



## 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 823

1 AN ACT *to amend* 48.67 (4) (a) (intro.), 2., 3., 5. and 6. and (c); and *to repeal and*  
2 *recreate* 48.67 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** training for foster parents.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3 SECTION 1. 48.67 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28,  
4 sections 1062 and 1062b, is repealed and recreated to read:

5 48.67 (4) (a) That all foster parents and treatment foster parents successfully  
6 complete training in the care and support needs of children who are placed in foster  
7 care or treatment foster care that has been approved by the department. The  
8 training shall be completed on an ongoing basis, as determined by the department.  
9 The department shall promulgate rules prescribing the training that is required  
10 under this subsection and shall monitor compliance with this subsection according  
11 to those rules. The training shall include training in all of the following:

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1           1. Parenting skills, including child development; infant care, if appropriate;  
2 the effects of trauma on children; communicating with children in an  
3 age-appropriate manner; and recognizing issues such as drug use or addiction or  
4 attachment disorder.

5           2. For foster parents or treatment foster parents caring for children 11 years  
6 of age or older, teaching and encouraging independent living skills, including  
7 budgeting, health and nutrition, and other skills to promote the child's long-term  
8 economic independence and well-being.

9           3. Issues that may confront foster parents or treatment foster parents, in  
10 general, and that may confront the foster parents or treatment foster parents of  
11 children with special needs.

12           4. Child abuse and neglect prevention.

13           5. The proper use of foster care or treatment foster care payments.

14           6. The availability of resources for foster parents or treatment foster parents  
15 in the local community.

16           7. Other topics, as determined by the department.

17           (b) The training under par. (a) shall be available to a kinship care relative, as  
18 defined in s. 48.40 (1m), upon request of the kinship care relative.

19           (c) For a foster parent or treatment foster parent receiving an initial license,  
20 the training under par. (a) shall be completed before the first child is placed with the  
21 foster parent or treatment foster parent.

22           **SECTION 2.** 48.67 (4) (a) (intro.), 2., 3., 5. and 6. and (c) of the statutes, as affected  
23 by 2009 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), are amended to read:

24           48.67 **(4)** (a) (intro.) That all foster parents ~~and treatment foster parents~~  
25 successfully complete training in the care and support needs of children who are

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1 placed in foster care ~~or treatment foster care~~ that has been approved by the  
2 department. The training shall be completed on an ongoing basis, as determined by  
3 the department. The department shall promulgate rules prescribing the training  
4 that is required under this subsection and shall monitor compliance with this  
5 subsection according to those rules. The training shall include training in all of the  
6 following:

7 2. For foster parents ~~or treatment foster parents~~ caring for children 11 years  
8 of age or older, teaching and encouraging independent living skills, including  
9 budgeting, health and nutrition, and other skills to promote the child's long-term  
10 economic independence and well-being.

11 3. Issues that may confront the foster parents ~~or treatment foster parents~~, in  
12 general, and that may confront the foster parents ~~or treatment foster parents~~ of  
13 children with special needs.

14 5. The proper use of foster care ~~or treatment foster care~~ payments.

15 6. The availability of resources for foster parents ~~or treatment foster parents~~  
16 in the local community.

17 (c) For a foster parent ~~or treatment foster parent~~ receiving an initial license,  
18 the training under par. (a) shall be completed before the first child is placed with the  
19 foster parent ~~or treatment foster parent~~.

20 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

21 (1) The repeal and recreation of section 48.67 (4) (c) of the statutes first applies  
22 to a foster parent or treatment foster parent receiving an initial license on the  
23 effective date of this subsection.

24 **SECTION 4. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,  
25 except as follows:

