What is DD Specialty Training?

DD Specialty Training is a **FREE** introductory training intended for individuals who support people with developmental disabilities. You must attend all sessions (both online and in-class sessions) and pass a written test to receive your specialty certificate. Successful completion of this class fulfills the WAC requirement for AFH, Assisted Living homes and Alternative Living providers.

DD Specialty Training is a license requirement for individuals working in Adult Family Homes (AFHs). Space is first given to individuals who are intending to work in or are currently employed by an AFH. **YOU MUST REGISTER TO BE SEATED IN CLASS.**

DD Specialty Training is **NOT** approved CE for Individual Providers (IPs/Provider1). Prior approval is encouraged if you plan to take DD Specialty for CE credit as several criteria must be checked in order to the course to qualify.

### 2 options to register for a DD Specialty Class in Region 2

**Important Note:** Specialty Training Seats are in High Demand. Classes fill quickly.

Your best chance of securing a seat is to state preferred and secondary locations (example: Kent preferred, Seattle 2nd), then request: ‘Please book me in the next available class at my Preferred or secondary training location.”

**First:**
- Visit: [https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/dda-specialty-training](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/dda-specialty-training) to find classes in your area.
- Or email ddar2ta@dshs.wa.gov and request a Region 2 schedule of DDST classes.

**Then:**

**Option 1)** Call 425-740-6471

**Option 2)** Email to DDAR2TA@dshs.wa.gov with:
- **Subject:** Date & Location of desired training
- **Email Message:** Name, Address, Phone, and Email Address of person attending class

If you currently work for an Adult Family Home, or agency providing Supported Living or Long-Term Support to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, please add: Agency/Business Name, Address, and contact information.

Requesting Class Registration IS NOT confirmation of being registered. You are not registered for a class until you receive the registration confirmation letter. The letter is available in **email-only** and will be sent to the email address provided in the original registration request.

After you receive your confirmation email:
- Follow the provided instructions to access the online portion of the class
- With a computer or mobile device review Chapters 1-4.
- Print & Complete the study guide
- **Bring the study guide to the 2-day, in person class that you were registered**
- Complete the 2-Days (12 hours) & related Specialty Training testing

This is what DDST covers:
- Value of Service Deliveries
- Effective Communication
- Introduction to Interactive Planning
- Understanding Behavior
- Crisis Intervention and Prevention
- Overview of Legal Issues and Individual’s Rights

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**Be on time! Late arrivals will need to reschedule.**

**Bring your printed, completed Study Guide from the online portion of the class.**

**If you have questions regarding Specialty Training Registration call: 425-740-6471**
Kent DDST In-Class Schedule

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