

AGENDA

CASEWORKER CORE MODULE 1: FAMILY-CENTERED APPROACH TO CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION – 30 MINUTES

Objectives

Participants will:

- Be acquainted with one another and the trainer.
- Have an awareness of the eight modules of Caseworker Core.
- Understand learning is not a single or passive event.

SECTION 2: THE LEARNING JOURNEY – 30 MINUTES

Objectives

Participants will:

- Describe the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program (OCWTP).
- Be able to locate OCWTP online tools and resources.
- Recognize the connection between deeper learning and spaced retrieval with long-term learning retention.
- Provide examples of their role in successful learning and transfer of learning (TOL).

SECTION 3: THE CHILD WELFARE FIELD VALUES AND EVOLUTION – 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

Objectives

Participants will:

- Identify fundamental principles in the practice of child welfare.

- Be aware of the evolution of modern child protective services and the philosophical and legal basis for child protection.
- Be able to explain practices related to Safety, Permanence, and Well-Being.
- Articulate the role of child protective services agencies and caseworkers in serving families when child maltreatment has occurred.

SECTION 4: VALUES AND ETHICS IN CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE – 3 HOURS 15 MINUTES

Objectives

Participants will:

- Understand the philosophy and guiding principles of strength-based family-centered practice.
- Understand how strength-based family-centered child protective services, integrates child protection with protecting caregiver’s rights.
- Understand the concept of diversity as a foundational component to competent child welfare practice.
- Increase awareness of their own diversity and diversity competence.
- Identify how their diversity may affect their work with children and families.

SECTION 5: THE IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT – 4 HOURS

Objectives

Participants will:

- Recognize physical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and neglect.
- Define and apply Safety Factors specific to abuse and neglect.
- Understand the contributing dynamics to child maltreatment in families.

SECTION 6: SEXUAL ABUSE – 2 HOURS

Objectives

Participants will:

- List a range of behaviors considered child sexual abuse.

- Identify potential indicators of child sexual abuse.
- Discuss key dynamics that make sexual abuse different from other forms of child maltreatment.
- List key intervention guidelines for cases involving sexual abuse.

SECTION 7 – CLOSING – 15 MINUTES

Objective

- Participants will reconnect with spaced retrieval for long-term learning retention and develop individualized plans.