2020 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
July to December
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 (DCTS-BGC)
- 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

APPROVED: 6.5 hours of Social Work CEU and CLE, includes 1 hour each of Legal Professionalism & Ethics

Dates:

The workshop is offered at a reduced rate of $10 each. All child welfare professions/volunteers are invited to participate: attorneys, social workers, foster parents, CASA staff and volunteers, teachers, law enforcement, medical staff, & more.
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 Thailund Porter Green, JD

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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.

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 Thailund Porter Green, JD, Training Director with the Pelican Center for Children and Families at: Thailund.PorterGreen@Pelicancenter.org.

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