

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 hosted a series of webinars regarding best practices for navigating complex and residential placements for children in foster care. The series covered a wide variety of topics related to placement requirements, best practice guidance and documentation in the Social Service Information System (SSIS). Recorded webinars and handouts are available below.

If you have questions or need assistance with registration, please contact

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Recorded Webinars

Placement entry in SSIS

- Held on: Tuesday, June 24, 2025
- Purpose: To 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 SSIS 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](#)
- [Slide deck](#)
- SSIS Update issued Aug. 6, 2025: [Updated Guidance on Entering QRTP Placements When Moving Between Programs/Services Within the Same Residential Facility](#) (page 3 and 4)

2024 regional engagement sessions summary - serving children with complex needs

- Held on: Thursday, July 24, 2025
- 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](#)
- [Slide deck](#)
- [Resource documents for collaboration barriers and strategies](#)

Voluntary placement agreements for treatment

- Held on: Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025
- 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](#)
- [Slide deck](#)
- [Frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) from the webinar.](#)

Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) placements and requirements

- Held on: Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025
- 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](#)
- [Slide deck](#)

Residential placements overview

- Held on: Thursday, October 23, 2025

- Purpose: Overview of residential placement types and associated requirements and best practices.
- Video: [Residential Placement Overview](#)
- 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.
- [Slide deck](#)

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 \(Virginia\)](#)