



On-Going In Person Caseworker Training June and September 2026

Please see training descriptions in CAPS (No Trainings in July)

Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Trainer	Location
Preventing Placement Disruptions before Placement Begins	30171	Monday June 1 st 9:00 – 4:00	Deanna Prezioso	Logan County CSB 1855 OH -47 West, Bellevue
Communicating in a Language Clients Can Hear NEW	29897	Thursday June 4 th 9:00 – 4:00	Ruby Johnston	Mercer Co. DJFS, 220 West Livingston St, Celina
Out of Our Minds: A Layman's Guide to Understanding and Applying Brain Research to Work with Children and Families	27147	Friday June 5 th 9:00 – 4:00	Jim Still-Pepper	WORTC, 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Interventions for Children who have Suffered Trauma	29967	Tuesday June 16 th 9:00 – 4:00	Dave Zidar	Shelby County DJFS, 227 South Ohio St, Sidney
Address the Stress: Secondary Trauma in Child Welfare	29877	Thursday June 25 th 9:00 – 4:00	Lauri Wolfe	Montgomery County Children Services, Haines Building, 3304 N Main St, Dayton
Get Cooperation the First Time You Ask	27548	Tuesday June 30 th 1:00PM – 4:00PM	Jody Johnston Pawel	WORTC, 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Grief and Loss: Trauma and Its Aftermath	30172	Wednesday August 5 th 9:00 AM – 4:00PM	Cindy Kuhr	WORTC, 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
S.E.E.K.: Search, Engage, Explore, Kinnect	32007	Wednesday August 5 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Casie Burke	Preble County, 1500 Park Ave, Eaton
Interventions with ADD and ADHD NEW	31771	Friday August 7 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Dave Zidar	Champaign County DJFS, 1512 S. US 68, Suite N100, Urbana
Solution-Focused Interventions Applied to Casework Practice	30231	Tuesday August 11 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Dave Zidar	Logan County CSB 1855 OH -47 West, Bellevue
Reconnecting a Child's heart: Supporting Children and Families when a Child returns to Care NEW	31435	Tuesday August 11 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Jayne Schooler	WORTC, 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Substance Abuse: Its Effects on Child and Families	31760	Thursday August 13 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Dave Zidar	Allen County CSB, 123 W. Spring St, Lima



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Communicating in a Language Clients Can Hear NEW	30317	Thursday August 27 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Ruby Johnston	Montgomery County Children Services, Haines Building, 3304 N Main St, Dayton
The Influenced Mind: Understanding and Applying Heuristics in Child Welfare	31418	Friday August 28 th 9:00AM – 12:00PM	Jim Still-Pepper	WORTC, 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Tug of War: The Ins and Outs of Power Struggles	31419	Friday August 28 th 1:00PM – 4:00PM	Jim Still-Pepper	WORTC, 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Keep Your Cool and Help Others Calm Down	31772	Tuesday September 1 st 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Jody Johnston	WORTC, 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Invisible Injuries: The Impacts of Trauma	31417	Wednesday September 2 nd 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Paula Walters	Shelby County DJFS, 227 S Ohio Ave, Sidney
Working with Youth Who Display Psychotic Features: Double Checking Reality	31421	Monday September 14 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Jim Still-Pepper	WORTC, 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Strengthening the Child Welfare Team: Who, What, Where, When, and How for the Best Interest of the Child	31774	Wednesday September 16 th 9:00AM – 12:00PM	Dave Zidar	Champaign County DJFS, 1512 S. US 68, Suite N100, Urbana
Helping Children of Mentally Ill Parents NEW	31773	Wednesday September 16 th 1:00PM – 4:00PM	Dave Zidar	Champaign County DJFS, 1512 S. US 68, Suite N100, Urbana
Motivating and Managing Teen Behavior	30173	Thursday September 17 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Dave Zidar	Mercer Co. DJFS, 220 West Livingston St, Celina
The Cactus in the Petunia Patch	31775	Thursday September 24 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Ruby Johnston	WORTC, 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Domestic Violence: Facts and Fundamentals MEETS DV REQUIREMENTS	23708	Monday and Tuesday September 28 th – 29 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Brian Bethel	Allen County CSB, 123 W. Spring St, Lima



On-Going Virtual Caseworker Training – June and September 2026

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Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Trainer	Location
Confidentiality Requirements and Avoiding Liability	29951	Monday June 1 st 9:00 – 4:00	Katy Mercer	Zoom
Psychotropic Medications: Questions to Ask about Kids on Meds	29952	Wednesday June 10 th 9:00 – 12:00	Stacy Simera	Zoom
Addressing Reoccurring Mental Health Issues in Families	29955	Friday June 12 th 9:00 – 4:00	Linda Davis	Zoom
Living the Legacy: The Dramatic Effects of Prenatal Substance Exposure	29971	Thursday June 25 th 9:00 – 12:00	Ronna Johnson	Zoom
Lessons Learned for the Modern World of Social Work and Counseling: The Ethics of Dr. Victor Frankenstein NEW Meets Ethics Requirements	29956	Monday June 29 th 9:00 – 12:15	Linda Davis	Zoom
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: A Hidden Struggle NEW	31751	Wednesday August 12 th 9:00AM – 12:00PM	Karen Channells	Zoom
Ethics in the Electronic Age: Standards for Ohio Social Service Professionals NEW Meets Ethics Requirements	31690	Thursday August 20 th 9:00AM – 12:15PM	Stacy Simera	Zoom
Elements of Empathy: Why Empathy Matters	31749	Monday August 24 th 9:00AM – 12:00PM	Kelly Mettler	Zoom
Incredible Infants! Promoting Best Care During the First Year of Life	31693	Tuesday August 25 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Ronna Johnson	Zoom
Creative Play NEW	31329	Tuesday September 8 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Linda Davis	Zoom
Promoting Nutrition Throughout Childhood: Eating for the Health of It!	31694	Tuesday September 15 th 9:00AM – 12:00PM	Ronna Johnson	Zoom



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NEW				
Anxiety Disorders: Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust, and Sadness all Working Together	31330	Tuesday September 22 nd 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Linda Davis	Zoom
Understanding Psychological Disorders and the DSM Using the Movies of Hitchcock NEW	31331	Wednesday September 23 rd 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Linda Davis	Zoom
Gathering the Right Information: Essential Skills for Child Protection Screeners	31695	Friday September 25 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Lori Merkel	Zoom



Any trainings beyond this point are only open to OAC Caseworkers and Supervisors



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CORE 2.0 Caseworker Training: March - June 2026

NOTE: Each of the following classes have prerequisites, please see CAPS for more details

First Priority of the Caseworker Core trainings below will go to Caseworkers, any extra seats will be open to the rest of child service staff

Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Trainer	Location
Collaboration and Teaming	29061	Friday March 13 th 10:00 – 3:45	Diana Hoover	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Engagement and Interviewing Skills Practice	29062	Friday March 20 th 9:00 – 4:00	Johanna Pearce	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Interviewing Children	29063	Tuesday March 24 th 10:00 – 2:30	Johanna Pearce	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Fact Gathering Skills Practice	29066	Wednesday April 8 th 9:00 – 12:30	Kristin Sparks	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Determining if Abuse or Neglect Occurred	29067	Friday April 17 th 9:00 – 4:00	Kristie Heckman	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Assessing Risk of Future Harm	29085	Tuesday April 21 st 9:00 – 4:00	Val Larkin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Quality Assessments of Safety: Is Immediate Intervention Necessary to Assure Child Safety?	29072	Wednesday April 29 th 9:00 – 4:00	Karen Setterlin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Managing Effects of Separation	29074	Friday May 8 th 10:00 – 3:00	Johanna Pearce	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Service Planning and Delivery	29076	Wednesday – Friday May 20 th -22 nd 9:00-4:00	Jill Roberts	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Working Towards Successful Reunification: Strengthening Relationships between	29077	Wednesday May 27 th 9:00-4:00	Johanna Pearce	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy



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Primary and Resource Families				
Courtroom Testimony Skills Practice	29079	Tuesday June 2 nd 9:00-12:00	Kristie Heckman	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Preparing For and Completing Case Closure	29080	Friday June 12 th 10:00 – 2:45	Kristie Heckman	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Assuring Child Safety within KPAs	29081	Friday June 26 th 9:00-4:00	Johanna Pearce	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy



CORE 2.0 Caseworker Training: May – September 2026

NOTE: Each of the following classes have prerequisites, please see CAPS for more details

First Priority of the Caseworker Core trainings below will go to Caseworkers, any extra seats will be open to the rest of child service staff

Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Trainer	Location
Collaboration and Teaming	29673	Tuesday May 19 th 10:00 – 3:30	Johanna Pearce	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Engagement and Interviewing Skills Practice	29674	Thursday May 28 th 9:00 – 4:00	Johanna Pearce	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Interviewing Children	29675	Monday June 1 st 9:00 – 12:45	Kristie Heckman	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Fact Gathering Skills Practice	29686	Tuesday June 9 th 9:00 – 12:30	Kristin Sparks	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Determining if Abuse or Neglect Occurred	29703	Wednesday June 17 th 9:00 – 4:00	Karen Setterlin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Assessing Risk of Future Harm	29847	Tuesday June 23 rd 9:00 – 4:00	Val Larkin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Quality Assessments of Safety: Is Immediate Intervention Necessary to Assure Child Safety?	29720	Monday August 10 th 9:00 – 4:00	Johanna Pearce	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Managing Effects of Separation	29676	Tuesday August 18 th 10:00 – 3:00	Johanna Pearce	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Service Planning and Delivery	29677	Tuesday – Thursday August 25 th – 27 th 9:00-4:00	Jill Roberts	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Working Towards Successful Reunification: Strengthening Relationships between Primary and Resource Families	29678	Monday August 31 st 9:00-4:00	Kristin Sparks	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Courtroom Testimony Skills Practice	29679	Wednesday September 9 th 1:00-4:00	John Everett	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton



Preparing For and Completing Case Closure	29680	Tuesday September 15 th 9:00 – 1:00	Kristin Sparks	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Assuring Child Safety within KPAs	29681	Wednesday September 23 rd 9:00-4:00	Johanna Pearce	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton



CORE 2.0 Caseworker Training: August – December 2026

NOTE: Each of the following classes have prerequisites, please see CAPS for more details

First Priority of the Caseworker Core trainings below will go to Caseworkers, any extra seats will be open to the rest of child service staff

Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Trainer	Location
Collaboration and Teaming	29688	Tuesday August 4 th 10:00 – 3:30	Johanna Pearce	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Engagement and Interviewing Skills Practice	29689	Wednesday August 19 th 9:00 – 4:00	Johanna Pearce	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Interviewing Children	29690	Monday August 31 st 9:00 – 12:45	Kristie Heckman	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Fact Gathering Skills Practice	29929	Friday September 11 th 9:00 – 12:30	Lisa Fleischer	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Determining if Abuse or Neglect Occurred	29692	Monday September 21 st 9:00 – 4:00	Amber Ntamack	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Assessing Risk of Future Harm	29693	Tuesday September 29 th 9:00 – 4:00	Kelly Crampton	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Quality Assessments of Safety: Is Immediate Intervention Necessary to Assure Child Safety?	29694	Monday October 5 th 9:00 – 4:00	Johanna Pearce	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Managing Effects of Separation	29695	Wednesday October 21 st 10:00 – 3:00	Lauri Wolfe	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Service Planning and Delivery	29696	Tuesday – Thursday October 27 th – 29 th 9:00-4:00	Jill Roberts	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton



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Working Towards Successful Reunification: Strengthening Relationships between Primary and Resource Families	29697	Tuesday November 10 th 9:00-4:00	Kelly Crampton	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Courtroom Testimony Skills Practice	29698	Friday November 20 th 9:00 – 12:00	Kristie Heckman	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Preparing For and Completing Case Closure	29699	Tuesday December 1 st 10:00 – 2:45	Kelly Crampton	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy
Assuring Child Safety within KPAs	29700	Tuesday December 8 th 9:00-4:00	Johanna Pearce	Tri - County Mental Health and Recover, 1280 N. County Rd 25A, Troy



CORE 2.0 Supervisor Core

NOTE: Please see CAPS for more details or contact Jill Hedrick or Kristi Harkleroad



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Assessor				
Title	CAPS Locator #	Date & Time	Trainer	Location
Supporting Openness and Collaboration	27727	Monday June 8 th 9:00AM – 12:00PM	Val Larkin	
Supporting Trauma Informed Parenting	27728	Monday June 8 th 1:00PM – 3:30PM	Val Larkin	
Recruiting Foster and Adoptive Families	29860	Monday June 8 th 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Maureen Hefferman	Allen County CSB, 123 W. Spring St, Lima
Adoption Readiness	27729	Friday June 26 th 9:00AM – 11:30AM	Val Larkin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Completing the Homestudy	27731	Friday June 26 th 12:030PM – 4:15PM	Val Larkin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Managing Difficult Conversations	27737	Friday August 7 th 9:00AM – 12:15PM	Val Larkin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Supporting Well Being	27739	Friday August 7 th 1:00PM – 4:00PM	Val Larkin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Voluntary Adoption Process	27814	Thursday September 17 th 9:00AM – 12:15PM	Susan Darden Kautz	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Pre-Finalization	27815	Thursday September 17 th 1:00PM – 3:30PM	Susan Darden Kautz	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Matching Process	27810	Tuesday October 6 th 9:00AM – 11:30AM	Val Larkin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Supporting Children of Color	27747	Tuesday October 6 th 12:30PM – 2:00PM	Val Larkin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton
Post-Finalization	27754	Tuesday October 6 th 2:15PM – 3:45PM	Val Larkin	WORTC 1312 Research Park Dr, Dayton



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