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Assessor Series 2024



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The Assessor Series is expertly designed to enhance the competencies of assessors working with children and families in permanency planning and the homestudy process. This series includes one optional course and 34 required courses, totaling approximately 57 hours.



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Learners register for the courses as a curriculum, which helps them keep track of their progress and know when they've finished the series. This setup is structured yet allows some flexibility.

This series is required for new foster care and adoption assessors but also is ideal for current assessors and supervisors seeking to update their skills or fulfill ongoing training requirements. The updated content connects theory and best practices with real-world applications, emphasizing critical thinking, diversity, equity, and inclusion, openness and youth voice.

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Course Checklist

When you open the Assessor Series 2024 Curriculum in the CAPS LMS, you will see the full list of Assessor Courses, as well as whether you can take a given course, or if that course is pending prior training. This checklist mimics the structure you will see in the CAPS LMS.

Key

SDC = Self-Directed Course
On-demand in the CAPS LMS

ILT = Instructor-Led Training
Virtual or in-person at an RTC, class led by a facilitator

1.5h = The course length is 1.5 hours

Foundational (4 Courses)

Take in any order. You may have already taken these courses, in which case you will not need to re-take them.

- Permanency Core 2.0 (SDC) or CW8 Core 1.0
- Placement Options (SDC) or CW8 Core 1.0
- Legislation Guiding Practice (SDC) or CW3 Core 1.0
- Key Concepts of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (SDC)

Assessor (30 Courses)

Start with whatever subsection you wish: Supporting Children, Supporting Families, Adoption Process, Assessment of Families, or Recruitment. You can jump between subsections, taking the first course of Recruitment and then the first course of Adoption Process. Or, you can complete a whole subsection before moving to a new one.

Supporting Children

- Engagement with Children (ILT) 3h
 - The Importance of Documentation (ILT) 2.75h
 - Impact of Placement (ILT) 2h
- Supporting Well-Being (ILT) 2.75h
 - Supporting Children of Color (ILT) 1.5h
 - Supporting Children Who Are LGBTQ+ (ILT) 2h
 - Supporting Children with Disabilities (SDC) 1.50h
 - Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Youth (SDC) 1.50h
 - Supporting Youth Transitioning Out of Care (SDC) 0.75h
 - Supporting the Adoptee (SDC) 0.75h

After you complete Supporting Well-Being, all courses below will be open. You can take them in any order.

You can take either first, and Placement opens Supporting Well-Being.

Assessor (30 Courses), Continued

Supporting Families

- Supporting Resource & Adoptive Families (ILT) 3.25h
 - Supporting Openness & Collaboration Between Families (ILT) 2.75h
 - Supporting Trauma-Informed Parenting (ILT) 2.5h

Adoption Process

- The Adoption Finalization Process (SDC) 1h
 - Adoption Readiness Work (ILT) 2.5h
- Once you take Matching Process, both Financial Supports and Pre-Finalization will open.
 - 1. Matching Process (ILT) 2.5h
 - 2. Financial Supports for Families (SDC) 1.5h
 - 1. Pre-Finalization (ILT) 2.5h
 - 2. The Voluntary Adoption Process (ILT) 3.0h
 - Pre-Finalization Adoption Assessment Report (SDC) 0.5h
 - Post-Finalization Supports (ILT) 1.5h

Assessment of Families

- Introduction to the Homestudy (SDC) 1h
- Once you take Completing the Homestudy, the four remaining courses in this section will be available to you.
 - 1. Completing the Homestudy (ILT) 3.5h
 - 2. Managing Difficult Conversations in the Homestudy (ILT) 3h
 - Step-parent Homestudy (SDC) 0.25h
 - Ongoing Requirements for Certification & Approval (SDC) 0.25h
 - Allegations and the Assessor's Role (SDC) 1h

Recruitment

- Recruitment of Foster and Adoptive Families (SDC) 0.75h
 - Child-Specific Recruitment (SDC) 0.75h
 - Developing Quality Adoption Narratives (SDC) 1.5h
- Take either of these first.

The Numbers

1 optional self-directed course called *Assessor Overview*.

34 required courses (listed above)

- 18 are self-directed
- 16 are instructor-led

Approximately **57 hours** of learning

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For more information:



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Assessor 1.0 (Original Assessor Series) Trainings for those who need to complete TIER I or TIER II

TIER I - VIRTUAL					
Date	Locator #	Title	Trainer	Time	Number of Hours
6/11/24	13785	Pre-Finalization	Jayne Schooler	9:30-12:45	3
6/17/24	13791	Placement Strategies	Val Larkin	9:30-12:00	2.5
6/20/24	13789	Post-Finalization	Jayne Schooler	9:30-12:45	3
6/21/24	13792	Birth Parent Services	Val Larkin	9:30-12:45	3
6/25/24	13790	Adoption Assistance	Val Larkin	9:30-12:00	2.5
7/8/24	13798	Family and Child Assessment – Part 1	Jayne Schooler	9:30-11:30	2
7/9/24	13798	Family and Child Assessment – Part 2	Jayne Schooler	9:30-11:30	2
7/10/24	13798	Family and Child Assessment – Part 3	Jayne Schooler	9:30-11:30	2
TIER II - VIRTUAL					
Date	Locator #	Title	Trainer	Time	Number of Hours
7/16/24	13793	Interagency Collaboration	Val Larkin	10:00-3:00	4
7/23/24	13795	Diversity – Part 1	Val Larkin	9:30-1:00	3.25
7/24/24	13795	Diversity -Part 2	Val Larkin	9:30-1:00	3.25
8/20/24	13797	Openness in Adoption -Part 1	Val Larkin	9:30-12:45	3
8/21/24	13797	Openness in Adoption -Part 2	Val Larkin	9:30-12:45	3
8/29/24	13794	Gathering and Documenting	Jayne Schooler	9:30-12:45	3



WORTC Assessor Pilot Schedule

Date	Trainer's Name	LOC Number	Session Title	Time	RTC	Hours	Location	Producer
6/26/24	Jayne Schooler	14216	Engagement with Children (3)*	9:00-12:15	WORTC	3	Virtual	David Sherrer
6/28/24	Jayne Schooler	14217	The Importance of Documentation (2.75)	9:00-12:00	WORTC	2.75	Virtual	David Sherrer
7/10/24	Susan Darden Kautz	14218	Impact of Placement (2)*	1:00-3:00	WORTC	2	Virtual	David Sherrer
7/12/24	Susan Darden Kautz	14220	Supporting Resource & Adoptive Families (3.25)*	1:00-4:30	WORTC	3.25	Virtual	David Sherrer
7/22/24	Val Larkin	14222	Supporting Well-Being (2.75)	9:00-12:00	WORTC	2.75	Virtual	David Sherrer
7/25/24	Val Larkin	14224	Adoption Readiness (2.5)	9:00-11:30	WORTC	2.5	Virtual	David Sherrer
8/6/24	Susan Darden Kautz	14227	Completing the Home Study (3.5)*	9:00-12:45	WORTC	3.5	Virtual	David Sherrer
8/9/24	Val Larkin	14229	Matching Process (2.5)	9:00-11:30	WORTC	2.5	Virtual	David Sherrer
8/26/24	Susan Darden Kautz	14231	Pre-Finalization (2.5)	9:00-11:30	WORTC	2.5	Virtual	David Sherrer
8/28/24	Andrea Rubinstein	14232	The Voluntary Adoption Process (3)	9:00-12:15	WORTC	3.0	Virtual	David Sherrer
9/16/24	Val Larkin	14234	Supporting Openness & Collaboration Between Families (2.75)	9:00-12:00	WORTC	2.75	Virtual	David Sherrer
9/18/24	Jayne Schooler	14235	Supporting Trauma Informed Parenting (2.5)	9:00-11:30	WORTC	2.5	Virtual	David Sherrer
10/2/24	Jayne Schooler	14236	Managing Difficult Conversations in the Home Study (3)	9:00-12:15	WORTC	3	Virtual	David Sherrer
10/4/24	Val Larkin	14237	Supporting Children Who are LGBTQ+ (2)	9:00-11:00	WORTC	2	Virtual	David Sherrer
10/11/24	Susan Darden Kautz	14239	Supporting Child of Color (1.5)	9:00-10:30	WORTC	1.5	Virtual	David Sherrer
10/14/24	Susan Darden Kautz	14241	Post Finalization (1.5)	9:00-10:30	WORTC	1.5	Virtual	David Sherrer