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Topic: Other

Revised child welfare training requirements for Social Service Specialists (all
Subject: child welfare caseworkers)

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> | County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify): All child welfare managers and caseworkers (SSS1) |

Message:

There are important revisions regarding required training for all child welfare Social Service Specialists (caseworkers). Effective in 2012, all caseworkers are required to complete the following training:

- PSU Child Welfare Partnership Core classroom sessions **prior** to carrying a case.
- PSU Child Welfare Partnership Core Distance (NetLink or computer based) training **in first 90 days** of employment, but not prior to carrying a case. These include: 1. Confidentiality in Child Welfare; 2. Multi Ethnic Placement Act (MEPA); 3. Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA); 4. Advocating Educational Services.
- Pathways to Permanency **in the first year of employment for all new caseworkers**. This is the revised permanency course that replaced "Freeing and Placing" and is required for all caseworkers who have not completed "Freeing and Placing" as capacity allows. **Core is a required prerequisite for Pathways to Permanency.**

Training resources:

Child Welfare Training tools and Training Outline for Child Welfare Staff is located:

http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/cw_stafftools.htm

Portland State University Child Welfare Partnership:
<http://www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu/>

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