



PRIDE: Training for foster, adoptive families

PRIDE stands for Parents' Resource for Information, Development and Education. The training supports families who meet the criteria to provide foster care, kinship care (a relative or close friend caring for a foster child as part of their family), to become a professional care home (caregiver for a child with complex needs), or to adopt. PRIDE is built upon the concept of teamwork to best meet the needs of a child and the family.

What is PRIDE training?

Focus: PRIDE pre-service training helps potential foster, adoptive, kinship and professional care homes decide whether it's a good fit for your family, and helps you develop skills to support children in need of care. PRIDE in-service training helps caregivers enhance those skills to support the children in their care.

How does PRIDE work?

After you apply to become a foster, kinship, adoptive parent, or professional care home and meet the basic criteria, you are required to complete PRIDE pre-service training. The training is offered online with a trainer and foster parent co-trainer.



Participants: Participants must be at least 19 years of age (21 for professional care homes).

What does the training cover?

PRIDE training is broken down into nine learning sessions with topics that include:

- the basics of growth, development and sense of belonging for children
- the impact of child abuse, neglect and loss
- supporting a child or youth's identity, cultural heritage and self-esteem
- building positive attachments
- supporting contacts between children in care and their family members
- what to expect during the first hours, days, and weeks of a child's placement

Need more info?

For more details about PRIDE or other training available to help children in care, call Social Development at 1-833-733-7835.



Goals and objectives

PRIDE aims to give prospective foster and adoptive families knowledge and skills in six essential competency categories:

- protecting and nurturing children
- meeting children's developmental needs and addressing developmental delays
- supporting relationships between children and their families
- connecting children to safe, nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime
- working with other professionals to provide quality care for children
- supporting a child's heritage and cultural identity



After PRIDE

To help you provide high-quality care, our PRIDE trainers support you with additional in-service training in various areas, including:

- trauma-informed care
- cultural awareness
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Reactive Attachment Disorder