

Practice Alert



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Adoption Training

The purpose of this practice alert is to inform staff of an incorrect version of policy in Section 6, Chapter 2 of the Child Welfare Manual (CWM) that was published on 5/28/2024. This was corrected on 1/14/2025.

When MO C.A.R.E. was released Section 6, Chapter 2 was edited to reflect the changes in training and the adoption training information was inadvertently omitted. That section has been added back to Chapter 2.

The section is below:

Section 6, Chapter 2 (Resource provider Training), subsection 5, – (Adoption Training)

STARS, Making the Commitment to Adoption Curriculum Spaulding

Foster care providers wanting to adopt must take an additional 12 hours of STARS, Making the Commitment to Adoption (Spaulding) Pre-service training. Relative care providers are encouraged to complete the Spaulding training but are not required to complete this training.

The additional 12 hours of Spaulding may be counted as in-service training credit hours using the V-198 training code.

