

TRAINER NEWS FROM THE OCWTP

Trainer-Related Policies

Some of the OCWTP trainer-related policies have been revised by the OCWTP Steering Committee and will be available for download on the OCWTP website no later than February 1, 2007.

(<http://www.OCWTP.com> under the section "For Trainers"). We will not be mailing hard copies of the manual to trainers, as the policies are easily accessed from the website and can be printed if desired. These policies will go into effect on **March 1, 2007**. Please read these new policies carefully. As you know, trainer policies are intended to help you understand your responsibilities as OCWTP trainers. If you have questions, please contact Lois Tyler or Kelley Gruber. Look for a highlight of some of the revised policies in the next *Common Ground*.

Trainer Event on March 12th

Don't forget to register! Registrations must be submitted by February 19th! Send your registration form to Kathy Kelley at IHS or respond electronically at <http://www.OCWTP.com> Once on the website, click the "For Trainers" tab, and follow the "Register for 2007 Trainer Event" link. Remember, there is a new location - Columbus Marriott North - for the March 12th event. Contact Kathy Kelley with any questions (614-251-6000, ext. 29) kkelley@ihs-trainet.com

Please come and enjoy a day of recognition, networking, and skill enhancement while we explore the topic "Diversity Among Us." After some networking time in the morning, Dr. Ruth McRoy, Research Professor and Ruby Lee Piester Centennial Professor Emeritus at the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, will kick the day off with her keynote address on placement disproportionality. Lunch will follow, with the presentation of the "Rising Star" and "Linda Pope" awards. Afternoon workshops include "Making MEPA Work," "Ethics and Cultural Awareness," "Training in a Diverse Environment," "When Values Collide," "Avoiding Cultural Faux Pas," and "Training with the Immigrant and Refugee in Mind."

New ODJFS Director

The OCWTP welcomes Helen Jones Kelly to her new position of Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Helen has been both the Director of the Montgomery County Children Services and the Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services. Her experience will be a real asset to everyone's child protection efforts. We look forward to working with her.

Standardized Material in Non-Standardized Workshops

If you have developed your own workshop and want to refer to material in a standardized workshop, please keep the following guidelines in mind. Material taught in a standardized workshop cannot be re-taught in a non-standardized workshop. Instead, the material can only be briefly reviewed. The trainer should reference the specific standardized workshop from which the material came. For example: "Remember in Tier I: Birthparent Services when you learned about the continuum of openness..."

Fathers' Rights in Adoption Conference

Capital University Law School will host "No Parent Left Behind: Fathers' Rights in Adoption" on February 15, 2007 in Columbus. There is no charge (unless you are an attorney seeking CLE credit). For more information and to register, go to <http://www.law.capital.edu> This conference would be particularly valuable to those who present workshops on birthfathers.

NSDTA Call for Presentations

NSDTA has made a call for presentations for their 2007 Professional Development Institute. If you are interested in presenting at the Institute, additional information, including submission information, can be located by following this link. <http://nsdta-dallas.org/>

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The OCWTP Active Trainers Listserv is maintained by the OCWTP State Training Coordinator, the Institute for Human Services (IHS). For more information, contact Kelley Gruber (kgruber@ihs-trainet.com) or Lois Tyler (loi jean@aol.com) at IHS (614/251-6000).