

Keeping current with training requirements

This communication is for Community Residential Providers impacted by training requirements outlined in [RCW 74.39A](#):

- Supported Living
- Group Homes
- Group Training Homes
- Children's Licensed Staff Residential
- Alternative Living
- Companion Homes
- State Operated Community Residential (SOCR)

Rules for the training requirements are contained in [Chapter 388-829 WAC](#) and additional standards for the adult residential programs are located in [Chapter 388-101D WAC](#).

Some training timelines have been suspended per COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency under Proclamation 20-05. [Click here for More details](#)

COVID-19/Pandemic Response Updates

Suspensions and emergency rule filings

Per COVID-19 Proclamation 20-05, trainings required by RCW/WACs remain suspended. This means that 40-hour DDA CORE/BASIC, 30 hours of Population Specific training and 12 hours Continuing Education Training remain suspended.

Trainings still required: Nurse Delegation, CPR and 5 hours DDA Orientation and Safety Trainings

Upon approval, DSHS will file an emergency rules to reset the date of hire. This will reset training timelines when RCW/WACs are reinstated.

For more information on Proclamation 20-05:

https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/proc_20-52.4.pdf

Plan for New Employee Training and Continuing Education (CE) Training when training-related RCW/WACs are reinstated.

Passage of ESHB 1120 - 2021-22, concerning state of emergency operations impacting long-term services and supports. The bill allowed DSHS the

statutory authority to extend timelines for training requirements during a State of Emergency. DSHS (including ALTSA/HCS and DDA) have been collaborating with the Department of Health (DOH) and Residential Care Services (RCS). We have reached agreements on our training timelines and plans once the State of Emergency is over and our training RCW/WACs are reinstated.

For more information on HB 1120, ([click here](#))

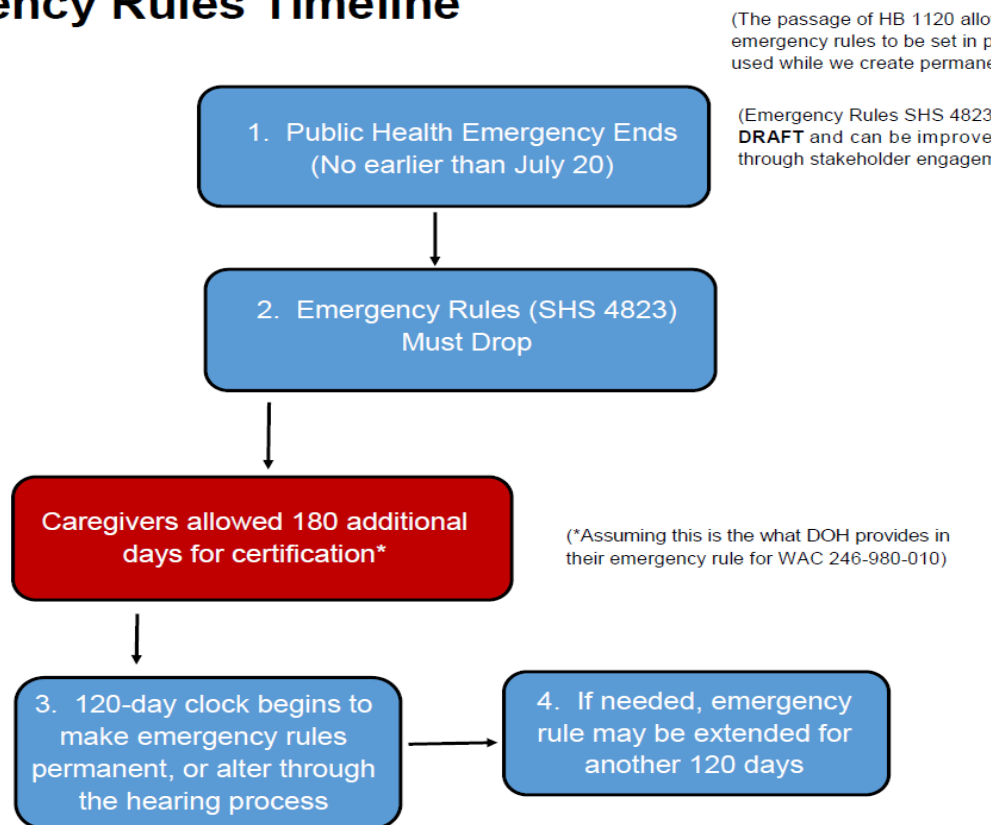
Plan training for and new employees hired between March 2020 and presently:

Once training RCW/WACs are reinstated all employees hired on or after March 1, 2020 and February 18, 2021 will be offered an additional 120 days to complete the 75 hour basic training.

75 hour Basic Training includes: 5 hours DDA Orientation and Safety, 40 hour Residential Services CORE, 30 hours of Population Specific training.

All of our basic training curriculum has been added to a virtual platform. We recommend providers to continue virtual trainings as often as possible.

Emergency Rules Timeline



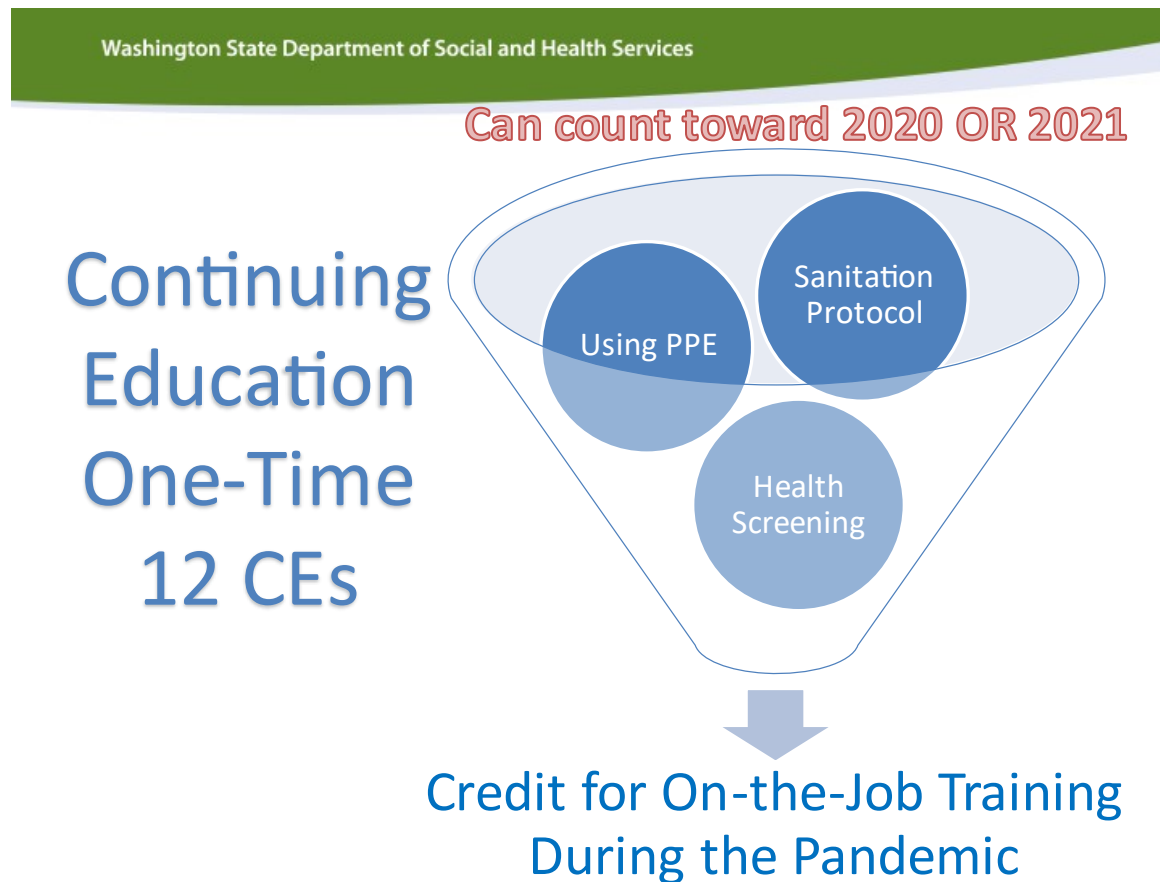
Plan for Continuing Education requirements for 2020 and 2021 once RCW/WACs are reinstated:

During the pandemic, we spent many hours we spent formally and informally training employees in:

- Safely wearing and using PPE.
- Sanitation.
- Health Screening.
- Information on the COVID-19 virus.
- And more.

DSHS and DOH have agreed to allow all providers to claim 12 hours of CEs for all informal training that occurred during the pandemic. No curriculum, sign in sheets or formal training is required to claim these hours. Community

Residential Services providers can claim these 12 hours for either 2020 or 2021 training periods.



Announcing 40-hour CORE Curriculum Update Project

Seeking provider and stakeholder volunteers/participation in updating this curriculum:

Announcement: In partnership and collaboration with residential supported living providers and self-advocates, the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Residential Training Unit is excited to announce the 40-Hour CORE Curriculum Update Project.

The purpose: To update and streamline the 40-Hour CORE Training curriculum to ensure its alignment with current regulations, policy, procedures, and education and training frameworks, methodologies, and technologies.

Structure: To accomplish this work, the Steering Committee of the project is attempting to partner with subject matter experts within the residential supported living industry.

These subject matter experts will serve as members of the Subcommittee Workgroups, responsible for updating and streamlining the curriculum.

Call for support: If you have interest in becoming a Subcommittee Workgroup member of this important project, please email Sarah Blanchette at sarah.blanchette@dshs.wa.gov by close of business on Friday, October 8, 2021

Workgroup members will receive all facilitation materials and access information for the upcoming orientation meeting date and time.

Upcoming training opportunities

Training courses to support trainers using virtual platforms:

Virtual 40-hour Core Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Continuing Education (CE) Series

- [Register](#) via Eventbrite for each class (Zoom links will only be sent to those registered)
 - Trainer: Krista Niemen
 - Beyond Mandated Reporting TTT - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct 11, 2021
 - Generations in the Workplace TTT -9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Oct 12, 2021
 - Unconscious Bias TTT - 1 to 4 p.m., Oct 12, 2021
 - Beyond First Aid: Recognizing and Responding to Medical Emergencies TTT - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct 13, 2021
 - Buzz on Adult Learners/Peer Coaching TTT (Day 1) - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct 14, 2021
 - Peer Coaching TTT (Day 2) - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct 15, 2021
 - Register for each course individually. Trainers receive CE credit for each course. Certificates will be awarded upon completion of each course.
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Training updates

Online (E-Learning) Functional Assessment and Positive Behavior Support Modules 1 (a-c), Module 2 are updated!

Modules 1a, 1b, 1c and 2 have been updated. The curriculum has been changed significantly enough that individuals who have taken these courses in

the past are encourages to take these modules again. New CE codes have been assigned:

(NEW) FA/PBSP (Module 1a)	1	CO2135263 PS2135264
(NEW) FA/PBSP (Module 1b)	1	CO2135265 PS2135266
(NEW) FA/PBSP (Module 1c)	1	CO2135267 PS2135268
(NEW) FA/PBSP (Module 2)	2	CO2135269 PS2135270

Module 3-5 are being updated now and will be posted online before the end of 2021.

Technical support webinars/Trainer and Curriculum Approval Clinics

Webinar will be 10 - 11 a.m., during the webinar we will:

- Answers to frequently asked questions (including resources during COVID-19 pandemic)
- Clarification for training requirements
- Opportunities for live interaction with peers
- Upcoming training opportunities:

Trainer and Curriculum Approval Clinics 11-12 p.m., during the Approval Clinic we will:

- Answer questions about Trainer Approvals
- Review new curriculum developed
- Catch Up on any Trainer or Curriculum Approvals pending

Zoom	October 14, 2021	10 – 12 p.m.
Zoom	November 10, 2021	10 – 12 p.m.
Zoom	December 16, 2021	10 – 12 p.m.

Virtual office hours every Tuesdays on Zoom

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sarah Blanchette, will be hosting virtual office hours every Tuesday on Zoom. Providers and others are welcome to drop in during that time and meet. In these sessions Sarah will answer group questions and take providers into a breakout room to answer agency specific questions.

How to access:

- Click on link : [Zoom](#)
 - No registration required, no advanced notice, drop-ins welcome!
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Training programs: Planning for 2022

The Residential Training Unit is gearing up for upcoming 2022 year. We are projecting ahead all of our trainings for 2022. A large focus for 2022 is implementing the new 40-hour CORE curriculum and implementing Functional Assessment and Positive Behavior Support Plan certification (live) training.

The Residential Unit that includes Community Residential Services, RHC and State Operated trainers will be opening classes to offer opportunities for Community Residential Services Providers to attend.

Virtual trainings from DDA will continue into the foreseeable future and we are developing more virtualized curriculum and training opportunities.