



Division of Safety and Permanence

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To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator  
DCF Area Administrators  
Child Placing Agency Directors  
Child Welfare Agency Directors  
County Departments of Community Programs Directors  
County Departments of Human Services Directors  
County Departments of Social Services Directors  
Private Child Placing Agencies  
Tribal Chairpersons

From: John Elliott  
Administrator

Re: **2024 Wisconsin Act 118 – Adoption Training Formats**

**PURPOSE**

2024 Wisconsin Act 118 was signed into law by Governor Evers on March 14, 2024. This allows proposed adoptive parents to complete at least 6 hours of adoption training in person or via live videoconference sessions, either individually or in a group. This memo provides acknowledgement of the change and confirms immediate enactment which may precede statutory or administrative code updates.

**BACKGROUND**

Per Wis. Stat. § 48.84(2g)(a), proposed adoptive parents are required to complete 25 hours of adoption training. Of these 25 hours, it was previously required that six hours of training be completed in-person.

2024 Wisconsin Act 118 expanded statute to allow for training administered via live videoconference, taken either individually or in a group, as an option to meet the in-person training requirement.

**INFORMATION SUMMARY**

Beginning March 14, 2024, adoption agencies can accept 6 hours of training completed in person or via live videoconference.

Wis. Stat. § 48.84(2g)(a) and Wis. Admin. Code DCF 51.06(1)(a) will be amended to read: At least 6 hours of training that is provided in person **or through a live videoconference session**, either individually or in a group.





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