



Pelican Center
for Children & Families



2020 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



**A Louisiana Child Welfare
Training Academy Partner**



Louisiana
Court Improvement Program



FUNDAMENTALS OF CHILD WELFARE

Fundamentals of Child Welfare

This one-day, interactive workshop provides a comprehensive overview of the Child in Need of Care (CINC) practice. Designed for a multi-disciplinary audience, this workshop will incorporate adult learning theory, lecture, small group activities and interactive practice using real case scenarios. Topics will explore constitutional, federal and state law, ethics in practice, child development and trauma in child welfare cases. The ethics portion of this workshop will focus on practice as guided by the Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys and the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will have gained a greater understanding of constitutional, federal and state laws that govern CINC practice, the purpose of each of hearing; concepts of timely permanency for families; reasonable efforts to prevent removal and to achieve the permanency goal; ethical rules and regulations; roles and responsibilities of involved parties and the impact of child development and trauma on children and parents.

Fundamentals of Child Welfare is an asset for improving the knowledge base of Attorneys, CASA, Child Welfare Staff, Social Workers and others who provide professional service, representation, advocacy and/or care for children in need of care and/or their parents. Those new to the Child Welfare profession, as well as those wanting a refresher, will especially appreciate this workshop.

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 and Professionalism, and 6.5 SW CEU general hours approved. Pre-registration is required in order to accommodate lunches.

Dates & Locations:

- March 05** | Alexandria - Best Western Hotel
<http://bit.ly/fundamentals-cwMar5>
- May 14** | Caddo Area - AB Palmer Recreation Center
<http://bit.ly/fundamentals-cwMay14>

CULTURAL S.M.A.R.T.



Culture S.M.A.R.T.

This training experience is designed for practitioners who touch the lives of children and families in the Child Welfare System. It is developed to enhance the ability of child welfare practitioners to respond through advocacy to the unique needs and differences of children and families of various racial and ethnic groups in ways that are culturally congruent to improve outcomes for children and families. Culture S.M.A.R.T. is an engaging experience that simulates aspects of what it is like to “walk in another racial, ethnic or cultural group’s shoes.” Although simulations do not provide a full, comprehensive picture, this experience will allow participants to respond to the training experiences by representing another perspective.

Participants practice “walking in the shoes” of another person and come face to face with personal bias, perspectives and assumptions. This training helps to build skills and knowledge of other cultures and in doing so increases the capacity for greater advocacy for our children and families based upon an increased knowledge and sensitivity to the uniqueness of each racial, ethnic and cultural group and identify opportunities for growth and development in a safe, simulated environment.

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Dates & Locations:

- February 07** | Livingston Area - South Branch Livingston Library
<http://bit.ly/culture-smartFeb7>
- April 02** | Alexandria - Best Western Hotel
<http://bit.ly/culture-smartApr2>
- April 16** | Covington Area - James Samaritan
<http://bit.ly/culture-smartApr16>
- June 19** | East Baton Rouge Area - EBR Regional DCFS Office
<http://bit.ly/culture-smartJun19>
- June 25** | Ruston Area - LA Methodist Children’s Home
<http://bit.ly/culture-smartJun25>



MONTH: JANUARY 2020

WEEK	MONTH	YEAR	< PREVIOUS MONTH	TODAY	NEXT MONTH >	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 9:00 AM DD-Relationships 12:30 PM DD-Relationships	9 10:00 AM DD-Relationships	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 9:30 AM DD-Relationships 12:30 PM DD-Relationships	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
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All 2020 Training Registrations are on the Team Dynamics Website:

TEAMDYNAMICSWEB.COM

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.



Pelican Center for Children & Families

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 an 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.

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