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Hello CWTS learning community,

We are writing to let you know about exciting changes to the preservice learning experiences that CWTS provides to foster, kinship, and adoptive caregivers across the state.

At the direction of the Colorado Department of Child Welfare (DCW), as described in [this information memo](#), CWTS will begin offering [NTDC Certification Training for Colorado Foster and Adoptive Caregivers](#) as the certifying foster parent curriculum for Colorado. The NTDC learning experience comprises four virtual seminars over the course of two to five weeks (depending on scheduling), in addition to independent learning activities, which include WBTs, course reading, and a self-assessment. CWTS will no longer offer Foster Parent Fundamentals.

To best meet the need of all Colorado caregivers, CWTS will offer the new Kinship Caregiver Fundamentals training. [Kinship Caregiver Fundamentals](#) was designed by CWTS to meet the specific and different needs of kinship caregivers; it combines the complete knowledge base of foster parent training with additional considerations for providing care for a child or youth with whom one already has a relationship. All kinship caregivers are invited to attend this training, even if not pursuing certification.

All learners will need to enroll in a certification program before registering for any courses. Learners should be directed to the [Caregiver Certification page](#), which can be accessed in the LMS in the Find Learning menu. NTDC is the only course required in the Foster and Adoptive Caregiver Certification program, which totals 33 training credit hours. Kinship Caregiver Fundamentals is one course in the Kinship Caregiver Certification program, which includes five additional WBTs and totals 22.5 training credit hours.

Enrollment is open for both certification programs:

[Foster and Adoptive Caregiver Certification](#) (33 training credit hours)

[Kinship Caregiver Certification](#) (22.5 training credit hours)

If learners are unsure which program they need to complete to be certified, they should contact their county or certifying organization.

If you work with or certify foster, adoptive, or kinship caregivers, please confirm with those families that they are attending the correct certification program, as determined by their county or certifying organization.

From all of us at CWTS, thank you for allowing us to serve you. Please [contact the help desk](#) with any questions you may have regarding this transition.

Appreciatively,
The CWTS Team