



Department of Children & Youth

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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 Learner.

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. Virtual
Statewide Core 2.0 sessions are also available, refer to CAPS LMS.

24829	Engagement and Interviewing Skills Practice	Diana Hoover	Tuesday, September 15, 2026	NEORTC
24831	Collaboration and Teaming	Val Larkin	Thursday, October 1 & Friday, October 2, 2026 9:00am – 11:15am each day	VIRTUAL
31559	Fact Gathering Skills Practice	Lori Merkel	Wednesday, October 7, 2026 9:00am – 12:30pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
24825	Interviewing Children	Marquetese Betts	Tuesday, October 13, 2026 8:45am – 12:30pm	NEORTC
24842	Determining if Abuse or Neglect Occurred	Dave Thomas	Monday, October 19 & Tuesday, October 20, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
32943	Preparing For and Completing Case Closure	Kelly Crampton	Tuesday, October 20, 2026 10:00am – 2:45pm Includes 1 hour lunch break	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
24833	Fact Gathering Skills Practice	Warne Edwards	Tuesday, October 27, 2026 9:00am – 12:30pm	VIRTUAL
24843	Quality Assessments of Safety: Is Immediate Intervention Necessary to Assure Child Safety?	Kelly Crampton	Monday, November 2 & Tuesday, November 3, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL



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24846	Assessing Risk of Future Harm	Melanie Hale	Tuesday, November 10, 2026	NEORTC
24827	CW Core 1.0/2.0 Module 6: Service Planning and Delivery in Family-Centered Child Protective Services	Melanie Hale	Wednesday, November 18, Thursday, November 19 & Friday, November 20, 2026	NEORTC
27351	Fact Gathering Skills Practice	Tim Merle	Thursday, November 19, 2026 9:00am – 12:30pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
27339	Preparing For and Completing Case Closure	Lisa Fleischer	Tuesday, November 24, 2026 10:00am – 2:45pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i>	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
24853	Working Towards Successful Reunification: Strengthening the Relationship Between Primary and Resource Families	Nikaeda Griffie	Thursday, December 3, 2026	NEORTC
24850	Managing Effects of Separation	Lauri Wolfe	Wednesday, December 9, 2026 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i>	NEORTC
24861	Preparing For and Completing Case Closure	Linda Davis	Thursday, December 10, 2026 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i>	VIRTUAL
24851	Assuring Child Safety Within Key Practice Areas	Lori Merkel	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	NEORTC
24866	Courtroom Testimony Skills Practice	Dave Thomas	Monday, December 21, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	VIRTUAL
24867	Courtroom Testimony Skills Practice	Dave Thomas	Monday, December 21, 2026 1:00pm – 4:00pm	VIRTUAL
ASSESSOR SERIES 2024 <i>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.</i>				
28597	Supporting Resource and Adoptive Families	Angie Irby	Monday, October 5, 2026 9:00am – 12:30pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
32474	Supporting Well-Being	Angie Irby	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	NEORTC



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28385	Post-Finalization	Angie Irby	Wednesday, October 28, 2026 1:00pm – 2:30pm	NEORTC
28634	Supporting Resource and Adoptive Families	Angie Irby	Friday, November 13, 2026 9:00am – 12:30pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
30528	Supporting Resource and Adoptive Families	Susan Darden- Kautz	Monday, December 7, 2026 9:00am – 12:30pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
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. Virtual Statewide Supervisor Core sessions are also available, refer to CAPS LMS.</i>				
28598	Managing for Outcomes: Using Ohio SACWIS Data to Improve Unit Performance	Kristie Heckman	Friday, October 9, 2026 9:00am – 12:45pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
33048	Case Consultation and Critical Thinking	Kristie Heckman	Wednesday, October 14 & Thursday, October 15, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
32517	Supervision Strategies for Leading Change	Kelly Mettler	Monday, October 26 & Tuesday, October 27, 2026 9:00am – 11:30am each day	VIRTUAL
32507	Supervision Strategies for Managing Conflict	Robert Myers	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	NEORTC
28006	Managing for Outcomes: Using Ohio SACWIS Data to Improve Unit Performance	Erica Sabados	Monday, November 9, 2026 9:00am – 12:45pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE
28750	Staff Development: The Coaching Mindset in Action	Ruby Johnston	Wednesday, December 2 & Thursday, December 3, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
28693	Managing for Outcomes: Using Ohio SACWIS Data to Improve Unit Performance	Erica Sabados	Wednesday, December 9, 2026 9:00am – 12:45pm	VIRTUAL STATEWIDE



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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)

31257	Fostering A Healthy Organization Grounded in Reflective Practice NEW	Katherine Bedwell	Thursday, October 22 & Friday, October 23, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
29863	Supervision Skills for a Complex World <i>Meets LISW-S CEU Requirement</i>	Matt Butler	Wednesday, November 4, 2026 9:00am – 12:15pm	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.

OCTOBER 2026

23390*	Beyond the Silence: Forensic Interviewing Part One	Penny Daly	Monday, October 5, Tuesday, October 6, 9:00am – 4:00pm & Wednesday, October 7, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
31792*	De-escalation Skills for the Human Services: Enhancing Safety through Verbal and Nonverbal Interventions	Lindsey Ross	Monday, October 5, 2026 Note: Training involves activity and periods of standing	NEORTC
30610	Optimizing Health, Development, and Safety Outcomes for Substance Exposed Infants	Ronna Johnson	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	NEORTC
31732	Unintentional Ingestions of Marijuana Edibles and Exposure to other Illegal Substances by Children	Dr. Michelle Bestic	Tuesday, October 13, 2026 9:00am – 11:30am	NEORTC



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32333	Stepping into Leadership: Preparing for the Supervisor Role NEW	Karen Setterlin	Wednesday, October 14, 2026	NEORTC
32395	Exploring Personal Perspectives in Child Sexual Abuse Cases <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i> Learners must have the Sex Abuse Series Curriculum on their Transcript to See this Training in CAPS LMS	Georgette Constantinou	Wednesday, October 14, 2026 10:00am – 2:45pm <i>Includes 1 hour lunch break</i>	VIRTUAL
29883*	Survival in the Workplace: Observation, Awareness, Options	Thomas Durflinger	Thursday, October 15, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
29884*	Survival in the Workplace: Observation, Awareness, Options	Thomas Durflinger	Thursday, October 15, 2026 1:00pm – 4:00pm	NEORTC
29887*	Substance Use and Abuse Among Children and Adolescents: Prevention, Recognition, and Intervention	Stacy Simera	Thursday, October 15, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
29888	Zzz's to A's: Supporting Sleep for Better Functioning	Stacy Simera	Thursday, October 15, 2026 1:00pm – 4:00pm	NEORTC
32340	Trauma Informed Care: The Neuroscience of Trauma and Resilience	Laura Faye Perkins	Monday, October 19 & Tuesday, October 20, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
31258*	Interviewing Models that Enhance Engagement	David Zidar	Wednesday, October 21, 2026	NEORTC
29421*	Domestic Violence Training for Ohio Caseworkers and Supervisors NEW <i>Meets DV requirement for caseworkers and supervisors within 2 years of hire/promotion</i>	Paula Walters	Wednesday, October 21 & Thursday, October 22, 2026 9:00am – 4:15pm each day	NEORTC
31259	Assessing Families Whose Identities and Relationships May Differ from Traditional Expectations	Susan Darden- Kautz	Thursday, October 22, 2026	NEORTC

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32339	Silent Danger: Recognizing and Responding to Strangulation in Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Cases	Paula Walters	Friday, October 23, 2026	NEORTC
31310*	Precision and Purpose: Effective Writing for Child Protective Professionals	Debra Johanyak	Monday, October 26, 2026	NEORTC
29882	Sibling Sexual Abuse: It's All Relative	Brian Bethel	Tuesday, October 27, 2026	NEORTC
30420	Assessing the Dynamics of Parents Who Are at Risk of Killing Their Children: Filicide	Dr. Paul Martin	Thursday, October 29, 2026	NEORTC
31657	Working with Youth Who Display Psychotic Features: Double Checking Reality	Jim Still-Pepper	Thursday, October 29 & Friday, October 30, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
32198	Oppositional Defiant Disorder: Talk to the Hand	Brian Bethel	Thursday, October 29 & Friday, October 30, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
30422	Developmental Milestones and Disorders of Personality	Dr. Paul Martin	Friday, October 30, 2026	NEORTC
NOVEMBER 2026				
28888	Take My Advice: Guidelines for Assessing and Advising Parents	Jody Johnston Pawel	Wednesday, November 4 & Thursday, November 5, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
32325	Working with Families Navigating the Legal Status Processes	Tiffany Stacy	Friday, November 6, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
32326	Working with Families Navigating the Legal Status Processes	Tiffany Stacy	Friday, November 6, 2026 1:00pm – 4:00pm	NEORTC
31173	The Lasting Impact of Military Service on Families Involved in Child Welfare: Once a Warrior, always a Warrior	Mary Hatcher	Monday, November 9, 2026 In Honor of Veteran's Day	NEORTC



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31260*	Safe and Together: Domestic Violence-Informed Assessments and Interviews <i>Meets DV requirement for caseworkers and supervisors within 2 years of hire/promotion</i>	Lesley Keown	Monday, November 9 & Tuesday, November 10, 2026	NEORTC
29881	Going Two Extremes: An Overview of Childhood Bipolar Disorder	Brian Bethel	Thursday, November 12 & Friday, November 13, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
32331	Child and Family Team Meeting	Jill Roberts	Thursday, November 12, 2026	Ashtabula County
32332	Searching and Documenting Your Family Tree: A Link to the Past, a Bridge to the Future	Jill Roberts	Friday, November 13, 2026	NEORTC
32841	Holding the Line: Ethical Boundaries for Child Welfare Professionals Working with Families Involved in CPS and the Criminal Justice System NEW <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i>	Kim Stanley	Friday, November 13, 2026 8:45am-12:00pm	NEORTC
31437*	Case Documentation and Effective Case Writing Skills	Theresa Chrisman	Tuesday, November 17, 2026	NEORTC
32342	Normalcy and the Reasonable and Prudent Standard: What's the Standard?	Christine Kelly Cross	Tuesday, November 17 & Wednesday, November 18, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm each day	VIRTUAL
24446	Beyond the Silence: Forensic Interviewing Part Two <i>Pre-requisite: Beyond the Silence Part One</i>	Heidi Malott	Wednesday, November 18 Thursday, November 19, 9:00am – 4:00pm & Friday, November 20, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	NEORTC
31998	More than Words: Learning Effective Public Speaking Skills on the Road to Enhanced Communication	Jim Still-Pepper	Monday, November 23, 2026	NEORTC



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31563	How to Identify and Address Microaggressions in Today's Climate <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i>	Dan Houston	Tuesday, December 1, 2026 9:00am – 12:15pm	VIRTUAL
32343*	Effective Resiliency-Based Case Plan Writing	Lauri Wolfe	Tuesday, December 1, 2026	NEORTC
31438*	De-escalation Skills for the Human Services: Enhancing Safety through Verbal and Nonverbal Interventions	Lindsey Ross	Wednesday, December 2, 2026 Note: Training involves activity and periods of standing	NEORTC
29880	An Overview of Inhalant Abuse: Don't Get Yourself in a Huff	Brian Bethel	Thursday, December 3, 2026	NEORTC
31738	Helping Kids Develop a Conscience	Jim Still-Pepper	Monday, December 7, 2026	NEORTC
28978*	Family Case Planning	Warne Edwards	Thursday, December 10 & Friday, December 11, 2026 9:00am – 12:00pm	VIRTUAL
32392	Motivating and Managing Teen Behavior	Dave Zidar	Monday, December 14, 2026	NEORTC
33433	Finding Family: Locating and Engaging Kin and Other Caring Adults	Maureen Heffernan	Thursday, December 17, 2026	NEORTC
32851	Ethics in the Electronic Age: Standards for Ohio Social Service Professionals <i>Meets Ethics CEU Requirement</i>	Stacy Simera	Thursday, December 17, 2026 9:00am – 12:15pm	VIRTUAL
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