

Executive Summary

Concurrent Planning: Multiple Pathways to Permanence

Course Description

Concurrent planning is child welfare's practice to ensure permanency to all children. However, it is much more complex than having two plans for every child in placement. Seeing a case through the lens of permanency and concurrent planning is not only emotionally difficult and complex for families, workers and community partners. It requires child welfare to add the likelihood of permanency to every assessment and reassessment, to be thinking about permanency from the moment a child enters our door to the moment he has a permanent home. This class will briefly cover the values and laws behind concurrent planning. We will spend most of the day looking at the skills workers can use to be successful at concurrent planning.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the reasons and philosophy behind the permanency movement and concurrent planning
- Identify the essentials of Concurrent Planning laws and requirements
- Know how concurrent planning works throughout the life of a case
- Identify tasks involved in facilitating concurrent planning
- Describe and demonstrate full disclosure
- Know two ways of engaging families in the conversation about concurrent planning