

## Kansas Child Welfare Professional Training Program

**NEWSLETTER****Announcements**

**DCF and Kansas State University (KSU) are collaboratively offering four new simulation trainings for Kansas child welfare workers.** Dr. Don Kurtz and Cheryl Calhoun (KSU) delivered the first simulation training on at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12, 2018, in the Training Lab at the DCF Administration Building. The focus for this training is *Caregiver Substance Abuse and Use* and will offer 7.75 CEUs. Simulation training offers opportunities to learn about valuable, real-life situations in a safe training environment. Three more simulation trainings are planned for FY19 covering topics of Ethics, Court and Supervisor-Staff Relationships, dates to be announced. Participants are selected from regional and administration referrals.

**Spotlight News**

**The PPS Excellence in Supervision Conference** was enjoyed by more than 160 participants in Manhattan, Kansas, at the Bluemont Hotel on Sept. 19-21, 2018. Supervisors were honored from all across the state for their dedicated work. This was the most well attended conference to date. Participants earned CEUs while listening to nationally known presenters on a variety of topics that benefitted their work and encouraged their hearts. Thanks to all who made this conference a success! A special thank you to the KSU team, led by Shanna Jager, for their excellent work in preparing and delivering an informative and refreshing event. Already looking forward to next year!



KCWPTP website: [www.kcwptp.ks.gov](http://www.kcwptp.ks.gov)

**Upcoming Trainings****New Rounds of KCWPTP Core Training**

Nov. 14-15, 2018, Wichita  
Jan. 29-30, 2019 Topeka  
April 2-3, 2019, Kansas City

**Assessor Training****Topeka**

Tier 1—Oct. 23-25, 2018  
& Nov. 27-29, 2018  
Tier 2—Jan. 8-10, 2019  
& Feb. 5-7, 2019

**Why Bring Dads into the Picture**

Nov. 15, 2018, Great Bend  
Jan. 24 2019, Overland Park  
April 9, 2019, Wichita  
June 13, 2019, Kansas City

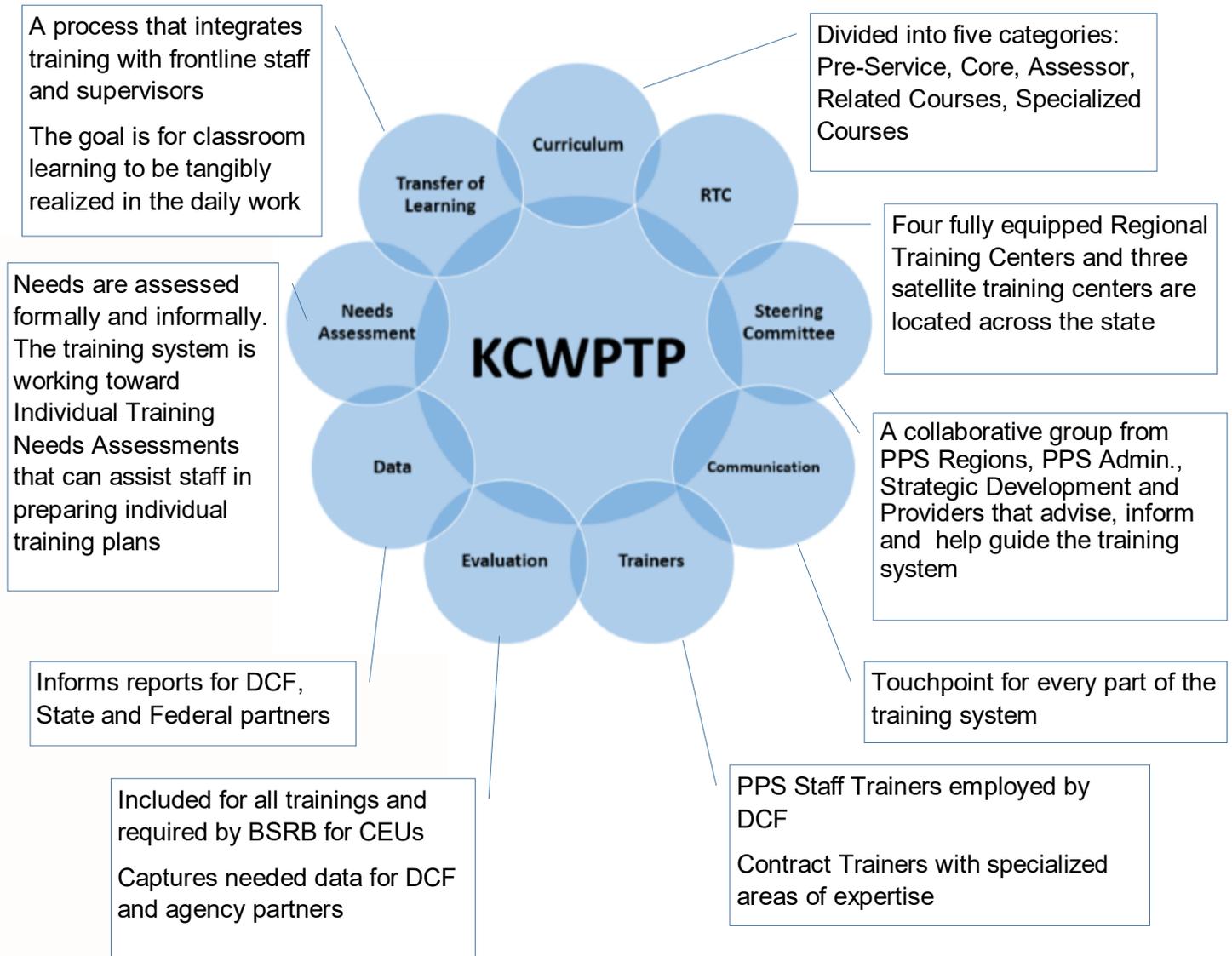
**Social Work Safety Awareness Training**

Jan. 23, 2019, Chanute  
April 18, 2019, Wichita  
July 18, 2019, Hays

**Bridges Out of Poverty Training**

October 4, 2018, Topeka  
February 21, 2019, Salina

# KCWPTP Training System



## BSRB Social Work CEU's are available at no cost!

Access [DCF Training Center](#) to see what is available. Simply type DCFCEU into the search box and all eligible DCF courses with BSRB approved SW CEUs will be listed.

## Did You Know?

- “By giving a voice to those who have none, social workers make the community better.”
- “Social work is a challenging, changing, high-growth profession that puts social workers in a position to make an actual difference in many people’s lives”

# Welcoming New Trainer, Michelle Williams

**Michelle Williams** received a Master in Social Work from Kansas University in 2013.

As a social worker, Michelle has served in several roles, beginning the first 16 years of her social work career working for Saint Francis Community Services (SFCS) in Great Bend. She started as a family support worker while getting her Bachelor of Social Work from Fort Hays State University (FHSU). Michelle also worked as a case manager until she accepted the team supervisor position with SFCS in 2005.

Currently, Michelle is the Social Services Supervisor for the Psychiatric Services Program at Larned State Hospital. In that position, Michelle is faced with new challenges every day and is enjoying the change of pace.

Michelle lives in Ellinwood with her husband and two wild boys, ages 7 and 11. They like to play basketball, go bike riding and roast marshmallows. Welcome, Michelle!

## PPS Academy

**PPS Academy** is an intensive, three-week series of trainings for child welfare workers new to DCF.

Seven groups have completed or started the PPS Academy, for a total of 100 participants. New participants are currently being assigned to future trainings. Trainings have been held in Topeka, Wichita, Salina and Hays, prioritizing convenient regional locations for staff.

In the weeks following the PPS Academy, staff will participate in additional required trainings such as Interviewing Skills, Facilitated Discussions on time management, self-care and safety risk assessments and additional shadowing opportunities and online trainings.

## Fostering Play Conference

**Fostering Play, a conference especially for Kansas foster parents** begins Phase III of Play-Based Interactions (PBI) training. Foster parents will receive a day of relevant and practical information and an opportunity to “play” by applying specific trauma-reducing interactions that can be used at home. Each foster family will receive a tote filled with items useful for engaging with children, ages toddlers through teens.

Dr. Todd Fry (MidAmerica Nazarene University) and Rebeca Chow (Vice President of Program Administration at the Children’s Place), specializing in childhood development, play therapy and attachment, will present this engaging training. The first Fostering Play Conference will be held on November 10, 2018 at the KVC Ball Conference Center Olathe, Kansas. Foster families can register online at [Fostering Play Conference](#).

This month's  
testimonial

I have enjoyed my time learning new skills that can be easily put into practice. It's a positive change that can begin quickly with frontline staff and directly affect the children and families we serve. Also, getting to know other supervisors from different agencies and departments has been a highlight of this training. It is always great to expand your support system within the field of child welfare!

~ Shannon Horton, SFCS



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## **Getting to know KCWPTP Steering Committee member Todd Scheuerman - PPS West Regional Trainer**



Todd Scheuerman

Todd graduated from Fort Hays State University with Bachelor degrees in both Social Work and Philosophy.

He began his career with Saint Francis Community Services (SFCS) in Great Bend working in reintegration and foster care. Todd transferred to SFCS Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) in Ellsworth, KS, working with teenage boys experiencing mental health concerns. Additionally, Todd worked within a sex offender treatment program for youth.

After the PRTF closed, Todd returned to reintegration foster care. He later accepted a position at The Center for Counseling where he worked as a Targeted Case Manager and later in the Health Homes Program, serving adults with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) and children with mental health concerns. The Department for Children and Families (DCF) welcomed Todd in 2015 as a Child Protective Specialist covering Barton, Ellsworth, Stafford, Pawnee, Lane and Ness Counties. Since 2017, DCF staff have enjoyed Todd's friendly training style in the role as West Region PPS Trainer.

*“Job training empowers people to realize their dreams and improve their lives.”*

**~ Sylvia Matthews Burwell**



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