

## **TRAINER NEWS FROM THE OCWTP**

### **PCSAO CONFERENCE**

We encourage you to attend this year's PCSAO Conference September 9-11 at the Crown Plaza Dublin. This year's theme is "Building a Brighter Future...Yes we can!" We are particularly excited about the new Evidence Supported Track - presented in partnership with the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.pcsao.org/AnnualConference.htm>

### **WORKING WITH SMALL GROUPS**

Budget cuts to many county agencies have led to hiring freezes and a decrease in staff. This, in turn, has led to a decrease in class size for many of our standardized workshops. It can be difficult to make good use of the allotted time without adding new content. With this in mind, Pam Severs led a group of IHS staff to develop guidelines for adjusting trainings to manage small groups. This helpful tool can be found on the [resource pages](#) of the "For Trainers" section of the OCWTP website.

### **CAPMIS TOOLS**

Many trainers have been asking for more information on the Comprehensive Assessment and Planning Model - Interim Solution (CAPMIS). CAPMIS uses standardized tools to engage in structured decision-making from the time a child or family is referred to the agency and throughout the life of the case. All 10 CAPMIS tools are posted for review in a CAPMIS folder on the trainer's directory of [IBackup](#).

### **KUDOS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations to Judy Rycus, IHS founder and director, on her induction into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame. Established in 1978 in the Women's Programs at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, The [Ohio Women's Hall of Fame](#) provides public recognition of the contributions Ohio women have made to the growth and progress of our state, our nation and our world.

Kudos to trainer Jayne Schooler, trainer Tim Callahan, and IHS staff member Betsy Keefer Smalley on their new book *Wounded Children Healing Homes*. Their book takes a look at traumatized children and their impact on adoptive and foster families. Find out more at [Navpress.com](#).

Connie McVey, Assistant Coordinator at ECORTC, is retiring. Staff of ECORTC invite you to a reception in her honor on Thursday, September 3, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the ECORTC. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, you can send a card or note to Connie in c/o Darla Gorscak. We will miss you Connie!

We must also say "happy retirement" to Deb Garofalo, foster parent training coordinator at NEORTC. You too, Deb, will be missed!

## Resources

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#) has a new Ethical Practice and Client Rights web section.

[Evaluating Research](#) is a short Powerpoint presentation developed by the University of Denver's Penrose library.

[Blueprints for Violence Prevention](#) is a good site for evidence-based practices on violence prevention from University of Colorado at Denver. The "Blueprints" section lists evidence based programs in violence prevention and explains their criteria for recommending specific programs.

[The Children of Immigrants Data Tool](#) enables users to generate detailed charts of the characteristics of children age 0 to 17 nationwide and for individual states and the District of Columbia. Statistics on 21 features include citizenship and the immigrant status (foreign vs. native-born) of children and their parents; children's race, ethnicity, and school enrollment; parents' education and English

[My Mission Transition](#) is an interactive website developed in partnership by Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) and the Ohio State Bar Foundation to help prepare youth to age out of care.