

NEW

Assessor Series 2024






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.

-  34 Courses
-  18 Self-Directed
-  16 Instructor-Led

REGISTER NOW



To register, log into the CAPS LMS and search for "Assessor Series 2024."

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If you need assistance registering, contact your Regional Training Center.

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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*

*Hours spent in class may vary.

Foundational (4 Courses)

Take in any order. These courses must be completed before you can take the Assessor block.

- Permanency Core 2.0 (SDC) 0.75h
- Placement Options (SDC) 1h
- Legislation Guiding Practice (SDC) 0.7h
- Key Concepts of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (SDC) 1h

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
- } You can take either of these next, and Impact of Placement opens Supporting Well-Being.
- 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.

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
- You can take either of these next.*

Adoption Process

- The Adoption Finalization Process (SDC) 1h
 - Adoption Readiness Work (ILT) 2.5h
 - Financial Supports for Families (SDC) 1.5h
 - Matching Process (ILT) 2.5h
 - The Voluntary Adoption Process (ILT) 3.0h
 - Pre-Finalization (ILT) 2.5h
 - Pre-Finalization Adoption Assessment Report (SDC) 0.5h
 - Post-Finalization Supports (ILT) 1.5h

Matching Process opens Voluntary Adoption and Pre-Finalization.

Assessment of Families

- Introduction to the Homestudy (SDC) 1h
 - Managing Difficult Conversations in the Homestudy (ILT) 3h
 - Completing the Homestudy (ILT) 3.5h
 - Step-Parent Adoption (SDC) 0.25h
 - Ongoing Requirements for Certification & Approval (SDC) 0.25h
 - Allegations and the Assessor's Role (SDC) 1h

Once you take Completing the Homestudy, the three remaining courses in this section will be available to you.

Recruitment

- Recruitment of Foster and Adoptive Families (SDC) 0.75h
 - Child-Specific Recruitment (SDC) 0.75h
 - Developing Quality Adoption Narratives (SDC) 1.5h
- You can take either of these first, and Child-Specific Recruitment will open Developing Quality Adoption Narratives.*

The Numbers

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

34 required courses (listed above)

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

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For more information:



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CORTC -Assessor Series Pilot

Date	Trainer's Last Name	Trainer's First	LOC Number	Session Title	Time	RTC	Hours	Producer
05/29/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14071	Engagement with Children (3)*	9:00-12:15	CORTC	3	Lonnie Mauldin
05/31/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14074	Adoption Readiness (2.5)*	9:00-11:30	CORTC	2.5	Lonnie Mauldin
06/17/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14075	Impact of Placement (2)*	9:00am-11:00	CORTC	2	Carrie Jones
06/21/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14076	The Importance of Documentation (2.75)	9:00-12:00	CORTC	2.75	Carrie Jones
07/08/24	Irby	Angela	14077	Matching Process (2.5)*	9:00-11:30	CORTC	2.5	Shivella Vonner
07/10/24	Irby	Angela	14079	Supporting Well-Being (2.75)*	9:00-12:00	CORTC	2.75	Shivella Vonner
07/29/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14082	Completing the Homestudy (3.5)*	9:00-12:45	CORTC	3.5	Kathy Lowery
07/31/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14083	Managing Difficult Conversations in the Homestudy (3)	9:00-12:15	CORTC	3	Kathy Lowery
08/19/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14084	Supporting Resource & Adoptive Families (3.25)*	9:00-12:30	CORTC	3.25	Carolyn Wilson
08/21/24	Irby	Angela	14085	Pre-Finalization (2.5)*	9:00-11:30	CORTC	2.5	Julius Jackson
09/09/24	Irby	Angela	14088	Supporting Trauma- Informed Parenting (2.5)	9:00-11:30	CORTC	2.5	Julius Jackson
09/11/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14090	Supporting Openness & Collaboration Between Families (2.75)	9:00-12:00	CORTC	2.75	Carrie Jones
09/30/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14092	The Voluntary Adoption Process (3)	9:00-12:15	CORTC	3	Carrie Jones
10/03/24	Darden-Kautz	Susan	14093	Supporting Children Who are LGBTQ+ (2)	1:00-3:00	CORTC	2	Marcella Balin
10/21/2024	Irby	Angela	14094	Supporting Child of Color (1.5)	9:00-10:30	CORTC	1.5	Shivella Vonner
10/23/2024	Irby	Angela	14095	Post Finalization Supports (1.5)	9:00-10:30	CORTC	1.5	Shivella Vonner

For questions, please email Rhonda Burnett at - rlburnet@fcs.us



Assessor Training (Fall 2024)

Date	Trainer's Last Name	Trainer's First Name	Session Locator Number	Session Title	Time	RTC/location	RMS Codes
Post Tier Classes							
10/08/24	Chan-Frederick	Cory	13384	Affirming Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming/Non-Binary (TGNCNB) Youth	9:00-12:00	CORTC	
11/07/24	Turner	Jasmiya	15866	Teen in foster care and emotional resiliency	1:00pm-4:00pm	Virtual CORTC	
12/05/24	Davis	Linda	13569	Grief: Exploring the Journey of Loss	9-4pm	Virtual CORTC	

VIRTUAL Tier 1 Classes

10/10/24	Irby	Angela	14943	Family and Child Assessment	10am-3:00pm	CORTC	
10/11/24	Irby	Angela	14943	Family and Child Assessment	1:00pm- 3:00pm	CORTC	
10/11/24	Irby	Angela	14944	Adoption Assistance	9:00am -11:30am	CORTC	
10/22/24	Norwood	Cece	14902	Services for Birth Parents	9:00am-12:15pm	CORTC	
10/22/24	Norwood	Cece	14903	Placement Strategies	1:15pm - 3:45pm	CORTC	
11/04/24	Norwood	Cece	14901	Prefinalization Adoption Services	9:00am-12:15pm	CORTC	
11/14/24	Norwood	Cece	14904	Post-Finalization Adoption Services	9:00am-12:15pm	CORTC	

VIRTUAL Tier 2 Classes

10/08/24	Norwood	Cece	14905	Achieving Permanency Through Interagency Collaboration	10:00am-3:00pm	CORTC	
10/28/24	Norwood	Cece	14908	Diversity Competence in Permanency Planning (day 1)	9:00am-12:30pm	CORTC	
10/29/24	Norwood	Cece	14908	Diversity Competence in Permanency Planning (day 2)	9:00am-12:30pm	CORTC	
11/06/24	Irby	Angela	14949	Gathering and Documenting Background Information	9:00-12:15	CORTC	
12/09/24	Prezioso	Deanna	14936	Openness in Adoption (day 1)	9:00-12:15pm	CORTC	
12/10/24	Prezioso	Deanna	14936	Openness in Adoption (day 2)	9:00am-12:15pm	CORTC	