

TRAINER NEWS FROM THE OCWTP

Trainer Event March 9th

Keep an eye out for your invitation to the 2009 Trainer Conference (formerly title the Trainer Event). We are excited to tackle the important, though difficult, topic of childhood trauma. Dr. Ben Saunders from MUSC will present information on the initial and long-term impact of trauma on children. In addition to Dr. Saunders, we have two Ohio-based national experts on trauma who will present. Dr. Tim Callahan, Director of Mental Health Services for the Greene County Educational Service Center, will speak on trauma and its effects on development, with specific focus on the maltreated child in the school setting. Kris Buffington, MSW, LISW, an affiliate member of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, will present on vicarious trauma and ethics.

At your request, we have blocked 10 rooms for Sunday, March 8, 2009. They are \$110, which is the hotel's state rate. To reserve your room, call 614-885-1885 and ask for rooms held under the Institute for Human Services. The deadline for making reservations, and for registering for the Conference, is February 15, 2009.

Third of the Trainer Bridgeline Series: Challenges of Training Cohort Groups

The next series of conference calls is scheduled for October 29 at noon and October 30 at 7:30 PM. We will discuss common issues and dilemmas encountered when training cohort groups. We recognize your busy schedules, so we are committed to keeping these calls to 30 minutes. We believe the information shared can benefit new trainers as well as trainers who are more experienced. And, if you feel you work well with cohorts, call in and share your tips with other trainers. To participate, call 866-305-2467 and enter in pin number 148-032.

Content Outlines Requested for Entry into E-Track

By now, you have each received at least one request from IHS for your content outline(s). We are collecting and reviewing each trainer's information so we can be assured accurate data is entered into E-Track. In the next week, you will receive an additional listserv focusing on Content Outlines. The listserv will clarify what we mean by "content outline," provide links to examples, and give some quick tips on creating a content outline. Please be sure to read the listserv and contact Beth Ann Rodriguez, Kelley Gruber, or Lois Tyler with questions.

Welcome

New Section Chief

Stephanie Mitchell Hughes recently was named the Section Chief for Foster Care, Adoption & MEPA Policy in the Bureau of Family Services, Office for Children and Families. Ms. Hughes has 20 years of experience in private law practice with an emphasis on child welfare law and policy, juvenile justice, employment law, special education law, and children's mental health. She has also worked with the Office of the City Attorney (Columbus, Ohio), Office of the Ohio Attorney General, the Unemployment Compensation Review Commission, and the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Foster Caregiver Representatives

The OCWTP Steering Committee welcomes two new members, Greg Oberlander and Marynell Townsend. Greg has been a foster parent for seven years, fostering 29 children and adopting two children. He is active in numerous foster parent associations. Marynell has been a foster parent for over 15 years and currently has five children in her home, a mix of biological, foster, and adoptive children. She is a licensed social worker. Greg and Marynell were selected from a number of applicants to represent foster caregivers within the OCWTP. They were officially appointed as voting members of the Steering Committee by Helen Jones Kelley, Director of ODJFS.

New Law/Rules

Comprehensive Child Welfare Reform

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (HR 6893), the most comprehensive federal policy passed since the 1997 Adoption and Safe Families Act, was signed into law on October 7, 2008. HR 6893 delinks adoption assistance from the AFDC program and puts in place important policies to find kin caregivers and connect those caregivers with essential community supports.

PCSAO successfully advocated naming Title IV-B, Part 1, of HR6893 "The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program." Representative Tubbs, who passed away recently, was the first black woman to represent Ohio in the House, chairwoman of the House ethics committee, and a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Social Work Supervision

OAC rule 4757-23-01 *Social Work Supervision*, Effective 09/20/2007, made changes to the requirements for supervision of social workers. After September 1, 2008, only independent social workers who have obtained a supervisory designation can provide training supervision. Applicants for the supervisory designation must have one year post licensure experience as an independent social worker; and training in supervision of at least nine hours of continuing education in committee approved supervision programs or one master's level supervision course. The Board waived requirements for applicants for supervisory designation if they applied prior to September 1, 2008. For more information, go to <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4757-23>

Staying Current in the Field

In our ongoing effort to assist trainers in staying current in the field, we now are focused on facilitating field experiences for all Preservice trainers. If you train Preservice and need assistance in completing your field experience contact, Lois Tyler, Kelley Gruber or Betsy Keefer. Trainers of Core, Supervisory Core, and Assessor workshops have all met the field experience requirement.

Kudos

Congratulations to the following trainers who received 5.0's in August or September: Lynn Anderson, Angela Avery, Ann Bagley, Candy Barr, Jim Barr, Brian Bethel, Xan Boone, Gerald Brandt, Nancy Burley, Maggie Foulk, Mel Gravely, Delilah Grayer, Maureen Heffernan, Ruby Johnston, Pat Kelly, Regina Kupecky, Raymond Lloyd, Bob Long, Brian Lowery, Jim Marlow, Tina Nelson, CeCe Norwood, Judy Qualls, Cheryl Reber, Michele Santin, Christina Schneider, Jordana Shakoore, Gene Smiley, Katie Terry, Janie Thomas, Joan Tucker, Cynthia Wallis, John Ward, Emily Wetherill, Tyrone White, Erica White, David Zidar

Congratulations to PCSAO, honored for their collaborative efforts to improve the lives of children at the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Resources

Catholic Community Services of Western Washington and EMQ Children and Family Services have collaborated to produce *Family Search and Engagement: a Comprehensive Practice Guide*. Go to http://www.emq.org/press/docs/FSE_guide.pdf to download this guide to finding and working with birth families.

The 2008 Ohio Department of Health's Child Fatality Review Annual Report (which reviews 2006 deaths) is available at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/healthresources/reports/healthReports.aspx>

November is national Adoption Month. Check out AdoptUSKids' tool kit at <http://www.adoptuskids.org/images/resourceCenter/2008NAMToolkit.pdf>

To get a free copy of American Humane's Protecting Children volume 23 *Exploring Differential Response: One Pathway Toward Reforming Child Welfare*, order it from the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information by visiting <http://www.childwelfare.gov/> and searching for "differential response".