



Pelican Center
for Children & Families

2021 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Louisiana
Court Improvement Program



Safety: Continuous Quality Assessment in Child Welfare Cases through Child Welfare Assessment & Decision-Making

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Join us for this two-day ONLINE training event focused on ensuring safety of children involved in the child welfare system. This training will look at the new Child Welfare Assessment & Decision Making-Model utilized by DCFS child welfare workers and other tools to evaluate the safety and risk issues of our most vulnerable children. New court forms will be introduced and reviewed. This course will reinforce the system focus that “removal of a child from their family is the safety plan of last resort.”

Course Objectives:

1. Learners will be able to define related terms.
1. Learners will be able to apply the principles of Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model to a new set of facts in order to assess a child’s safety.
2. Learners will be able to apply the principles of Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model to create practical safety plans.
3. Learners will be able to articulate the Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model analysis to support or defend safety decision making.
4. Learners will demonstrate an understanding of the Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model analysis as a tool for in and/or out- of- court advocacy for their client(s).

Instructors:

- Mark Harris, JD, Pelican Center for Children & Families
- Richard Pittman, JD, CWLS, Louisiana Office of Public Defenders
- Rebecca May Ricks, JD, CWLS, Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Services
- Franchesca Hamilton Acker, JD, Acadiana Legal Services Corporation
- Kim McCain, LMSW, Louisiana Department of Children & Families Services

2021 WORKSHOP DATES:

January 25-26 <http://bit.ly/PC-SafetyJan21> 9am-12:15pm

February 23-24 <http://bit.ly/PC-SafetyFeb21> 9am-12:15pm

April 19-20 <http://bit.ly/PCSafety-Ap21> 9am-12:15pm

Cost: \$10 for Virtual 2-day Training

Questions? Contact Team Dynamics at 985-624-3514. This training is hosted by the Pelican Center for Children and Families as part of the Court Improvement Program in collaboration with the Louisiana Supreme Court. Team Dynamics provides training coordination. Application pending for 6 hours of CLE, including 1-hour professionalism. Approved for 6 hours of general SW CEU.



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CULTURE S.M.A.R.T.



March 22-23, 2021 10am-1:15pm

We will be offering this course via ZOOM Technology due to COVID-19.

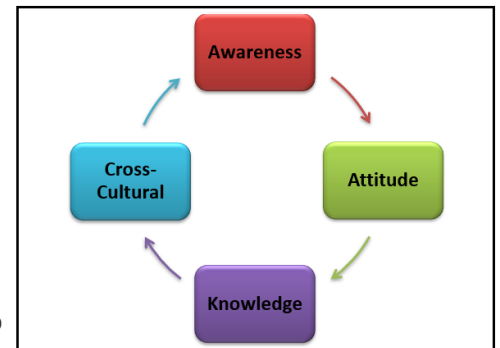
Please register now to receive the link via email. You must attend the online workshop session to receive the code for the next day. The workshop is presented live, not via recording.

You will need a computer (with sound/speakers) or a smart phone/tablet to participate in the sessions. It is not required that you have a camera set up. This workshop is being offered at a reduced rate of \$10 for all three sessions. All child welfare practitioners are invited to participate: attorneys, social workers, foster parents, CASA staff and volunteers, teachers, law enforcement, medical staff, etc.

Approved: 6 hours of Social Work CEU and Pending 6.0 hours CLE, including 1 hour of Legal Professionalism

What does it mean to be Culturally Smart?

- **being aware of one's own world view**
- **developing positive attitudes towards cultural differences**
- **gaining knowledge of different cultural practices and world views**
- **developing skills for communication and interaction across cultures**



This training experience is designed for multidisciplinary professionals who touch the lives of families and children in the Child Welfare System. It is developed to enhance the ability of child welfare practitioners to respond 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.” In the shoes of another person and come face to face with personal bias and perspectives and assumptions. This training helps us to build skills and knowledge of other cultures and identify opportunities for growth and development in a safe environment. Presenting cultural differences as a reflection of the way we solve similar problems promotes a sense of our common humanity, recognize we are all in this together for challenges in Child Welfare. Understanding this basic notion allows us to view cultural differences as a rich reservoir of solutions to real world concerns. Instead of looking upon cultural differences as things to be tolerated, we can relate to each other as cultural problem solvers with the same desired goals – better outcomes for children and families.

Presenters: Patsy Wilkerson, M.A. and Thailand Porter Green, JD



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REGISTER NOW!!!

<http://bit.ly/PC-CSMarch21>

**Who do I call with any questions?
Contact Team Dynamics at 985-624-3514.**



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FUNDAMENTALS OF CHILD WELFARE

May 10-11, 2021 10am-1:30pm

We will be offering this course via Zoom.

Please register now! We will send the link and your materials a few days prior to the sessions via email. The workshop is presented live, not via recording.

You do need a computer (with a microphone and sound/speakers) or a smart phone/tablet to participate in the sessions. You need an internet connection. It is not required that you have a camera set up. This session is not designed for audio-only participation.

This workshop is being offered at a reduced rate of \$10 for all three sessions. All child welfare practitioners are invited to participate: attorneys, social workers, foster parents, CASA staff and volunteers, teachers, law enforcement, medical staff, etc.

Approved: 6.5 hours of Social Work CEU. Pending: CLE, incl. 1 hour each of Legal Professionalism & Ethics

This three-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.

PRESENTED BY:

- Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, JD, Acadiana Legal Services Corporation
- Rodney Hastings, JD, LA Dept. of Children and Families Bureau of General Counsel
- D'Juannia Judge, LCSW, , CSM with LA Dept. of Children and Families (DCFS)
- Thailund Porter-Green, JD, Pelican Center for Children and Families
- Sharon B. Worthy, LMSW, Retired DCFS and SW Consultant

REGISTER NOW!!! <http://bit.ly/PC-FCWMay21>

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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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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.

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

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