



TRAINER NEWS FROM THE OCWTP

Trainer payment and ethics

The Ohio Ethics Commission has indicated that trainers who are county employees and train as part of their job duties cannot be paid by the OCWTP to train. This includes foster caregiver trainers. Check with your agency or county prosecutor to determine if this applies to you.

Training hours vs. licensure credit hours

As you know, the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program is an Approved Provider through the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

Beginning July 1, 2006, a one day (6 hour) workshop will count 5.5 hours towards license renewal. A two day (12 hour) workshop will count 11 hours towards license renewal. This change reflects the number of workshop hours exclusive of breaks.

However, for annual training requirements, a day of training (6 hours) will still be counted as six hours.

Evidence Based Practice

The OCWTP is committed to Evidence Based Practice (EBP) and how it can be incorporated into the training system. Several OCWTP members attended an EBP workshop at the Ohio State University presented by Dr. Denise Bronson.

Dr. Bronson provided the OCWTP with a working definition of EBP – “Evidence based practice is the integration of best research evidence with practice expertise and the values of service users and carers.” (What Works for Children Group, 2003).

You will be hearing more about EBP in the coming months. To learn more about EBP, visit the Ohio State University’s Evidence Based Program Database at <http://altd-mh.org/ebpd/>.

Trainer Policies

The OCWTP has been busy updating and refining policies. As soon as the policies are finalized, trainers will receive them.

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