



Department of Children & Youth

Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center

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The University of Cincinnati, School of Social Work is an approved Continuing Education Provider. 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. For additional information regarding CSWMFTB, visit <http://cswmft.ohio.gov>.

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 currently, 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.

23043	Collaboration and Teaming	Val Larkin	Tuesday, January 6, & Wednesday, January 7, 2026 9:00am – 11:15am each day	VIRTUAL
27485	Determining if Abuse or Neglect Occurred	Kristin Sparks	Thursday, January 8 & Friday, January 9, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
23042	Engagement and Interviewing Skills Practice	Kelly Crampton	Monday, January 12, & Tuesday, January 13, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
23044	Interviewing Children	Lisa Fleischer	Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:45am – 12:30pm	VIRTUAL
23046	Interviewing Children	Warne Edwards	Wednesday, January 21, 2026 8:45am – 12:30pm	NEORTC
23048	Determining if Abuse or Neglect Occurred	Lori Merkel	Monday, January 26, 2026	NEORTC
23056	Fact Gathering Skills Practice	Kelly Crampton	Tuesday, February 3, 2026 8:30am – 12:00pm	VIRTUAL
23051	Assessing Risk of Future Harm	Melanie Hale	Tuesday, February 10, 2026	NEORTC
23057	Managing Effects of Separation	Linda Davis	Tuesday, February 17, 2026 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Includes 1-Hour Lunch Break</i>	VIRTUAL



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23055	Core (Module 6): Service Planning and Delivery in Family-Centered Child Protective Services	Melanie Hale	Tuesday, February 24, Thursday, February 26, & Friday, February 27, 2026	NEORTC
26965	Preparing For and Completing Case Closure	Miranda Borland	Wednesday, February 25, 2026 10:00am – 2:45pm <i>Includes 1-Hour Lunch Break</i>	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
23062	Quality Assessments of Safety: Is Immediate Intervention Necessary to Assure Child Safety?	Lori Merkel	Tuesday, March 3, 2026	NEORTC
29223	Assuring Child Safety in Key Practice Areas ADDED SESSION	Lori Merkel	Thursday, March 5, & Friday, March 6, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
23064	Assuring Child Safety in Key Practice Areas	Warne Edwards	Tuesday, March 10, & Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
24758	Fact Gathering Skills Practice	Lisa Fleischer	Thursday, March 12, 2026 9:00am-12:30pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
23585	Working Towards Successful Reunification: Strengthening the Relationship Between Primary and Resource Families	Carmen Toro Wooten	Thursday, March 19, 2026	NEORTC
23588	Preparing For and Completing Case Closure	Linda Davis	Tuesday, March 24, 2026 10:00am – 2:45pm <i>Includes 1-Hour Lunch Break</i>	VIRTUAL
23068	Courtroom Testimony Skills Practice	Lauri Wolfe	Tuesday, March 31, 2026 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. Virtual Statewide Assessor Series 2024 sessions are also available, refer to CAPS LMS.*

Please refer to Assessor Schedule posted on <https://ohiocaps.org/ocwtp/rctc/neortc/>



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SUPERVISOR CORE 2.0 - Restricted to PCSA Supervisors Only

Most courses have pre-requisites, refer to the Supervisor Core 2.0 Learner Passport for more information. Virtual Statewide Supervisor Core sessions are also available, refer to CAPS LMS.

24357	Managing for Outcomes: Using Ohio SACWIS Data to Improve Unit Performance	Kristie Heckman	Monday, January 12, 2026 9:00am – 12:45pm	VIRTUAL
28533	Assessing and Evaluating Staff Performance-NOW OFFERED VIRTUALLY	David Thomas	Wednesday, January 21, & Thursday, January 22, 2026 9:00am-12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
23609	Supervision Strategies to Promote Thorough Assessments of Safety	Warne Edwards	Tuesday, February 3, & Wednesday, February 4, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
27239	Managing for Outcomes: Using Ohio SACWIS Data to Improve Unit Performance	Erica Sabados	Friday, February 6, 2026 12:30pm – 4:15pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
23869	Examining the Supervisor’s Role and Impact in Screening within the Agency	Kenyetta Lee	Wednesday, February 18, 2026 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Includes 1-Hour Lunch Break</i>	VIRTUAL
23870	Supervising Work with Kin	Mandy Weaver	Tuesday, March 17, & Wednesday, March 18, 2026 9:00am – 11:15am each day	VIRTUAL
24443	Supervising Separation and Placement Decisions	Tim Merle	Thursday, April 9 & Friday, April 10, 2026 9:00am-12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
24215	Assuring Effective Court Testimony	Karen Setterlin	Wednesday, May 6, 2026	NEORTC
24572	Case Consultation and Critical Thinking	Warne Edwards	Tuesday, June 9, 2026	NEORTC

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)



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27328	Burnout Prevention for Supervisors NEW TO CAPS LMS	David Zidar	Thursday, January 15, 2026 9:00am-12:00pm	VIRTUAL
24349	An Introduction to Reflective Practice and Reflective Supervision <i>Meets LISW-S requirement</i>	Donna Scott	Friday, March 6, 2026	NEORTC
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> Note: Look for Part Two, <i>Reflective Supervision in Practice</i>, scheduled for August 21, 2026, 9-4pm #24353 </div>				
26868	Supervision for the Stages: Facilitating Supervisee Growth Along all levels of Professional Development <i>Meets LISW-S requirement</i>	Stacy Simera	Wednesday, March 18, 2026 8:45am-12:00pm	VIRTUAL

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.

JANUARY 2026

26385	Ethical Slippery Slopes: From Good Intentions to Blurred Boundaries <i>Meets Ethics CE Requirement</i>	Stacy Simera	Thursday, January 8, 2026 9:00am – 12:15pm	VIRTUAL
26387*	Caseworker Safety in the Office and/or Workplace	Kelly Christine Cross	Thursday, January 15, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	VIRTUAL
26437	Fentanyl Use in America: Playing with Poison	Brian Bethel	Thursday, January 22, 2026	NEORTC
27459	Interventions with ADD and ADHD NEW TO CAPS LMS	David Zidar	Friday, January 23, 2025	NEORTC
26386	Assessing, Preparing, and Supporting Adoptive Parents who Care for Children who have Experienced Trauma	Jayne Schooler	Tuesday, January 27, & Wednesday, January 28, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL

FEBRUARY 2026



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26398*	Confidentiality Requirements and Avoiding Liability <i>Meets Ethics CE Requirement</i>	Katy Mercer	Monday, February 2, & Tuesday, February 3, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
26517	Interventions with Reactive Attachment Disorder NEW TO CAPS LMS	Dave Zidar	Wednesday, February 4, 2026	NEORTC
27425*	Interviewing Alleged Perpetrators NEW	Kelly Crampton	Tuesday, February 10, 2026 9:00am-12:30pm	VIRTUAL
26397*	Safety in the District for Direct Service Workers: What You Need to Know to Stay Safe	Kelly Christine Cross	Wednesday, February 11, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	VIRTUAL
26392	Psychotropic Medications: Questions to Ask about Kids on Meds	Stacy Simera	Thursday, February 12, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
26395	Key Parental DSM Diagnoses and Child Protective Services Involvement NEW TO CAPS LMS	Stacy Simera	Thursday, February 12, 2026 1:00pm – 4:00pm	NEORTC
26624	Living the Legacy: The Dramatic Effects of Prenatal Substance Exposure NEW TO CAPS LMS	Ronna Johnson	Thursday, February 12, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
26625	Living the Legacy: The Dramatic Effects of Prenatal Substance Exposure NEW TO CAPS LMS	Ronna Johnson	Thursday, February 12, 2026 1:00pm – 4:00pm	NEORTC
28409	No Longer Alone: An Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders NEW TO CAPS LMS	Brian Bethel	Thursday, February 19, & Friday, February 20, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
23387*	Beyond the Silence: Forensic Interviewing Part One	Penny Daly	Monday, February 23, & Tuesday, February 24, 2026 9:00am – 4:00pm	NEORTC
26417	Resilient Hearts, Restorative Homes NEW LUNCH & LEARN TRAINING	Jayne Schooler	Wednesday, February 25, 2026 12:00pm – 1:00pm	VIRTUAL

Mix & Match Trainings



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MARCH 2026				
28994	Sextortion: The Web of Deception	Brian Bethel	Tuesday, March 3, 2026	NEORTC
26970	How our Kids' Environments Shape Their Development: Understanding Epigenetics NEW	Kristen King	Wednesday, March 4, 2026 9:00am-12:00pm	VIRTUAL
26519	Stressing Stress	Jim Still-Pepper	Thursday, March 5, 2026	NEORTC
28523	Building and Maintaining Boundaries <i>Meets Ethics CE Requirement</i>	Lauri Wolfe	Friday, March 6, 2026 10:00am – 3:15pm <i>Includes 1-Hour Lunch Break</i>	VIRTUAL
26969	Survivor-Led Human Trafficking Awareness Interdisciplinary Training BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND	Teresa Merriweather	Tuesday, March 10, 2026 8:45am-12:00pm	NEORTC
25605	Recruiting Foster and Adoptive Families NEW TO CAPS LMS	Maureen Heffernan	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	NEORTC
28974	Street Smart Ohio: Substance Abuse Awareness and Recognition for Child Welfare Professionals	Shawn Bain	Friday, March 13, 2026	NEORTC
26388	Adverse Childhood Experiences and Effects on Brain Architecture	Susan Darden-Kautz	Tuesday, March 17, 2026 NEW DATE	NEORTC
25453	What's Wrong with Transitions? Little Kids Don't Remember Anyway <i>Joint Staff/Foster Parent Training</i> BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND	Donna Scott	Thursday, March 19, 2026	NEORTC
26623*	Customer Service that "Rocks!" Building Partnerships,	Ruby Johnston	Thursday, March 19 & Friday, March 20, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL



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	Collaboration, and Customer Service NEW TO CAPS LMS			
26520	Out of Our Minds: A Layman's Guide to Understanding and Applying Brain Research to Work with Children and Families	Jim Still-Pepper	Friday, March 20, 2026	NEORTC
27332	Motivating and Managing Teen Behavior NEW TO CAPS LMS	David Zidar	Friday, March 20, 2026	NEORTC
26157*	Safe and Supported: Empowerment Self-Defense for Social Service Professionals <i>Please dress in comfortable attire</i>	Lindsey Ross & Lauren Bailey	Tuesday, March 24, & Wednesday, March 25, 2026	Ashtabula County CSB 3914 C Court Ashtabula, OH 44004
26968	Overview of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Substance Abuse	Maureen Keating	Tuesday, March 24, 2026	NEORTC
26615	Preparing Youth and Their Supports for Permanency Discussions NEW	Lamar King	Wednesday, March 25, 2026 9:00am-12:00pm	VIRTUAL
28524	Cowboy Ethics: What can Marshall Dillon and the Cartwrights Teach Counselors and Social Workers about Ethics? <i>Meets Ethics CE Requirement</i>	Linda Davis	Thursday, March 26, 2026 9:00am – 12:15pm	VIRTUAL
27329	The Healing Power of the Story: Navigating Honest Conversations with Foster and Adopted Children NEW	Jayne Schooler	Friday, March 27, 2026	NEORTC
24484*	Domestic Violence Facts and Fundamentals <i>Meets DCY DV requirement within first 2 years of hire</i>	Brian Bethel	Monday, March 30, & Tuesday, March 31, 2026	NEORTC



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