



# Foster Parent T4T Certification Process

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## ***Purpose of the Training for Trainer Courses***

The DCS Training for Trainers (T4T) courses are designed for Professional Agency Trainers and Foster Parent Co-Trainers. The course offerings coincide with the training requirements and electives outlined in DCS Policy 16.8. All DCS and Provider Agency Trainers (Primary Trainers) who train foster parents must have a college degree and must successfully complete the T4T in each course they intend to deliver. T4Ts are offered for PATH pre-approval courses, required and elective In-service courses, Parenting the Youthful Offender, Medication Administration, and CPR & First Aid.

## ***Training Requirements***

In order to become certified to train foster parents, trainers must successfully register, attend, and participate in a T4T. Trainers are allowed to train only the courses in which they are certified and have received a certificate as proof of attendance and certification.

## ***Training Updates***

In the event that an update is offered for a course in which a trainer has been certified, the certification becomes invalid if the trainer does not attend the update T4T. Certification is renewed upon completion of the update T4T.

## ***Certification Requirements***

View the following pages to learn about the certification process for T4Ts offered by Parent Learning & Development.

T4T Course	Certification Process
<b>PATH T4T</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive certification certificate.</li> <li>New PATH Trainers must co-lead a PATH parent group within six (6) months of completing the Training for Trainers.</li> <li>Lead at least one PATH group each year.</li> <li>PATH Trainers must submit proof of PATH delivery to DCS annually to maintain trainer certification. Certification can be submitted online by visiting the Foster Parent Training website at <a href="http://www.tn.gov/dcs/article/path-trainer-certification">http://www.tn.gov/dcs/article/path-trainer-certification</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>In-Service Part 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate.</li> <li>Attend updates as required by DCS.</li> </ul> <p>Material Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with Birth Parents</li> <li>Connecting Children and Parents through Visitation</li> <li>Cultural Awareness for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Foster Parents</li> <li>Cultural Awareness for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Foster Parents</li> <li>Helping Children Make Transitions</li> </ul>
<b>In-Service Part 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate.</li> <li>Attend updates as required by DCS.</li> </ul> <p>Material Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parenting the Sexually Abused Child</li> <li>What to Know about Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking</li> <li>Fostering Positive Behavior</li> <li>Child Development</li> </ul>
<b>Electives Part 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate.</li> <li>Attend updates as required by DCS.</li> </ul> <p>Material Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging and Parenting Teens</li> <li>Professionalism and Ethics</li> <li>Partnership in Action</li> <li>Managing Crisis</li> <li>Positive Discipline 2</li> </ul>

T4T Course	Certification Process
<b>Electives Part 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate.</li> <li>Attend updates as required by DCS.</li> </ul> <p>Material Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loving and Letting Go</li> <li>Creating Teachable Moments</li> </ul>
<b>Working with the Education System T4T</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate.</li> <li>Attend updates as required by DCS.</li> </ul>
<b>Parenting the Youthful Offender T4T</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive a certification certificate.</li> <li>Attend updates as required by DCS.</li> </ul>
<b>Medication Administration T4T</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trainers must have a valid Tennessee Nursing License (LPN or RN).</li> <li>Trainers must have attended and actively participated in a Medication Administration classroom T4T.</li> <li>Attend T4T, actively participate, and receive an attendance certificate.</li> <li>Provide DCS with a copy of Nursing License and T4T certificate prior to delivery of any Foster Parent Training.</li> <li>Submit information to <a href="mailto:Synnamon.Taylor@tn.gov">Synnamon.Taylor@tn.gov</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>CPR &amp; First Aid T4T</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trainers must have a valid CPR &amp; First Aid Trainer certification.</li> <li>Trainers must provide DCS with a valid copy of BLS Trainer Certification from a recognized Provider and must show attendance in a CPR &amp; First Aid T4T.</li> <li>Submit information to <a href="mailto:Synnamon.Taylor@tn.gov">Synnamon.Taylor@tn.gov</a>.</li> <li>Instructors of EMS CPR &amp; First Aid will maintain copies of EMS Safety records for future verification of training as required and requested by EMS Safety, Inc.</li> </ul> <p>Material Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPR &amp; First Aid Certification (if not already certified)</li> <li>CPR &amp; First Aid T4T</li> </ul>