



Western Ohio
Regional Training Center

ASSESSOR TIER II – VIRTUAL

April 2025

Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Trainer	Location
Gathering and Documenting Background Information	20088	Wednesday April 9 th 9:00-12:15	Maureen Heffernan	Zoom
Diversity Competence in Permanency Planning - Part 1	20091	Thursday April 10 th 9:00-12:30	Val Larkin	Zoom
Diversity Competence in Permanency Planning - Part 2	20091	Friday April 11 th 9:00-12:30	Val Larkin	Zoom
Achieving Permanency through Interagency Collaboration	20098	Tuesday April 23 rd 10:00-3:00	Maureen Heffernan	Zoom
Openness in Adoption	20095	Thursday April 24 th – April 25 th 9:00-12:15	Jayne Schooler	Zoom

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Interagency Collaboration	20099	Monday May 5 th 10:00-3:00	Maureen Heffernan	Zoom
Gathering and Documenting	20089	Tuesday May 6 th 1:00-4:15	Maureen Heffernan	Zoom

Openness in Adoption – Part 1	20096	Thursday May 15 th 1:00-4:15	Susan Darden-Kautz	Zoom
Openness in Adoption – Part 2	20096	Friday May 16 th 1:00-4:15	Susan Darden-Kautz	Zoom
Diversity – Part 1	20092	Tuesday May 20 th 1:00-4:30	Val Larkin	Zoom
Diversity – Part 2	20092	Wednesday May 21 st 1:00-4:30	Val Larkin	Zoom

The Assessor TIER series will no longer be available after May 21, 2025

Training Descriptions

Achieving Permanency Through Interagency Collaboration

This interactive training is designed to explore the importance of permanency for all youth placed in out-of-home care and introduces the practice of Youth Centered Permanency Roundtables (YCPRTs). YCPRTs are structured case consultations focusing specifically on "busting barriers" in order to find legal permanency and increase permanent connections for youth.

Openness in Adoption

This training covers the importance of openness in adoption practice. Learners will explore the impact of openness on the members of the adoption constellation. Learners will also discuss the role and responsibilities of an assessor, as well as strategies and techniques used in working with birth and adoptive families, and children and youth involved in adoption.

Gathering and Documenting

In this workshop, participants will learn why resource families and children need information, as well as what information is needed. The importance of honesty in disclosure of information to adoptive and resource families will be discussed, as well as the ethical and legal consequences of withholding information. Participants will learn creative, effective strategies for family search and engagement to gather complete information. Some guidelines regarding documentation of collected information will be shared. Participants will also learn how and when to share information effectively with resource parents. Finally, techniques to help resource parents communicate information in a helpful way to their children will be presented.

Diversity Competence in Permanency Planning

This training identifies the role diversity plays in permanency planning and enhances the worker's diversity competence in serving both children and families. The training outlines the tenets of both the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act, assuring workers can make placement decisions that meet the needs of children while complying with federal law and state administrative rules.

April 2025 Statewide Assessor 2.0 Trainings

Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Location
Impact of Placement	20040	Tuesday April 1 st 10:00-12:00	Zoom
Managing Difficult Conversations in the Home Study	17843	Tuesday April 1 st 9:00-12:15	Zoom
Engagement with Children	19406	Thursday April 3 rd 9:00-12:15	Zoom
Managing difficult Conversation in the Home Study	20179	Thursday April 4 th 9:00-12:15	Zoom
Importance of Documentation	20117	Monday April 7 th 9:00-12:00	Zoom
Supporting Well Being	20616	Monday April 7 th 9:00-12:00	Zoom
Supporting Children who are LGBTQ	17847	Tuesday April 8 th 9:00-11:00	Zoom
Adoption Readiness	18696	Tuesday April 8 th 9:00-11:30	Zoom
Matching Process	19408	Monday April 14 th 9:00-11:30	Zoom
Supporting Resource Families	20195	Tuesday April 15 th 12:30-4:00	Zoom
Voluntary Adoption Process	19411	Tuesday April 15 th 9:00-12:15	Zoom
Supporting Children who are LGBTQ	20261	Wednesday April 16 th	Zoom



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		10:00-12:00	
Completing the Home Study	20119	Wednesday April 16 th 9:00-12:45	Zoom
Supporting Children of Color	17850	Thursday April 17 th 9:00-10:30	Zoom
Engagement with Children	20042	Tuesday April 22 nd 1:00-4:15	Zoom
Pre-Finalization	20628	Tuesday April 22 nd 9:00-11:30	Zoom
Supporting Trauma Informed Parenting	20280	Wednesday April 23 rd 9:00-11:30	Zoom
Post-Finalization	17854	Thursday April 24 th 1:00-2:30	Zoom
Supporting Children of Color	20181	Tuesday April 29 th 10:30-12:00	Zoom

May 2025 Statewide Assessor 2.0 Trainings

Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Location
Adoption Readiness	20050	Thursday May 1 st 1:00-3:30	Zoom
Impact of Placement	19407	Tuesday May 6 th 1:00-3:00	Zoom
Matching Process	20043	Tuesday May 6 th 9:30-12:00	Zoom
Supporting Openness and Collaboration	19409	Tuesday May 6 th 9:30-12:00	Zoom
Post-Finalization	15442	Wednesday May 7 th 10:00-11:30	Zoom
Supporting Resource Families	20605	Thursday May 8 th 9:00-12:30	Zoom
Managing Difficult Conversations in the Home Study	20281	Thursday May 8 th 9:00-12:15	Zoom
Engagement with Children	20587	Friday May 9 th 9:00-12:15	Zoom
Pre-Finalization	19194	Monday May 12 th 9:00-11:30	Zoom
Supporting Children of Color	18538	Tuesday May 13 th 1:00-2:30	Zoom
Completing the Home Study	20196	Wednesday May 14 th 12:30-4:15	Zoom
Importance of Documentation	17830	Friday May 16 th 1:00-4:00	Zoom
Post-Finalization	20244	Monday May 19 th 1:00-2:30	Zoom



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Voluntary Adoption Process	20359	Wednesday May 21 st 1:00-4:15	Zoom
Supporting Children who are LGBTQ	20371	Tuesday May 27 th 1:00-3:00	Zoom
Supporting Openness and Collaboration	20279	Wednesday May 28 th 1:00-4:00	Zoom
Pre-Finalization	20048	Wednesday May 29 th 1:00-3:30	Zoom
Supporting Well Being	20084	Thursday May 30 th 1:00-4:00	Zoom



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June 2025 Statewide Assessor 2.0 Trainings

Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Location
Supporting Trauma Informed Parenting	20243	Monday June 2 nd 9:00-11:30	Zoom
Supporting Children of Color	20375	Tuesday June 3 rd 1:00-2:30	Zoom
Supporting Children who are LGBTQ	20376	Tuesday June 3 rd 10:00-12:00	Zoom
Engagement with Children	20588	Friday June 6 th 9:00-12:15	Zoom
Impact of Placement	20598	Tuesday June 10 th 9:00-11:00	Zoom
Voluntary Adoption Process	17833	Tuesday June 10 th 9:00-12:00	Zoom
Completing the Home Study	20610	Wednesday June 11 th 9:00-12:45	Zoom
Importance of Documentation	20278	Wednesday June 11 th 1:00-4:00	Zoom
Adoption Readiness	20593	Thursday June 12 th 9:00-11:30	Zoom
Supporting Well Being	20277	Friday June 13 th 9:00-12:00	Zoom
Managing Difficult Conversations in the Home Study	20121	Friday June 13 th 9:00-12:15	Zoom
Matching Process	20622	Tuesday June 17 th 9:00-11:30	Zoom
Supporting Openness and Collaboration	17972	Tuesday June 17 th 9:00-12:00	Zoom



Post-Finalization	20369	Wednesday June 18 th 9:00-10:30	Zoom
Pre-Finalization	20629	Friday June 20 th 9:00-11:30	Zoom
Supporting Resource Families	20124	Monday June 23 rd 9:00-12:30	Zoom