

## **Executive Summary**

**Title:** *Finding our Common Ground, a Collaboration with BHRS and Child Welfare*

**Description:**

This training identifies and examines barriers that impede working more effectively with our partners. Together we will explore solutions and strategies that strengthen and enhance collaborative efforts and deepen awareness of stumbling blocks to Finding Common Ground. Utilizing lecture, self-reflection, small and large group discussion participants will discover their own unique strengths and how to work more effectively with those that may differ from you.

**Target Audience:**

The training will be of interest to child welfare and mental health workers.

**Outcome Objectives:**

As a result of this training participants will...

1. Identify barriers to collaborating with community partners.
2. Identify your own personal strengths and areas of stress that may impede your effectiveness
3. Develop strategies and outcomes for improved collaboration with community partners.

**Before the training supervisors can:**

- Ask the staff members to identify strengths in working with community partner.
- Ask staff to list reasons why working with community partners is important.
- Identify stumbling blocks to collaboration.

**After the training supervisors can:**

- Review strategies learned in training.
- Review action plans identified to support efforts in increasing collaboration.