Domestic Violence for Child Welfare Workers

Course Description:
This skill-based two-day training was developed to assist Child Welfare (CW) workers with families where domestic violence and child abuse and maltreatment overlap. This training provides a comprehensive overview of adult domestic violence, the role of CW in domestic violence cases, and the impact of domestic abuse on the safety of adult victims and children. **THIS TRAINING IS NOT INTENDED FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE WORKERS WHO EXCLUSIVELY INVESTIGATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.** Those workers should attend the two-day Mandated Domestic Violence training for Child Protective Services Staff. There will be opportunities for participants to assess for and respond to domestic violence, discuss safety planning with the protective parent, evaluate the effectiveness of various interventions, and review legal remedies. **DAY ONE**- Historical Perspective: The Nature of Abuse Domestic Violence and Children Mitigating Factors Barriers **DAY TWO**- In Her Shoes: An Interactive Simulation Steps to Intervention Safety Planning Assailant Interviews Planning for Intervention Summary and Evaluation

Location: **The Nicholas Scoppetta Children’s Center, 492 1st Avenue, NYC**

Training Dates:
- 01/18 & 19/2017
- 02/22 & 23/2017
- 03/21 & 22/2017
- 04/18 & 19/2017
- 05/09 & 10/2017
- 06/20 & 21/2017

*Trainer: Sabrina Fontenot & Catherine Pesci, NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence*
Helping People Change: Engaging and Motivating

Helping clients change behavior is an important role for child welfare professionals. Identifying the need for change in families and individuals affected by substance use disorders appears logical; motivating the client for change is challenging. This six hour training will provide participants with an understanding of the complexity of intentional behavior change and skills based techniques to identify client readiness to make change and to address barriers to change. Participants will be introduced to strategies for reducing resistance as well as learning strategies to enhance motivation and engage the substance affected client and their family for improved child welfare outcomes.

Target Population: All Staff  
Length of Training: 1 day

Location: James Satterwhite Academy at Gertz Plaza, 92-31 Union Hall St, 3rd Fl., Jamaica, NY 11433  
Training Dates:  
Wednesday, April 26. 2017

Trainer: Winell Jones, LMSW, MA, Senior Educational Specialist, Department of Child Welfare, Professional Development Program, Rockefeller College, SUNY, Albany
Working with Alcohol and Substance Affected Families (WASAF) training

Because of the high incidence of alcohol and other substance use within families receiving child welfare services, caseworkers and supervisors need to recognize substance use disorder and its effect on the family. Working with Alcohol and Substance Affected Families (WASAF) training is designed to enhance caseworker skills in addressing the dynamics and needs of families that are affected by alcohol and other substance use disorders. This program provides caseworkers in local districts and provider agencies with foundational information on substance use disorders, recovery, and relapse. The course covers the nature and causes of dependency, stages of chemical dependency, recovery, and relapse, and the implications of chemical dependency for child welfare caseworkers. Child welfare caseworkers and supervisors will also learn about the various treatment options, and recognize their role in referring families to these services.

Course topics contained in the one-day WASAF curriculum include:
• Attitudes, Values, and Beliefs
• The Biopsychosocial Model of Chemical Dependency
• AOD-Affected Family Systems
• Assessing Families Affected by AOD
• Treatment, Resources, Recovery, and Relapse

Target Population: Child Welfare Caseworkers and Supervisors
Length of Training: 1 day

Location: **James Satterwhite Academy** at Gertz Plaza, 92-31 Union Hall St, 3rd Fl., Jamaica, NY 11433
Training Dates:
**Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

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