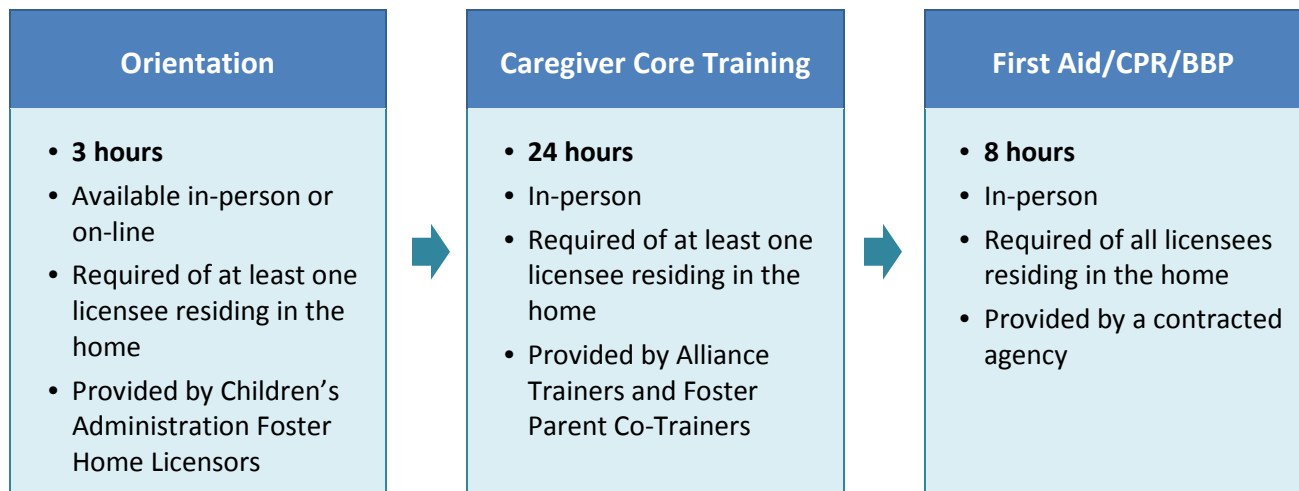


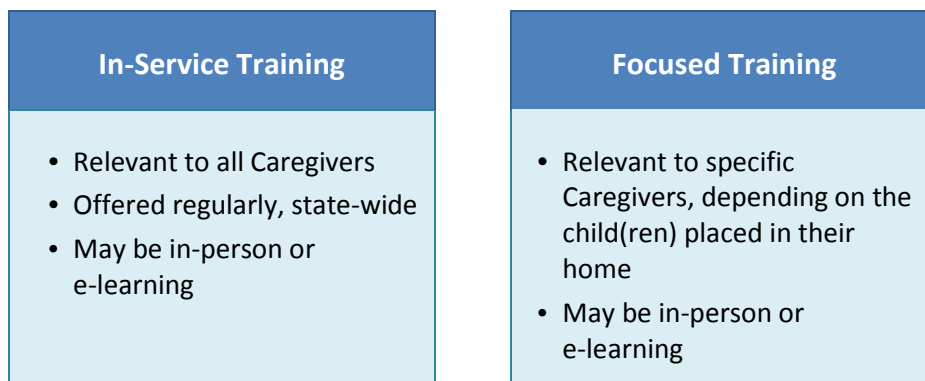
Caregiver Training Model

The Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence provides training for Foster Parents, Adoptive Parents and Relative Caregivers throughout the state of Washington.

Prior to Licensing: Foundation Training



Post Licensing: Caregiver Continuing Education



Division of Licensed Resources (DLR) Training Policy

During the first three-year licensing period

Foster Parents must complete **36 hours** of Caregiver Continuing Education training* that includes trainings from each of these three competency categories:

- Understanding and Working Within the Child Welfare System
- Parenting and Family Management
- Caregiver Self-Awareness and Development

At least one of the trainings must be culturally based.

During the second three-year licensing period

Foster Parents must complete **30 hours** of Caregiver Continuing Education training* that includes trainings from each of these three competency categories:

- Understanding and Working Within the Child Welfare System
- Parenting and Family Management
- Caregiver Self-Awareness and Development

At least one of the trainings must be culturally based.

All subsequent three-year licensing periods

Foster Parents must complete **24 hours** of Caregiver Continuing Education training* from any competency category.

*The Caregiver Continuing Education requirement may be met by one or both parties on a license, in any combination. That is, one parent on a two-parent license may complete all required training hours or two people on a two-parent license may each complete part of the required hours as long as the total number of hours in the household meets the requirement.

If a licensed foster home exceeds the required training hours during any licensing period, they may carry-over up to twelve hours into the next licensing period.

Foster homes taking placement of Sexually Aggressive Youth or Physically Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (SAY/PAAY) youth as defined in [RCW 74.13.075](#) must complete either the SAY/PAAY online or in-person training prior to the child being placed, or within 30 days of placement. Both caregivers in the home are required to complete this training.