TRAINER NEWS FROM THE OCWTP

<u>**Trainer Event**</u>
The 2008 Trainer Event, "Permanency: Making the Connection" will be held on March 3 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Columbus (same location as last year, new hotel management). Attendees will hear directly from youth about their child welfare experiences. The OCWTP wants to help all trainers see their role in securing permanency for children. Registration packets will be sent in early December.

<u>**Classroom Performance System**</u>

IMPORTANT, IF YOU USE THE CPS SYSTEM IN YOUR TRAINING:

Einstruction, the manufacturer of CPS wireless remote technology, has released a new version of its free CPS software (version 5.01) that is now available for download and installation through their website at www.einstruction.com. The new version is the **only version compatible with the Windows Vista operating system** and it is now the only Windows version available for download on their website.

The OCWTP will not be using the new version (meaning all RTCs and IHS will not be load the new version on their laptops) until late September/early October, in order to allow RTCs time to become familiar with the new software so they can provide technical support to trainers.

Having said that, we appreciate that some trainers may have new laptops with Vista installed, or may just want to experiment with the new software on their own. Here is what you need to be aware of before doing so:

- The new software, while performing essentially the same functions, has a considerably different look than the old software, which may be somewhat confusing to those of you comfortable with the old software. With minimal assistance, you will see that the new software isn't any harder to use than the old software (and may even seem easier once you get over the differences in the user interface).

- When you download and install the new software on a desktop or laptop, it automatically replaces the old software on that computer (so you cannot be running both the old version and the new version on the same PC). Further, once you open an old CPS database from within the new software, it automatically converts the old database and you cannot convert it back for use within the old software on another PC.

- All RTC laptops will continue to use only the old CPS software until the program moves as a whole to the new software in late September/early October. You can only use the new software in training before then if you bring your own laptop and Core CPS/PowerPoint files to the training.

- RTCs and IHS can still provide you with the old software for you to install on any non-Vista equipment if you do not yet have the old software and would like to use it. Just email Tonya Herzog at IHS to receive a copy of the old software: therzog@ihs-trainet.com.

- The new software is considerably larger than the old software (90 MB versus 40 MB)--so it will take you some time to download, depending on the speed of your Internet connection.

- We have posted a revised version of the blue CPS User Manual on the OCWTP website that walks you through using the new version 5.01. Go to http://www.ocwtp.net/Trainer%20Resources.html#CPS to download the revised manual.

As we get closer to switching over as a program, we will be providing written training materials on the new software, along with regularly scheduled CPS TOTs for those who have never used CPS or who want more comprehensive CPS training. We will also be providing WebEx and teleconferencing support, as needed, for trainers who only need assistance going from the old software to the new software. Contact Christina Carter ccarter@ihs-trainet.com or Tonya Herzog therzog@ihs-trainet.com for more information.

Learning Management System (LMS)

According to our technology staff, intense training will not be necessary for trainers to learn how to navigate the NEW LMS, currently being constructed for the OCWTP. However, we are considering regional meetings or web-based support to help trainers become comfortable using the new system. We will notify trainers when we have dates, after the first of the year. Some of the exciting features for trainers include a "to do" list, a calendar showing free and booked dates, a posted biographical paragraph, and a place to log descriptions of the workshops trained.

New E-mails for NCORTC Staff

NCORTC staff have new email addresses. All other contact information will remain the same. Here are the new email addresses for the staff with whom you most frequently have contact:

Christine Cross	crossc02@odjfs.state.oh.us
Eddie Lebron	lebroe@odjfs.state.oh.us
Mark McMillian	mcmilm02@odjfs.state.oh.us

IBackup for Standardized Curricula

Trainers, remember that handouts and powerpoints for standardized curricula are posted on IBackup. If you need the password or username, contact Kelley Gruber kgruber@ihs-trainet.com

Trainer Handout Packets

The RTCs would like trainers to put their name and the title of the workshop on each page of their outlines and handouts when submitting them to the RTC for copying. This will help ensure that the correct handouts are ready when you arrive to train your workshop.

<u>Training of Trainer Fall Dates</u>
Culture & Diversity TOT – Sept. 17/18 & Oct. 4-5
Curriculum Development – Sept. 25-26
Transfer of Learning – October 16

Please contact Debra Sparrow (dsparrow@ihs-trainet.com) to register.

<u>Trainer Resources</u>
A new report, <u>"Gang Wars: The Failure of Enforcement Tactics and the Need for Effective Public Safety Strategies"</u> , released on July 18, compares two different approaches to gang-related interventions. (From the Child Welfare League of America's 8/13/07 e-newsletter)

The National Forum on Evidence Based Practice in Child Welfare in the Context of Cultural Competence was held on June 11th. The proceedings of the meeting are available on the Web at http://ssw.che.umn.edu/EBP-CulturalCompetence.html in video, audio, and text formats.