Keeping current with training requirements

For Community Residential Providers impacted by training requirements outlined in RCW 74.39A:

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

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

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COVID-19/Pandemic Response Updates

Emergency Training WACs:

WAC 388-829-0086 (New Employee Training Timelines)- See the attached documents in the GovDelivery message

WAC 388-829-0087 (Continuing Education Training)- See the attached documents in the GovDelivery message

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Plan for Continuing Education Training

Important Note Regarding CE Deadlines

Because the state of Washington is currently in a state of emergency, no Continuing Education credits are currently due. According to WAC 388-829-0087:

"(4) of this section due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. All direct support professionals have 120 days from **the end of the public health emergency** to complete any

additional CE that may have become due while training waivers were in place in excess of the 12 hours of CE granted in subsection…"

REMINDER: Between **March 1, 2020, and February 28, 2021,** DDA recognizes Direct Support Professionals received, as part of on-the-job training, critical instruction related to hand hygiene, disinfection of high-touch surfaces, protocols for quarantine, the proper use of face coverings, etc.

What does this mean for DDA Contracted Providers?
- You can claim 12 CE credits for either 2021 or 2022. There is no need for you to track curriculum or dates for training.
- You will complete the Community Residential Staff Specialized CE hours form – see below and the attachment in the GovDelivery message.

Step 1: Select which year you will be claiming CE hours (2020 OR 2021)
Step 2: Approved CE Trainers, in your organization, will need to sign this form.

Washington State Department of Social & Health Services Transforming lives	**Community Residential Staff Specialized Continuing Education (CE) Hours**	TODAY'S DATE
EMPLOYEE'S NAME		YEAR CLAIMING CE CREDITS
APPROVED TRAINER'S SIGNATURE		APPROVED TRAINER'S PRINTED NAME
APPROVED TRAINER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (WITH AREA CODE)		APPROVED TRAINER'S EMAIL ADDRESS

Orientation & Safety Curriculum Update

In partnership with representatives from residential supported living providers, community stakeholders and self-advocates, the Residential Training Unit plans to revamp the Orientation and Safety curriculum.

Working together is the best way to create high-quality, meaningful and relevant training initiatives.

Please join this new initiative by contacting Robin Wiseman at robin.wiseman@dshs.wa.gov

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40-Hour CORE Curriculum Update Project is in full motion!

The curriculum is being created in partnership and collaboration with residential supported living providers, community stakeholders, DDA's Residential Training Unit and self-advocates.

The purpose: This project was created 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.

To join this dynamic group: Please email Sarah Blanchette at sarah.blanchette@dshs.wa.gov

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Upcoming Training Opportunities

For the 2022 Train-the-Trainer Academies Calendar see the document attached to the GovDelivery message.

Virtual Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Continuing Education Series

February

- Register via Eventbrite for each class (Zoom links will only be sent to those registered)
- Trainer: Krista Niemen
- Beyond First Aid: Recognizing and Responding to Medical Emergencies TTT - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 15, 2022
- Introduction to Dementia and I/DD – 9 a.m. to noon & Unconscious Bias – 1 to 4 p.m., Feb. 16, 2022
    - Buzz on Adult Learners – 9 a.m. to noon & Creating a Peer Coaching Program – 1 to 4 p.m., Feb. 17, 2022

- Safety and Resiliency Training (Peer Coaching CE) – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 18, 2022

Register for each course individually. Trainers receive CE credit for each course. Certificates will be awarded upon completion of each course.

40 Hour CORE TTT (Virtual Academy)

February (Webinar)

- Register via Eventbrite for each class (Zoom links will only be sent to those registered)
- Trainer: Service Alternatives
- Feb. 7 to Feb. 11, 2022 – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Must register/attend the full course

March (E-Learning)

- Register via Eventbrite for each class (Zoom links will only be sent to those registered)
- Trainer: Matthias Austin, Volunteers of America
- March 21 to April 1, 2022 – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Must register/attend the full course

Training Updates

Online (E-Learning) Functional Assessment and Positive Behavior Support Plan Training Courses (newly updated modules) have been uploaded the Community Residential Services Online Training Website:

https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/TPTesting/

Remember Modules 3 & 4 require outside coursework.

Name of Module	CE Hrs	Course Code CO = Continuing Edu. PS = Pop. Specific
(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 3)	4	CE2135483 PS2135484
(NEW) FA/PBSP (Module 4)	4	CO2135485 PS2135486
(NEW) FA/PBSP (Module 5)	0.5	CO2135487 PS2135488

2022 Technical Support Webinars/Trainer and Curriculum Approval Clinics

Webinars will run from 10 - 11 a.m. webinars provide:

- Answer frequently asked questions (including resources during COVID-19 pandemic)
- Clarify training requirements
- Provide live interactions with your peers
- Review upcoming training opportunities.

Trainer and Curriculum Approval Clinics 11 a.m. -12 p.m. Approval Clinics provide:

- Answer questions about trainer approvals.
- Review new curriculum.
- Catch up on any trainer or curricula approvals pending.

[Zoom](#)	March 10	10 a.m. to noon
[Zoom](#)	April 7	10 a.m. to noon
[Zoom](#)	May 12	10 a.m. to noon
[Zoom](#)	June 16	10 a.m. to noon
[Zoom](#)	July 14	10 a.m. to noon
[Zoom](#)	Aug. 18	10 a.m. to noon
[Zoom](#)	Sept.15	10 a.m. to noon
[Zoom](#)	Oct. 13	10 a.m. to noon
[Zoom](#)	Nov. 17	10 a.m. to noon
[Zoom](#)	Dec. 8	10 a.m. to noon

Virtual Office Hours Every Tuesday: Join us on Zoom! 10 a.m. – noon

Sarah Blanchette, or Robin Wiseman, will be hosting Virtual Office hours every Tuesday on Zoom. Providers and others are welcome to drop in during that time and get your questions answered, provide and get feedback or just to spend time with your peers. 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!

Welcome Robin Wiseman, our new Community Residential Transition Training Specialist.

Robin brings significant experience in the field of adult education and training. She earned a Master of Education with a focus in Adult Learning while teaching in the teacher education program at the University of Missouri. Robin was also a training manager for the world's largest environmental professional organization. Out of Silicon Valley, where she also received a Master of Business Administration, Robin was the international training manager for a wireless technology company. Providing support and service to people with disabilities has also been an anchor in Robin's professional career. Over a period of 12 years, Robin served as a case manager, a day program manager, employment services specialist, QIDP, and a Supported Living manager.

For other training opportunities and CE courses, please visit the DDA provider training opportunities page.

To announce training opportunities within your agency, please include the following information:

- Title of training
- Dates/times, location (with address)
- Speaker/presenter
- Contact information for training registration
- Is this approved for CE?
- Who can attend?

Contact Sarah Blanchette, Residential Provider Training Manager.