



Pelican Center
for Children & Families

2019 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



A Louisiana Child Welfare
Training Academy Partner



Louisiana
Court Improvement Program

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Conference**

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Child Welfare Basics

Child Welfare Basics

Join us for a one-day workshop focused on the fundamentals of the Child in Need of Care practice. This program is designed for a multidisciplinary audience. Faculty members will discuss the constitutional, federal and state law underlying child welfare cases. Attendees will explore these legal principles, as well as the concepts of timely permanency for families, reasonable efforts both to prevent removal and to further the permanency goal, child development, the impact of trauma on child behavior, and the roles and responsibilities of the various parties to a child welfare case.

The roles and responsibilities session will include a focus on ethics - namely, the guiding ethical rules and regulations for the different professional roles. The training will incorporate adult learning theory, incorporating lecture, small group discussion and interactive practice. Child Welfare Law Specialist applicants will enjoy this refresher course prior to sitting for the examination.

Registration is \$25 and will cover lunch, refreshments and training materials. DCFS staff may attend with supervisory approval. DCFS Child Welfare Training Office will submit the names of all authorized attendees for registration. 6.5 general CLE hours approved, includes 1 hour each of Ethics & Professionalism, and 6.5 SW CEU general hours approved.

Pre-registration is required in order to accommodate lunches.

Dates & Locations:

Lake Charles - January 17, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3112452>

Monroe - April 1, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3112574>

Houma - June 13, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3112572>

New Orleans - September 23, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3112586>

Cultural Consciousness

Workshop



Cultural Consciousness

A curriculum adapted from the New Jersey Child Welfare Training Partnership Cultural Competence Curriculum, presented by Patsy Wilkerson, M.A.

This course introduces participants to concepts of cultural consciousness in the workplace and explores the impact of personal views and values regarding sexual orientation, gender, race and ethnicity on their role. Through activities, videos and group discussions, participants explore the roots of their biases and assumptions and how these dynamics affect their working relationships with others. During the course, participants are challenged to address issues concerning how their perspectives on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender are impacted by their world views. Participants also create and share strategies for raising awareness and interacting more effectively with individuals who are different from themselves.

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Dates & Locations:

Hammond - March 25, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114908>

Lafayette - April 17, 2019

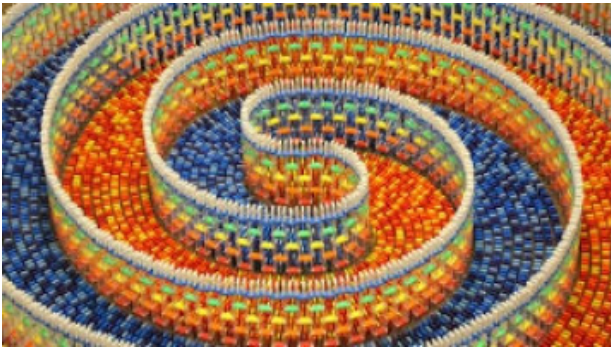
<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114912>

Alexandria - September 17, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114913>

Houma - October 14, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114910>



Mosaic Dimension 2.0

Racial Disproportionality and Disparity

Mosaic Dimension 2.0: Racial Disproportionality

“Embracing ‘Cultural Uniqueness and Differences’ to make a Difference”

This training introduces participants to concepts of cultural programming and implicit racial bias through the Mosaic Dimension Model. It strives to foster a climate of success and reduce racial disproportionality and disparity through three extraordinary practices. The Mosaic Dimension Model assumes that children who are moving through the foster care system are as culturally unique and different as mosaic patterns.

The Mosaic Dimension Model teaches that through “the Power of One,” we can each work to create a child welfare system where all children “fare well.” This experiential, scenario-based training is designed to go beyond traditional programs to explore this topic on a broader level. It includes a data-driven practicum designed to encourage and strengthen transfer of knowledge and competencies to actual work experience.

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Dates & Locations:

Houma - March 15, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114867>

Monroe - June 18, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114869>

Lake Charles - August 7, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114846>

New Orleans - October 25, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114882>



Safety Decision Making (Webinar)



Laws and Best Practices

Safety Decision Making (Webinar)

The basic and most important determination judicial and child welfare agency staff make in child in need of care cases is whether a child(ren) is safe. Critical safety decisions are made when removing a child and determining whether a child should return home. However, without a comprehensive decision-making structure and thorough inquiry, decisions can lead to over and under removal, leaving children unsafe or returning them home too quickly.

Agenda: 1. Introduction to topic and presenters 2. Review learning objectives 3. Review of materials a. Child Safety: A Guide for Judges and Attorneys aka The Guide b. Bench Cards for The Guide c. Pelican Center Law and Best Practices Bulletin - SDM 4. Discuss definitions typically used in SDM 5. Discuss "Safe" vs. "Unsafe" as pertains to CINC 6. Review Six Areas of Assessment 7. Review Safety Plans - purpose and goals 8. Discuss Safety and Risk Assessments 9. Q&A and Wrap-Up

Instructors for this webinar are Mark Harris, Pelican Center for Children & Families and Kim McCain, Louisiana DCFS.

FREE! There is no fee for registration.

CLE and CEU Applications are APPROVED. Materials are available on the website during the webinar and emailed to participants in advance.

2019 Dates

February 19, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3122508>

May 23, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3122503>

July 15, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3122509>

November 20, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3122510>

December 13, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3122512>



Safety Decision Making Laws and Best Practices



Safety Decision Making–LIVE

This course is based upon the American Bar Association publication, "Child Safety: A Guide for Judges and Attorneys" (Guide), written by Therese Roe Lund, MSSW, National Resource Center for Child Protective Services and Jennifer Renne, JD, National Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues. A quote from the Introduction of the Guide summarizes both its purpose and the purpose of this course.

"Safety planning in the child welfare system is a shared responsibility, but ultimately the court must make critical safety decisions such as whether to remove a child and when to return a child home. Judges rule on these choices every day, but often lack a decision-making structure, which can lead to following agency recommendations without a thorough inquiry. This can lead to an over-removal problem, rubber-stamping agency recommendations without knowing what's driving the safety decision; or an under-removal problem, leaving children in unsafe conditions, or returning them home prematurely.

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Dates & Locations:

Baton Rouge - February 15, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114885>

Lafayette - May 2, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114903>

Monroe - September 9, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114905>

Houma - December 9, 2019

<https://www.teamdynamicsweb.com/event-3114901>



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The Pelican Center for Children & Families is a Louisiana non-profit organization dedicated to improving outcomes for Louisiana's children and families. The Pelican Center focus is on intensive coordinated interdisciplinary training and education of child welfare practitioners, children's and indigent parents' attorneys, child protection staff, CASAs, foster parents, district and child welfare agency attorneys and others.

If you have course content questions, please contact **Thailund Porter Green, JD**, Training Director with the Pelican Center for Children and Families at: Thailund.PorterGreen@Pelicancenter.org.



If you have questions about your registration or need assistance with registration, please contact **Jennifer Graffeo** at Team Dynamics. She can be reached at jennifer@teamdynamicsweb.com or 985-624-3514x4.

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