



## Memorandum

To: Child Welfare Staff and RBWO Providers  
From: Mary Havick, Deputy Commissioner  
Date: January 9, 2023  
RE: Autism Awareness Training Requirement

The Division has partnered with Behavioral Pediatrics Resource Center to provide autism training for foster parents (both public and private), DFCS case management staff, and RBWO provider case management staff.

Behavioral Pediatrics Resource Center is a nonprofit organization that was created to serve children with autism spectrum disorders. Their goal is to provide awareness trainings for individuals caring for children with autism. Behavioral Pediatrics recently concluded autism awareness trainings for DFCS case managers, RBWO provider case managers, and foster parents in Region 12.

From January through June 2023, Behavioral Pediatrics will be offering trainings to the remaining regions. Rollout will be by region, and a calendar will be provided to outline the available training opportunities for your region.

Training is **mandatory** for all foster parents, DFCS case managers, and private agency case managers. A roster of participants will be maintained to ensure that all required individuals complete all components of the training. The training will take place via Zoom. Participants will be required to register for the training and will document their attendance via Google Forms.

Please go ahead and share the above information with your foster parents and case management staff, and be on the lookout for future communications regarding the awareness training. Thank you.