

Caseworker Core Module VI

Case Planning & Family-Centered Casework

Agenda & Objectives

Section I – Welcome and Introductions

Objectives:

- Trainees and the trainer will introduce themselves to each other.
- Trainees will identify their learning needs specific to this workshop.

Section II Defining Case Planning

Objectives:

- Trainees will understand the importance of case planning in child welfare.
- Trainees will understand the various types of case planning that are conducted in child welfare services.
- Trainees will be able to define, and list in order, the steps in effective case planning.
 - A. Planning vs. Reacting
 - B. Continuum of Planning in Child Welfare
 - C. The “*Laundry List Approach*” to Case Planning
 - D. Steps in the Case Planning Process
 - E. Purpose of the Written Case Plan Document

Section III – Engaging Families in the Case Planning Process

Objectives:

- Trainees will learn a variety of strategies for engaging families in the case planning process.
- Trainees will learn how issues of culture, motivation and change impact the development of the case plan.
- Trainees will understand how family members can be involved in group planning and decision-making meetings.

- Trainees will develop skills in using interview strategies to engage families in case planning.
- Trainees will understand how to involve fathers in the case planning process.
 - A. Engagement Strategies in Case Planning
 - B. Cultural Issues in Case Planning
 - C. Understanding Motivation and the Change Process
 - D. Family Group Decision-Making
 - E. Involving Fathers in Casework and Case Planning

Section IV – Technology of Case Planning

Objectives:

- Trainees will be able to identify the goals of case planning.
- Trainees will be able to correctly formulate objectives and activities to address the case plan goal.
- Trainees will understand how goals, objectives and activities are recorded on the PPS3050 series.
- Trainees will understand fundamental concepts regarding concurrent planning.
- Trainees will understand the caseworker’s dual roles as case manager and direct service provider in meeting case goals and objectives.
 - A. Johnson Family Round One
 - B. Johnson Family Round Two
 - C. Developing Goals, Objectives and Activities
 - D. Johnson Family Round Three
 - E. Case Management and Service Delivery
 - F. Concurrent Planning
 - G. Johnson Family Round Four

Section V – Reassessment and Case Review

Objectives:

- Trainees will understand the importance of regular case reviews to monitor progress and modify case assessment, goals, objectives and activities, as needed.
- Trainees will understand their roles and responsibilities in the case review process.
 - A. Purpose of Case Reviews
 - B. Process of Case Reviews
 - C. Types of Case Reviews
 - D. Summary Exercise

Section VI – Caseworker’s Role and the Casework Relationship

Objectives:

- Trainees will learn interview strategies to help clients stay invested in the change process and to help the family through crisis.
- Trainees will understand how to use home visits effectively to provide casework services.
- Trainees will understand the need to consider issues of worker safety when interacting with clients.
- Trainees will know the factors to consider for appropriate case closures.
 - A. The Continuing Client/Caseworker Relationship
 - B. Helping Clients Stay Invested in the Change Process
 - C. Helping Families in Crisis
 - D. Using Home Visits Effectively
 - E. Case Closure

Section VII – Action Planning

Objectives:

- Trainees will identify skill areas needing further practice and support.