

Training and Webinars

Continuous learning opportunities related to Child Foster Care for Tribal and county staff.

Best practices: navigating complex and residential placements

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) staff are hosting a series of webinars regarding best practices for navigating complex and residential placements for children in foster care. The series will cover various topics related to placement requirements, best practice guidance and documentation in the Social Service Information System (SSIS).

Specific webinar information including webinar dates and registration is below. Each webinar will be recorded and posted below. Resources will also be available.

Join us to collaborate and learn about best practices to meet the needs of children, youth and families.

Target audience:

This webinar series is for county and Tribal case managers, workers and leaders serving children in foster care with complex needs requiring residential treatment placement. Each webinar focuses on a specific aspect of case management activities related to residential placement. Please see below for details on each webinar and its suggested target audience.

If you have questions or need assistance with registration, please contact csp.complexcare.dcyf@state.mn.us.

Webinar schedule and registration:

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025: Residential placements overview

- Purpose: overview of residential placement types and associated requirements, and best practices
- Time: 1–3 p.m.
- [Register on Webex](#)
- Target audience: county and Tribal case managers and leadership from children's mental health, child welfare/child protection, adoption/guardianship, contracted agencies and disability waiver services.

Recorded Webinars

Tuesday, June 24, 2025: Placement entry in SSIS

- Purpose: provide guidance on placement entry requirements in SSIS, including changes to the placement settings and reasons for children in residential facilities, crisis respite, new language when children are missing from care, verification of QRTP certification and business organizations in SSIS
- Target audience: SSIS mentors, county and Tribal case managers completing SISS data entry from children's mental health, child welfare/child protection, adoption/guardianship and disability waiver services.
- **Video:** : [SSIS Coffee Talk Placement Entry in SSIS](#)
- [Link to Slides](#)
- SSIS Update issued 8/6/2025: [Updated Guidance on Entering QRTP Placements When Moving Between Programs/Services Within the Same Residential Facility](#) (page 3 and 4)

Thursday, July 24, 2025: 2024 regional engagement sessions summary - serving children with complex needs

- Purpose: overview of feedback received from 2024 regional engagement sessions on serving children with complex needs
- Target audience: county and Tribal case managers and leadership from children's mental health, child welfare/child protection, adoption/guardianship, contracted agencies and disability waiver services.
- Video [2024 Regional Engagement Sessions Summary: Serving Children with Complex Needs](#)
- [Link to slides](#)

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2025: Voluntary placement agreements for treatment

- Purpose: overview of requirements and best practices for voluntary out-of-home placement agreements for treatment under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 260D
- Target audience: county and Tribal case managers and leadership from children's mental health, child welfare/child protection, adoption/guardianship, contracted agencies and disability waiver services.
- Video: [Requirements for Voluntary Placement Agreements for Treatment](#)

[Link to slides](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025: Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) placements and requirements

- Purpose: overview of requirements, processes and best practices for placement in Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs)
- Target audience: county and Tribal case managers and leadership from children's mental health, including contracted agencies, child welfare/child protection and adoption/guardianship.
- Video: [Qualified Residential Treatment Program \(QRTP\) Placements and Requirements](#)
- [Link to slides](#)

Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard

The Minnesota Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard allows foster children/youth to participate in developmentally and age-appropriate extracurricular, social and cultural activities. See [Minnesota's Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard Guidance \(DHS-7684\)](#) and [Minnesota Statutes 260C.212, subd. 14.](#)

Training videos

The following videos provide training for foster parents, child welfare agency caseworkers and designated facility staff:

[Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Training Video \(Minnesota\)](#)
[Normalcy for Youth in Foster Care \(Virginia\)](#)