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Proposed Common Core 3.0 Field Activity Roles and Expectations¹

Field learning activities require the participation of the new social worker and a Common Core 3.0 (CC3.0) field advisor. Both participants play a vital role in the transfer of learning process. Counties will work with their affiliated training organizations to identify CC3.0 field advisors to support new social workers in the field activities.

Supervisors are well situated to fill this role. Counties may identify other individuals as CC3.0 field advisors depending on local needs. For example, in some counties, staff who serve as IV-E field instructors may also take on the role of CC3.0 field advisor. In other counties, the CC3.0 field advisor role may be filled by an external agency to support field activities. For the purposes of this document, the CC3.0 field advisor will be referred to as **supervisor or other designee**. Regardless of title or role within the agency, each CC3.0 field advisor will receive training specific to the role of the CC3.0 field advisor in supporting new social workers. In the event that the field advisor is not the new social worker's supervisor, a process will be put in place to provide feedback regarding the completion of field activities to the new social worker's supervisor. Best practices to facilitate the feedback process will be outlined in the Field Guide.

CC3.0 Field Advisor Role and Expectations

The supervisor or other designee provides field support to the new social worker before, during, and after identified field activities. The person in this role will:

- Promote a learning environment and utilize appropriate coaching strategies, tools, and techniques to promote desirable and sustainable growth for the new social worker
- Promote knowledge and skill development that aligns with the desired practice
- Track completion, document information needed for evaluation components of CC3.0 and provide information to CDSS, the Regional Training Academy (RTA), or enter information into a learning management system.

The supervisor or other designee is encouraged to utilize existing conference or meeting times with the new social worker to discuss learning objectives, field activities, and provide feedback regarding observations or practice. Review of field activities during regular supervision or training support reinforces social work best practice and provides an opportunity for new social workers to ask questions, process information, and apply what is learned to new situations.

New Social Worker Role and Expectations

It is expected that the new social worker will participate fully in the field activities. As outlined in the NASW Code of Ethics, "Social workers continually strive to increase their professional knowledge and skills and to apply them in practice." With this in mind, the new social worker should be open to feedback regarding observations or practice. The new social worker will receive field activity support and any additional training needed to increase family safety and family well-being. The CC3.0 field advisor will work with the new social worker to help him/her meet the learning objectives identified as part of the field activities.

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