



Department of Children & Youth

Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center

SUMMER 2025 STAFF TRAINING LISTING (July, August, September) as of 6/26/25

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The University of Cincinnati, School of Social Work is an approved Continuing Education Provider through the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. OCWTP programs designated as approved for licensure credit hours can be used by licensees toward license renewal requirements. Only individuals completing training in its entirety will receive Certificates of Training. Ohio CSWMFTB rules state that participants cannot use the same workshop to satisfy renewal requirements for both. For additional information regarding CSWMFTB, visit <http://cswmftb.ohio.gov>.

Social Work Approved Provider Number: RSXX038702 effective 1/1/2021

Counselor Approved Provider Number: #RCX012101 effective 1/1/2021

Please refer to CAPS LMS for learning descriptions and to find out which sessions are designated for Social Worker, Counselor, or both licensure hours. OCWTP trainings are NOT being uploaded to CE Broker at this time, this is the responsibility of the participant.

Caseworker Core 2.0 (Restricted to NEORTC PCSA staff only) -Must complete within 1 year of hire
Most courses have pre-requisites, refer to the Caseworker Core 2.0 Learner Passport for more information.

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| 16986 | Collaboration and Teaming | Val Larkin | Monday, July 14, & Tuesday, July 15, 2025 9:00am – 11:15am each day | VIRTUAL |
| 22135 | Collaboration and Teaming | Diana Hoover | Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:00am – 3:30pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i> | NEORTC |
| 16958 | Engagement and Interviewing Skills Practice | Warne Edwards | Thursday, July 24, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 16977 | Interviewing Children | Warne Edwards | Friday, August 1, 2025 8:45am – 12:30pm | VIRTUAL |
| 16989 | Determining if Abuse or Neglect Occurred | Amber Ntamack | Monday, August 4, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 16993 | Quality Assessments of Safety: Is Immediate Intervention Necessary to Assure Child Safety? | Kelly Crampton | Monday, August 11, & Tuesday, August 12, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day | VIRTUAL |
| 22090 | Quality Assessments of Safety: Is Immediate Intervention Necessary to Assure Child Safety? | Lori Merkel | Monday, August 11, 2025 | NEORTC |



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| 22138 | Interviewing Children | Warne Edwards | Friday, August 15, 2025 8:45am -12:30pm | NEORTC |
| 16990 | Fact Gathering Skills Practice | Lisa Fleischer | Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:30am – 12:00pm | VIRTUAL |
| 22152 | Fact Gathering Skills Practice | John Lympany | Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:30am – 12:00pm | NEORTC |
| 17157 | Assessing Risk of Future Harm | Warne Edwards | Tuesday, August 26, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 17158 | Core Module 6: Service Planning and Delivery in Family-Centered Child Protective Services | Dave Thomas | Tuesday, September 2, Wednesday, September 3, & Thursday, September 4, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 16998 | Assuring Child Safety in Key Practice Areas | Lori Merkel | Monday, September 8, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 16996 | Managing Effects of Separation | Laura Faye Perkins | Tuesday, September 16, 2025 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i> | VIRTUAL |
| 22145 | Managing Effects of Separation | Angie Irby | Tuesday, September 16, 2025 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i> | NEORTC |
| 17159 | Preparing for and Completing Case Closure | Linda Davis | Thursday, September 18, 2025 10:00am – 2:45pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i> | VIRTUAL |
| 22143 | Preparing For and Completing Case Closure | Warne Edwards | Friday, September 19, 2025 10:00am – 2:45pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i> | NEORTC |
| 17001 | Working Towards Successful Reunification: Strengthening the Relationship Between Primary and Resource Families | Lori Merkel | Wednesday, September 24, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 22139 | Courtroom Testimony Skills Practice | Katy Mercer | Monday, September 29, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm | VIRTUAL |
| 16995 | Courtroom Testimony Skills Practice | Lauri Wolfe | Tuesday, September 30, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm | NEORTC |



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ASSESSOR SERIES 2024 NEW

*If planning to become an Assessor please register for Assessor Series 2024 Curriculum in CAPS LMS-most courses have prerequisites-check CAPS LMS
Additional Statewide Virtual Options are Also Available, please refer to CAPS LMS*

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| 22707 | Engagement with Children | Deanna Prezioso | Monday, July 14, 2025 8:45am-12:00pm | NEORTC |
| 22708 | Adoption Readiness | Deanna Prezioso | Monday, July 14, 2025 1:00pm-3:30pm | NEORTC |
| 22521 | Supporting Resource and Adoptive Families | Mandy Weaver | Tuesday, August 12, 2025 8:45am-12:15pm | NEORTC |
| 22896 | Completing the Homestudy | Sherry Doherty | Wednesday, August 27, 2025 8:30am -12:15pm | NEORTC |
| 22522 | The Importance of Documentation | Angie Irby | Thursday, September 4, 2025 9:00am-12:00pm | NEORTC |
| 22523 | The Impact of Placement | Angie Irby | Thursday, September 4, 2025 1:00pm-3:00pm | NEORTC |
| 22695 | Managing Difficult Conversations in the Homestudy | Nikaeda Griffie | Tuesday, October 7, 2025 8:45am-12:00pm | NEORTC |
| 22696 | Matching process | Nikaeda Griffie | Tuesday, October 7, 2025 1:00pm-3:30pm | NEORTC |
| 22719 | The Voluntary Adoption Process | Susan Darden Kautz | Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:45am-12:00pm | NEORTC |
| 22720 | Pre-Finalization | Susan Darden Kautz | Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:00pm-3:30pm | NEORTC |
| 22728 | Supporting Openness & Collaboration Between Families | Angie Irby | Wednesday, November 5, 2025 9:00am-12:00pm | NEORTC |
| 22729 | Supporting Trauma Informed Parenting | Angie Irby | Wednesday, November 5, 2025 1:00pm-3:30pm | NEORTC |
| 22897 | Supporting Well-Being | Mandy Weaver | Wednesday, November 19, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm | NEORTC |
| 22901 | Post-Finalization Supports | Mandy Weaver | Wednesday, November 19, 2025 1:00pm – 2:30pm | NEORTC |



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| 23069 | Supporting Children Who are LGBTQ+ | Nikaeda Griffie | Monday, December 8, 2025 10:00am – 12:00pm | NEORTC |
| 23074 | Supporting Children of Color | Nikaeda Griffie | Monday, December 8, 2025 1:00pm – 2:30pm | NEORTC |
| SUPERVISOR CORE 2.0 -Restricted to PCSA Supervisors Only <i>Most courses have pre-requisites, refer to the Supervisor Core 2.0 Learner Passport for more information.</i> | | | | |
| 20545 | Supervisor Self-Care | Lauri Wolfe | Wednesday, July 9, 2025 8:30am – 12:30pm | NEORTC |
| 22701 | Race, Equity, and Inclusion in Supervision | Deanna Webster | Thursday, August 28, & Friday, August 29, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day | VIRTUAL |
| 20880 | Trauma-Informed Supervision | Ruby Johnston | Monday, September 8, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm | VIRTUAL |
| 20790 | Supervision Strategies for Managing Conflict | Diana Hoover | Monday, October 27, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 21829 | Supervision Strategies for Leading Change | Kelly Mettler | Monday, November 3, & Tuesday, November 4, 2025 9:00am – 11:30am each day | VIRTUAL |
| 22013 | Staff Development: The Coaching Mindset in Action | David Thomas | Tuesday, December 9, & Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day | VIRTUAL |
| SUPERVISORY <i>Child Welfare Supervisors must obtain 30 hours of ongoing training per year based upon promotion date (if hired as a Supervisor it is based on hire date)</i> | | | | |
| 22087 | Resilience as a Leader: Building Confidence and Skills <i>Open to both Lead Caseworkers and Supervisors</i> | Ruby Johnston | Tuesday, August 12, & Wednesday, August 13, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day | VIRTUAL |
| 23032 | Strength-Driven Leadership: Transformative Communication NEW | Ruby Johnston | Thursday, August 14, & Friday, August 15, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm | VIRTUAL |



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| 22622 | Connecting in a Disconnected Work Environment-Professional and Personal Teaming NEW | Kelly Hickle-Lentz | Friday, September 5, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 22507 | Supervision Skills for a Complex World NEW <i>Meets LISW-S Requirement</i> | Matt Butler | Friday, September 26, 2025 8:45am – 12:00pm | VIRTUAL |
| Non-Standardized/Specialized Training <i>Caseworkers must obtain 36 hours of ongoing training per year based upon hire date</i> Courses recommended for completion AFTER Core are designated with an * Asterisk Courses appropriate for 6-Hour Ongoing Assessor Training Requirement have Session IDs highlighted in yellow , however, agencies have discretion in determining what trainings meet the Ongoing Assessor Requirement. | | | | |
| JULY 2025 | | | | |
| 22665* | Working with Youth at Risk for Human Trafficking <i>Meets Human Trafficking Training OAC Requirement within 2 years of hire</i> | Russelle' Pratt | Wednesday, July 9, 2025 | Ashland County DJFS 15 West Fourth St. Ashland, OH 44805 |
| 15380 | Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Empowering Principles <i>Joint staff/foster parent training</i> | Kristen King | Friday, July 11, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 21931 | Is Poverty Culture? Strategies for Working with Families Living in Poverty | Dan Houston | Wednesday, July 16, & Thursday, July 17, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day | VIRTUAL |
| 21507 | Ethics of "The Office": Lessons Learned from Employees of Dunder Mifflin <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i> | Stacy Simera | Thursday, July 17, 2025 8:45am – 12:00pm | VIRTUAL |
| 22085 | What's Wrong with Transitions? Little Kids Don't Remember Anyway NEW <i>Joint staff/foster parent training</i> | Donna Scott | Friday, July 18, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 20547* | Street Smart Ohio: Substance Abuse Awareness and | Shawn Bain | Wednesday, July 23, 2025 | NEORTC |



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| | Recognition for Child Welfare Professionals | | | |
| 21936 | Nine Essential Connections to Independent Living | David Zidar | Thursday, July 24, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 15381 | Trust-Based Relational Intervention: Correcting Principles <i>Joint staff/foster parent training</i> | Kristen King | Friday, July 25, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 21355 | The Good Stuff! Building Self-Esteem in Kids at Risk | Jim Still-Pepper | Monday, July 28, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 21882 | Cannabis and Child Safety: The Law, the Science, and Why they Matter NEW | Matt Butler | Wednesday, July 30, 2025 8:45am – 12:00pm | NEORTC |
| 21883 | Talking About Cannabis: Culture, Ethics, and the Child Welfare Professional NEW <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i> | Matt Butler | Wednesday, July 30, 2025 1:00pm – 4:15pm | NEORTC |
| 17688 | Understanding a Child's Experience of Sexual Abuse <i>Pre-requisites required for this training</i> | Mary Eck | Thursday, July 31, 2025 | NEORTC |
| AUGUST 2025 | | | | |
| 17689 | Understanding a Family's Experience of Sexual Abuse <i>Pre-requisites required for this training</i> | Mary Eck /Phaedra McCray | Friday, August 1, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 22162 | Engaging with Middle Eastern and Muslim Families: Dispelling the Myths and Misconceptions | Sarah Shandy | Monday, August 4, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 21508 | Building and Maintaining Boundaries <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i> | Lauri Wolfe | Tuesday, August 5, 2025 10:00am – 3:15pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i> | VIRTUAL |



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| 22018 | Specialized, Third-Party, and Ongoing Case Investigations | Warne Edwards | Wednesday, August 6, 2025 10:00am – 2:45pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i> | NEORTC |
| 22534* | Child Physical Abuse: Fractures and Bone-Related Injuries | Jim Marlow | Tuesday, August 12, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 22087 | Resilience as a Leader: Building Confidence and Skills <i>Open to both Lead Caseworkers and Supervisors</i> | Ruby Johnston | Tuesday, August 12, & Wednesday, August 13, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day | VIRTUAL |
| 20746 | Making Room in the Family: Understanding the Impact of Foster Care/Adoption on Bio/Permanent Children | Jayne Schooler | Wednesday, August 13, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm ONLY | VIRTUAL |
| 19762 | Preventing Foster and Adoption Care Disruptions | Jim Still-Pepper | Friday, August 15, 2025 | Mahoning County CSB 222 West Federal St. 4 th Floor Youngstown, OH 44503 |
| 21425 | Creating A Supportive Environment for all Youth | Cory Chan Frederick | Friday, August 15, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm ONLY | NEORTC |
| 21426 | Seven Best Practices to Help Youth Overcome Obstacles in Their Lives | Cory Chan Frederick | Friday, August 15, 2025 1:00pm – 4:00pm ONLY | NEORTC |
| 17205 | GAP: Beyond the Silence Skills Refresher <i>Prerequisite: Beyond the Silence Part One and Part Two</i> | Heidi Malott | Tuesday, August 19, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 17204 | Beyond the Silence: Forensic Interviewing Part One | Heidi Malott | Wednesday, August 20, Thursday, August 21, & Friday, August 22, 2025 (9:00am – 12:00pm on the 22 nd) | NEORTC |
| 13677 | The Biased Brain: Understanding and Applying Heuristics in the World of Child Welfare | Jim Still-Pepper | Friday, August 22, 2025 1:00pm – 4:00pm ONLY | NEORTC |



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| 20751 | Sextortion: The Web of Deception | Brian Bethel | Tuesday, August 26, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 20317 | Children whose Parents are Incarcerated | Paul Martin | Thursday, August 28, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 20318 | Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Disorders | Paul Martin | Friday, August 29, 2025 | NEORTC |
| SEPTEMBER 2025 | | | | |
| 22045 | Safe and Supported: Empowerment Self-Defense for Social Service Professionals | Lauren Bailey & Lindsey Ross | Tuesday, September 2, & Wednesday, September 3, 2025 <i>Please Dress in Comfortable Clothing Due to Physical Activity During the Class</i> | NEORTC |
| 22543 | Trauma-Informed Care: The Neuroscience of Trauma and Resilience | Laura Faye Perkins | Wednesday, September 3, & Thursday, September 4, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day | VIRTUAL |
| 22513 | S.E.E.K.: Search, Engage, Explore, Kinnect | Rick Dencer | Friday, September 12, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 22545 | ADHD among Children and Adolescents | Stacy Simera | Friday, September 12, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm ONLY | VIRTUAL |
| 21062 | Applying Personal Values and Diversity Considerations to Child Sexual Abuse Cases <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i> | Georgette Constantinou | Friday, September 12, 2025 10:00am – 2:45pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i> | VIRTUAL |
| 20322 | Safe and Together: Domestic Violence-Informed Documentation and Case Planning <i>Does NOT meet Domestic Violence OAC Requirement</i> | Lisa Fleischer | Wednesday, September 17, Thursday, September 18, Wednesday, September 24, & Thursday, September 25, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day | VIRTUAL |
| 20476-AM 20477-PM | Ethics in the Electronic Age: Standards for Ohio Social Service Professionals <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i> | Stacy Simera | Thursday, September 18, 2025 8:45am – 12:00pm OR 1:00-4:15pm | Wayne County CSB 2534 Burbank Rd. Wooster, OH 44691 |



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| 22149 | Race Matters for Transracial Adoptions: Preparing and Supporting Families to be Race- Conscious Advocates <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i> | Laura Morello | Friday, September 19, 2025 8:45am – 12:00pm ONLY | NEORTC |
| 22611 | Substance Abuse: Its Effect on Children and Families | David Zidar | Thursday, September 25, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 22613 | Women's Substance Use Disorders and Recovery Issues: Perspective of a Clinician and a Client | Maureen Keating & Sabrina Pittman | Thursday, September 25, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 21361 | Address the Stress: Secondary Trauma in Child Welfare | Lauri Wolfe | Monday, September 29, 2025 | NEORTC |
| 21364* | Domestic Violence: Facts and Fundamentals <i>Meets Domestic Violence OAC Requirement within 2 years of hire</i> | Brian Bethel | Monday, September 29, & Tuesday, September 30, 2025 | NEORTC |

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