

LIVE VIRTUAL TRAINING ON: FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY 101

TRAINING IS DESIGNED FOR NORTH DAKOTA
CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE AND SUPERVISORS.



This training provides an overview of foster care eligibility requirements and highlights the importance of understanding funding sources and documentation standards related to Title IV-E. Participants will gain a foundational understanding of eligibility determination requirements for children entering foster care and learn how accurate, complete, and timely documentation supports services and resources for children in placement.

This training will highlight an:

- ✓ Overview of Foster Care Eligibility and Title IV-E funding
- ✓ Required eligibility determination documentation
- ✓ Key timelines and submission expectations
- ✓ Common documentation challenges and best practices
- ✓ The impact of accurate eligibility determinations on services and supports for children in foster care



**WEDNESDAY
JULY 29, 2026**

1:00 to 2:30 pm CT

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Trainer Bios:

Kelsey Bless, LMSW is the Child Welfare Policy Administrator employed by the ND Department of Health and Human Services, Children & Family Services section. Bless oversees child welfare the law, rule and policy, licensing, payment, eligibility, level of care and tribal liaison efforts. Bless advocates for family and permanency achievement, strongly reinforces engagement with parents, in-home supports and access to services for children in their home communities. Bless was raised in Manvel, North Dakota, attended Central High School in Grand Forks before receiving her undergraduate & master's degrees in social work from the University of North Dakota (2004 and 2005). Bless moved to Bismarck in 2008 with her husband and together they have three daughters.

Kelly Malaterre is the Foster Care Sub Adopt Eligibility Unit Supervisor employed by the ND Department of Health and Human Services, Children & Family Services section. Malaterre oversees the child welfare foster care, sub-adopt and Medicaid eligibility determinations. Malaterre has over 14 years of experience serving the child welfare system and leads 16 staff in ensuring eligibility and payment compliance statewide. Malaterre was raised in Towner, North Dakota and graduated from TGU High School. Kelly and her husband reside in Rugby and together have six children.

Important notes...



This training is not eligible for Social Work Continuing Education (CE) credit because it provides an overview of North Dakota state policy and administrative procedures, which do not meet licensing standards for continuing education credit.



Training will be accessible at a later date @ und.edu/cfstc



Understanding the "Why" Behind
Eligibility Determinations and
Title IV-E Documentation