

TRAINER NEWS FROM THE OCWTP

OCWTP Trainer Conference

Please register to attend the 2009 OCWTP Trainer Conference. You can register on-line at <http://www.ocwtp.net/For%20Trainers.html> We welcome Dr. Ben Saunders, Director of the Family and Child Program of the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, as our keynote speaker. Along with Dr. Saunders, Kristine Buffington and Dr. Tim Callahan will explore the topic "Aftershocks: The Impact of Childhood Trauma." Don't miss your opportunity to network with other trainers, meet RTC staff, earn CEUs, and – most important – be recognized for the hard work you do for the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program.

Quarterly Trainer Bridgeline Call

This quarter's bridgeline call will focus on your questions regarding your outline updates/workshop reviews. Trainer development staff will be available to answer your questions and address your concerns:

February 17 12:00 pm

February 19 7:00pm

A reminder email will be sent prior to the first call. It will contain instructions for using the bridgeline, including the phone number and access code.

New ODJFS Director

[Douglas Lumpkin](#), former Director of Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, became the new ODJFS Director on January 12, 2009. We welcome Mr. Lumpkin!

Keeping Current on ODJFS Rules

Sign up for the ODJFS Clearance listserv and get notices whenever new rules are proposed and open for public comment. Send an email request to Clearance@jfs.ohio.gov.

The ODJFS website maintains e-manuals for all ODJFS rules and forms. Child Welfare rules can be found in the [Family, Children, and Adult Services Manual](#) (If you click on this link, you will need to scroll down to manuals/handbooks, then select Family, Children, and Adult Services Manual).

Cara Lee, Office of Children and Families' Rules Coordinator, can answer any questions you have regarding child welfare-related ODJFS rules. Her email is Cara.Lee@jfs.ohio.gov.

Electronic Evaluation Reports

Train Track recently added a new feature – the ability to run electronic evaluation reports. Be on the lookout for *emailed* evaluation summaries and comments.

Kudos

Patrick Kelly was elected Athens County Sheriff.

Melvin Gravely was elected to serve a 2-year term as President of the National Foster Parent Association.

CeCe Norwood has a new book out, [There IS Happiness After Incest and Child Sexual Abuse](#)

Resources

Child Welfare Information Gateway has organized a directory of training resources at <http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/training/>

The National Resource Center for Family–Centered Practice and Permanency Planning maintains a database of upcoming webinars and teleconferences as well as a list of websites for accessing archived teleconferences and audio files.

<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/teleconferences/upcoming-events.html>

Review Governor Strickland’s press briefing on Ohio’s economic situation

http://www.obm.ohio.gov/inc/misc/Budget_Presentation-12-1-08.pdf

If you would like to receive PCSAO’s HEARTBEAT newsletter electronically, email Brandi Scales at brandi@pcsao.org to be added to the distribution list.

Find out more about the OHIO Youth Advocacy Board by reading the Board’s blog at:

<http://overcominghurdlesinohio.blogspot.com/>.

Conferences

The [2009 CWLA national conference](#), "Children Today... America's Future!" will be held February 23-25 in Washington, DC.

The [17th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect](#) will be held March 30 – April 4 in Atlanta, Georgia.

[The North American Council on Adoptable Children’s 35th annual conference](#) will be held August 12–15 in Columbus.