

# The OCWTP Is Currently Revising Caseworker Core!

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These changes will ensure all Caseworker Core modules align with new Ohio best practices. These include:

- CAPMIS
- SACWIS
- Differential Response
- Family Search and Engagement
- Trauma-Informed Practice

Each module is being offered as soon as it is revised so new caseworkers receive updated information in many of these content areas. The following Caseworker Core modules have already been revised:

## **CW Core Module II: Engaging Families in Family-Centered Child Protective Services**

This one-day workshop presents the key concepts of engagement and rapport-building between the child welfare caseworker and the family being served. Participants explore the child protective services casework engagement approach, explore the dynamics of resistance, and are introduced to interviewing strategies to promote engagement in child protective services.

## **CW Core Module IV: Assessment and Safety Planning in Family-Centered Child Protective Services**

This two-day workshop establishes the child protective services process of assessment as the fundamental and critical prerequisite for all case decision-making. Seven steps of critical thinking are applied to assessing safety, risk, and family strengths and needs. New caseworkers will develop a fundamental understanding about how safety plans must be driven by the assessment of safety.

## **CW Core Module V: Gathering Facts in Family-Centered Child Protective Services**

This one-day workshop explores fact finding principles common to all child welfare cases, as well as unique fact finding principles for cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect. Participants learn the factors to consider in planning and conducting comprehensive fact finding activities, including the application of CAPTA to respect parents' Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment rights.

## **CW Core Module VI: Service Planning and Delivery in Family-Centered Child Protective Services**

This three-day workshop establishes the child protective services process of service provision as a fundamental and critical responsibility throughout the life of a case. The workshop provides a framework for assessment-driven service planning to reduce the risk of future harm through accurate identification of services by engaging families in the service planning process.

In addition to these four modules, learning labs to support strong engagement, interviewing and documentation of the assessment and service planning process have been revised or developed. These include:

- **CW Core Module II Learning Lab: Engagement Skills – 6 hours**
- **CW Core Module IV SACWIS Learning Lab: Assessing Safety - 6 hours**
- **CW Core Module IV SACWIS Learning Lab: Assessing Risk – 6 hours**
- **CW Core Module V Learning lab: Assessment Skills for Gathering Facts in Child Protective Services – 6 hours**
- **CW Core Module VI SACWIS Learning Lab: Service Planning – 6 hours**

The OCWTP is offering a 2-hour webinar for supervisors to educate them about the updates to Caseworker Core and prepare them to support the application of what they learn in Caseworker Core to casework practice. Two options are available:

1. Thursday, November 12, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
2. Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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