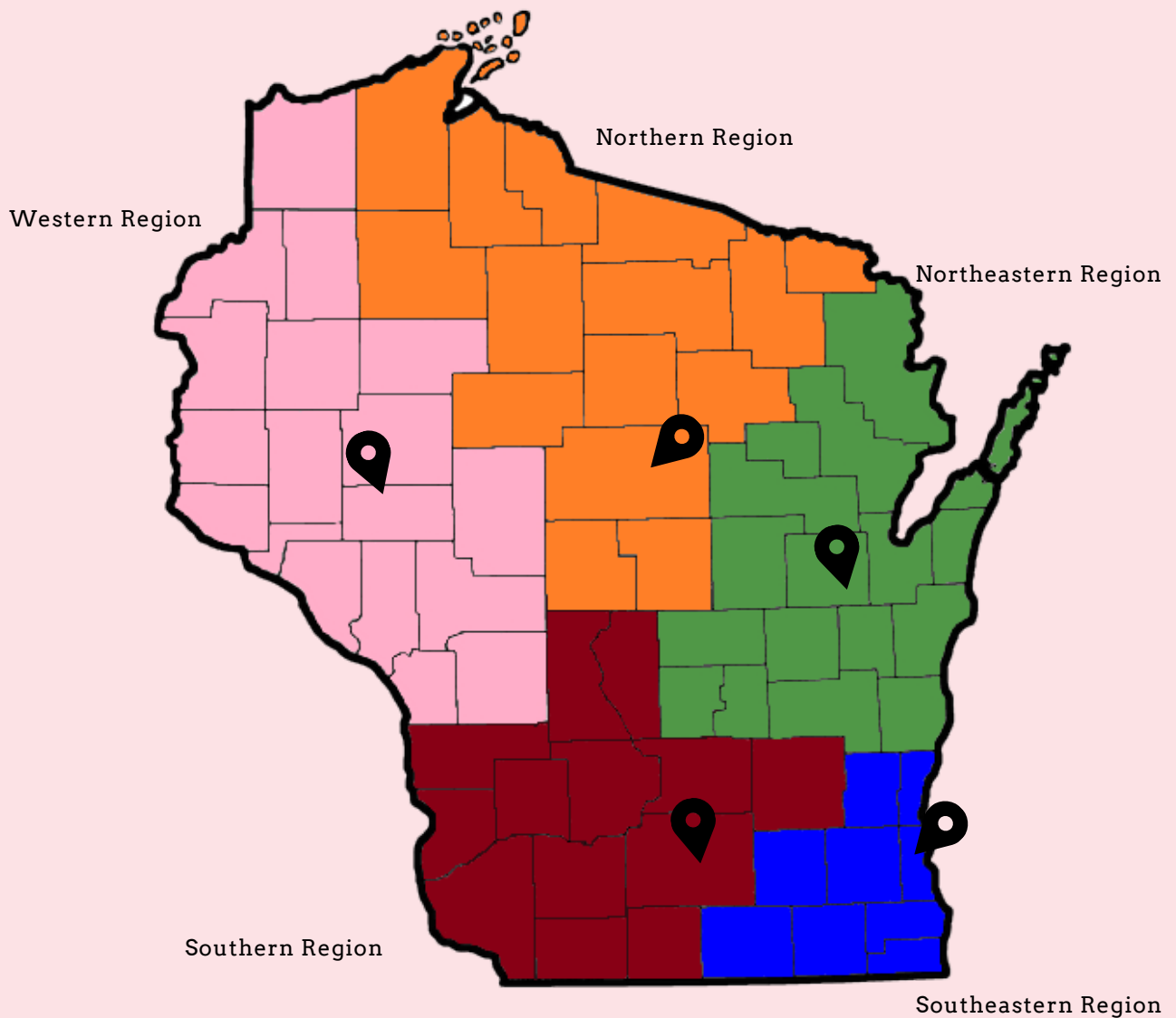
Appleton, WI

Eau Claire, WI

Glendale (Milwaukee), WI

Madison, WI

Weston (Wausau), WI



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PUBLIC ADOPTION TRAINING: FOSTERING TO FOREVER (single training)

Format

IN-PERSON

This 6-hour class is designed for foster parents who have been licensed by the county or private agency, have received foster care placement of a child and have now been identified as the adoptive resource for the child or youth. Pre-adoptive parents will gain an understanding of how to make the transition of being a foster parent to becoming a child's forever parent. The class is to be taken by those that have or will complete specific Foster Parent Foundation modules. It builds upon these modules and expounds on concepts of attachment, grief and loss, child development, and culture. This class highlights new information related to understanding the educational needs of a child or youth who has been in out of home care as well as legal aspects of adoption. The class also includes information on adoption resources that the parent can access currently and anytime in the future through Wisconsin Adoption and Permanency Support Program (WISAPSP).

Milwaukee 16952 07/10/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Weston (Wausau) 16962 07/17/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Eau Claire 16961 07/31/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Milwaukee 16953 08/14/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Madison 16958 08/28/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Milwaukee 16954 09/11/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Appleton 17012 09/18/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Milwaukee 16955 10/09/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Eau Claire 16960 10/23/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Milwaukee 16956 11/06/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Madison 16959 11/20/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Appleton 17013 11/20/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM
Milwaukee 16957 12/04/2021 09:00 AM- 03:30 PM

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PUBLIC ADOPTION TRAINING: FOSTERING TO FOREVER – DISTANCE LEARNING

(single training virtual alternative)

Format

CANVAS

This is a self-paced virtual training. It is the virtual equivalent to Public Adoption Training: Fostering to Forever. Please be sure to speak with your adoption worker to see if you have any in-person training requirements prior to registering for this virtual training.

16945 07/08/2021-07/19/2021
16946 08/19/2021-08/30/2021
16947 09/09/2021-09/20/2021
16948 09/30/2021-10/11/2021
16949 11/01/2021-11/01/2021
16950 11/11/2021-11/22/2021
16951 12/02/2021-12/13/2021

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WI PUBLIC ADOPTION TRAINING: BUILDING FOREVER FAMILIES - DAY 1

(part of the 3-training series)

Format

IN-PERSON

WI Public Adoption Training: Building Forever Families - Day 1

This training is designed for pre-adoptive parents to develop an understanding of who the children are in the Wisconsin Public Child Welfare System and learn strategies to best meet their needs. Day 1 focuses on childhood developmental stages, effects of abuse and neglect, trauma issues related to adoption, education issues in adoption, and support and resources for adoptive families and children.

Madison 17025 07/10/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Milwaukee 17014 08/07/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Appleton 17019 08/07/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Eau Claire 17020 08/14/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Weston (Wausau) 17023 08/28/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Madison 17026 09/11/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Milwaukee 17015 10/02/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Appleton 17017 10/02/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Eau Claire 17021 10/09/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Madison 17027 10/30/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Weston (Wausau) 17024 11/20/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Appleton 17018 12/04/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Milwaukee 17016 12/11/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM
Eau Claire 17022 12/11/2021 09:00 AM- 04:00 PM

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WI PUBLIC ADOPTION TRAINING: BUILDING FOREVER FAMILIES - DAY 2

(part of the 3-training series)

Format

zoom

This training is designed for pre-adoptive parents to develop an understanding of who the children are in the Wisconsin Public Child Welfare System and learn strategies to best meet their needs. Day 2 focuses on attachment issues for a child in an adoptive placement, issues of children being adopted from an institutionalized care setting, loss and grief for the triad, the impact of adoption on parenting and family dynamics, and positive parenting strategies.

both dates listed are required

17028 07/17/2021 09:00 AM-12:30 PM and 07/24/2021 09:00 AM-12:00 PM
17029 08/11/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 08/18/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17030 08/21/2021 12:30 PM-04:00 PM and 08/28/2021 12:30 PM-03:30 PM
17031 09/13/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 09/15/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17032 09/22/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 09/23/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17033 10/12/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 10/19/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17034 10/16/2021 09:00 AM-12:30 PM and 10/23/2021 09:00 AM-12:00 PM
17035 11/10/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 11/11/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17036 12/13/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 12/20/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM

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WI PUBLIC ADOPTION TRAINING: BUILDING FOREVER FAMILIES - DAY 3 (3-training series)

Format

Zoom

This training is designed for pre-adoptive parents to develop an understanding of who the children are in the Wisconsin Public Child Welfare System and learn strategies to best meet their needs. Day 3 focuses on cultural sensitivity in adoption, legal issues related to adoption, and parenting to influence resiliency.

both dates listed are required

17037 07/07/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 07/08/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17038 07/26/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 07/27/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17039 08/30/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 08/31/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17040 09/18/2021 12:30 PM-04:00 PM and 09/25/2021 12:30 PM-03:30 PM
17041 09/30/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 10/07/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17042 10/27/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 11/03/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17043 11/13/2021 09:00 AM-12:30 PM and 11/20/2021 09:00 AM-12:00 PM
17044 11/22/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 11/29/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM
17045 12/14/2021 05:30 PM-09:00 PM and 12/21/2021 05:30 PM-08:30 PM

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