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To: Residential Care Center Providers
Group Home Providers
Shelter Care Facilities
Private Child Placing Agencies

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Administrator

RE: Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard Training

This memo replaces Child Welfare Licensing Memo 2018-47-lic. The purpose of this memo is to inform licensed providers that the training for Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS) for RPPS decision makers has been updated. The RPPS training, per s. 48.383, Wis. Stats., is for Residential Care Center for Children and Youth decision makers (DCF 52.12(5)(gm)), Group Home decision makers (DCF 57.16(4m)), and Shelter care Facility decision makers (DCF 59.04(3m)). A training to inform private Child Placing Agencies regarding the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard and how the standard applies to them and their foster parents has also been developed.

RPPS training for RPPS Decision Makers who work at a Residential Care Center for Children and Youth, Group Home, and/or Shelter Care Facility can now be found at the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System (WCWPDS) website at <https://wcpds.wisc.edu/web-based-courses/reasonable-and-prudent-parenting-for-congregate-care-staff/>.

RPPS training for Supervising Agency Caseworkers for private Child Placing Agencies can be found at the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System (WCWPDS) website at <https://wcpds.wisc.edu/web-based-courses/the-reasonable-and-prudent-parent-standard-for-supervising-agency-staff/>.

Once the RPPS training has been successfully completed, the RPPS decision maker will print out the training certificate which is made available at the completion of the training. The training certificate will be proof that the staff member has completed the training and the certificate should be put into the employee's personnel file.

If staff have completed the RPPS decision maker training in the past, there is no need to take the training again. However, the new RPPS decision maker training can be used as a refresher course for staff.

Please contact your licensing specialist directly with additional questions.

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