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.

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.

Course List

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

REGISTER NOW ↘

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

https://ohiocaps.org/caps-lms-info/

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.

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

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

            - ☐ 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

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

Approximately **57 hours** of learning

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For more information:

Contact your RTC

The new assessor series
is currently only hosted
in a virtual format.

	October 2024		
Date	**Time**	**Class Title**	**Session Number**
Monday, October 1st	9a-12:15p	*Engagement with Children*	16458
Monday, October 7th	10a-12p	*Impact of Placement*	16460
Monday, October 7th	1p-4p	*The Importance of Documentation*	16461
Friday, October 11th	1p-4p	*Supporting Well-Being*	16462
Wednesday, October 16th	9a-10:30a	*Supporting Children of Color*	15666
Wednesday, October 16th	1p-3p	*Supporting Children Who Are LGBTQ+*	15667

November 2024

Wednesday, November 6th	9a-12:30p	*Supporting Resources & Adoptive Families*	*15686*
Tuesday, November 12th	9a-11:30a	*Supporting Trauma-Informed Parenting*	14652
Friday, November 15th	1p-4p	*Supporting Openness and Collaboration Between Families*	16457
Monday, November 18th	1p-3:30p	*Readiness Work*	15699
Thursday, November 21st	1p-3:30p	*Matching Process*	16464
Monday, November 25th	9a-11:30a	*Pre-Finalization*	*16463*
Monday, November 25th	1p-4:15p	*The Voluntary Adoption Process*	15706

December 2024

Date	Time	Class Title	Session Number
Monday, December 2nd	9a-4p	*Assessing and Evaluating Staff Performance*	13468
Tuesday, December 3rd	9a-10:30a	*Post Finalization Supports*	16466
Thursday, December 12th	9a-12:15p	*Managing Difficult Conversation in the Homestudy*	15708
Friday, December 13th	9a-12:45p	*Completing the Homestudy*	16467