

LEGISLATIVE VICTORY

CPS Virtual Training

A new law allows newly recruited Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers to complete training requirements, excluding the annual in-service training requirement, virtually, rather than in-person.

This law goes into effect on April 1, 2025.
Localities must pass a local law to participate.



What was the law before?

CPS workers were previously required to complete training in Albany, regardless of where in the state they are located.

Who does this affect?

All newly recruited CPS workers. However, local governments must opt-in to this law.

What is the law now?

Now, the trainings required of newly recruited CPS workers can be completed virtually, except for the annual in-service training requirement.

Why does this matter?

This removes a costly and time-consuming burden on both caseworkers and their employers. Permitting virtual trainings increases flexibility and will help to recruit more caseworkers.

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