



Department of Children & Youth

Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center

FALL 2025 STAFF TRAINING LISTING (October, November, December) as of 10/1

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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://cswmft.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 Series Overview Learner Guide for more information.

17851	Collaboration and Teaming	Diana Hoover	Wednesday, October 1, 2025 10:00am – 3:30pm <i>Includes 1-hour lunch break</i>	NEORTC
17840	Engagement and Interviewing Skills Practice	Kelly Crampton	Monday, October 6, & Tuesday, October 7, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm	VIRTUAL
17845	Interviewing Children	Miranda Borland	Thursday, October 16, 2025 9:00am – 12:45pm	VIRTUAL
18235	Determining if Abuse or Neglect Occurred	Lori Merkel	Tuesday, October 21, 2025	NEORTC
22341	Fact Gathering Skills Practice	John Lympany	Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:30am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
17860	Quality Assessments of Safety: Is Immediate Intervention Necessary to Assure Child Safety?	Lori Merkel	Monday, November 3, 2025	NEORTC
18234	Assessing Risk of Future Harm	Warne Edwards	Thursday, November 13, 2025	NEORTC



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17857	Core (Module 6): Service Planning and Delivery in Family-Centered Child Protective Services	Jill Roberts	Wednesday, November 19, Thursday, November 20, & Friday, November 21, 2025	NEORTC
17877	Assuring Child Safety in Key Practice Areas	Lori Merkel	Monday, December 1, 2025	NEORTC
17873	Managing Effects of Separation	Angie Irby	Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Includes 1-hour lunch break</i>	VIRTUAL
17875	Preparing for and Completing Case Closure	Kelly Crampton	Tuesday, December 9, 2025 10:00am – 2:45pm <i>Includes 1-hour lunch break</i>	VIRTUAL
18233	Working Towards Successful Reunification: Strengthening the Relationship Between Primary and Resource Families	Nikaeda Griffie	Thursday, December 11, 2025	NEORTC
17871	Courtroom Testimony Skills Practice	Katy Mercer	Wednesday, December 17, 2025 9:00am-12:00pm	VIRTUAL

ASSESSOR SERIES 2024

If planning to become an Assessor please register for Assessor Series 2024 Curriculum in CAPS LMS-most courses have prerequisites-check CAPS LMS

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



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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
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

Most courses have pre-requisites, refer to the Supervisor Core 2.0 Overview Learner Journal for more information.

24716	Managing for Outcomes: Using Ohio SACWIS Data to Improve Unit Performance	Erica Sabados	Tuesday, October 7, 2025 9:00am – 12:45pm	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

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)

23606	A Supervisory Synopsis: Ideas to Review, Renew, and Refocus! NEW	Kelly Mettler	Tuesday, December 16, & Wednesday, December 17, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
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Non-Standardized/Specialized Training

Caseworkers must obtain 36 hours of ongoing training per year based upon hire date

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.

OCTOBER 2025



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24787	Mission Possible: Effective Work with Parents with Mental Illness	Jim Still-Pepper	Thursday, October 2, 2025	NEORTC
24440	Survivor-Led Human Trafficking Awareness Interdisciplinary Training	Teresa Merriweather	Thursday, October 2, 2025 9:00am – 12:15pm	VIRTUAL
22085	What's Wrong with Transitions? Little Kids Don't Remember Anyway	Donna Scott	Friday, October 3, 2025 <i>Re-scheduled from July 2025</i>	NEORTC
23668	Safe and Together: Domestic Violence-Informed Assessments and Interviews <i>Meets Domestic Violence OAC Requirement within 2 years of hire</i>	Lesley Keown	Monday, October 6, & Tuesday, October 7, 2025	Lorain County CS 226 Middle Ave. 4 th Floor Meeting Room A Elyria, OH 44035
24792	Silent Danger: Recognizing and Responding to Strangulation in Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Cases EXPANDED FROM PREVIOUS 3-HOUR VERSION	Paula Walters	Thursday, October 9, 2025	NEORTC
22303	The Appalachian Culture NEW TO CAPS LMS <i>Joint Staff/Foster Parent Training</i>	Brian Bethel	Thursday, October 16, 2025	NEORTC
23391	Strengthening the Child Welfare Team: Who, What, Where, When, and How for the Best Interest of the Child	Dave Zidar	Thursday, October 16, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm	Ashtabula CSB 3914 C Court Ashtabula OH 44004
23392	Strengthening the Child Welfare Team: Who, What, Where, When, and How for the Best Interest of the Child	Dave Zidar	Thursday, October 16, 2025 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Ashtabula CSB 3914 C Court Ashtabula OH 44004
24522	Cannabis and Child Safety: The Law, the Science and Why they Matter	Matt Butler	Thursday, October 16, 2025 8:45am – 12:00pm	VIRTUAL



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23035	Beyond the Silence: Forensic Interviewing Part One	Penny Daly	Monday, October 20, Tuesday, October 21, 9:00am – 4:00pm, & Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 9:00am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
23036	Lifebooks: A Journey to the Future While Embracing the Past	Linda Davis	Tuesday, October 21, & Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
21484	Ethics in the Electronic Age: Standards for Ohio Social Service Professionals <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i>	Stacy Simera	Wednesday, October 22, 2025 8:45am – 12:00pm	VIRTUAL
23033	Ethics in the Electronic Age: Standards for Ohio Social Service Professionals <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i>	Stacy Simera	Wednesday, October 22, 2025 1:00pm – 4:15pm	VIRTUAL
24788	Burnout Prevention	Dave Zidar	Thursday, October 23, 2025	NEORTC
23866	Healing the Hunger: Recognition and Treatment of Eating Disorders NEW TO CAPS LMS	Brian Bethel	Monday, October 27, 2025	NEORTC
23755	Anxiety Disorders: Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust, and Sadness all Working Together	Linda Davis	Tuesday, October 28, & Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
23237*	Engaging Fathers: Enhancing Family Connections NEW	Rick Dencer	Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
23239*	Engaging Fathers: Enhancing Family Connections NEW	Rick Dencer	Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:00pm – 4:00pm	NEORTC
NOVEMBER 2025				
23758	Dealing with Defense Attorneys	Katy Mercer	Wednesday, November 5, & Thursday, November 6, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL



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19078*	Domestic Violence Fundamentals and the Effects on Adult and Child Victims <i>Meets Domestic Violence OAC Requirement within 2 years of hire</i>	Darla Bolon	Wednesday, November 5, & Thursday, November 6, 2025	NEORTC
19079*	Personal Safety and Violence Prevention for Child and Adult Protection Professionals <i>Dress in Comfortable Clothing for Activities</i>	Darla Bolon	Friday, November 7, 2025	NEORTC
23287*	Level Up: Time Management and Organization	Lauri Wolfe	Thursday, November 13, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm	Ashland DJFS 15 West Fourth St. Ashland OH 44805
23288*	Level Up: Time Management and Organization	Lauri Wolfe	Thursday, November 13, 2025 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Ashland DJFS 15 West Fourth St. Ashland OH 44805
23037	Working with Youth Who Display Psychotic Features: Double Checking Reality NEW 6-HOUR VERSION	Jim Still-Pepper	Friday, November 14, 2025	NEORTC
22508*	Identifying and Responding to Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking Training <i>Meets Human Trafficking Training OAC Requirement within 2 years of hire</i>	Haleigh Young, Vanessa Torres, & Micayla Wilson	Friday, November 14, 2025 8:30am – 4:30pm NOTE EXTENDED TRAINING TIME	NEW LOCATION Summit County Public Health 1867 W. Market St. Akron, OH 44313- 6901
23285	Surviving the Tug-of-War: The Impact of Divorce and Custody Disputes on Children NEW TO CAPS LMS	Brian Bethel	Tuesday, November 18, 2025	NEORTC
24802	Searching and Documenting Your Family Tree: A Link to the Past, a Bridge to the Future	Jill Roberts	Tuesday, November 18, 2025	NEORTC
17206	Beyond the Silence: Forensic Interviewing Part Two <i>Pre-requisite: Beyond the Silence Part One</i>	Heidi Malott	Wednesday, November 19, & Thursday, November 20, 9:00am – 4:00pm &	NEORTC



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			Friday, November 21, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm	
24442	Burnout, Secondary Trauma, and Self-Care	Laura Faye Perkins	Monday, November 24, & Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
DECEMBER 2025				
23038	Making an Informed Decision: A Critical Thinking Approach for Child Protection Screening Decision Makers NEW	Lori Merkel	Wednesday, December 3, 2025	NEORTC
24254	What Can Homer Simpson Teach Us About Ethics? <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i>	Linda Davis	Thursday, December 11, 2025 8:45am – 12:00pm	VIRTUAL
24255	What Can Homer Simpson Teach Us About Ethics? <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i>	Linda Davis	Thursday, December 11, 2025 1:00pm – 4:15pm	VIRTUAL
23760	Sextortion: The Web of Deception	Brian Bethel	Tuesday, December 16, 2025	NEORTC
23039	Empowering Voices: Understanding Bullying, Supporting Victims, and Activating Bystanders NEW TO CAPS LMS	Jim Still-Pepper	Friday, December 19, 2025	NEORTC

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