

Executive Summary

Title: Working with Caregivers

Description

This training will consider team building elements and problem solving strategies as applied to working in collaboration with caregivers. Also, a brief look at the caregiver's perspective and the struggles they feel in working within the child welfare team. This is a training that will be interactive, utilizing small and large group discussion, and applied learning.

Target Audience:

The training will be of interest to child welfare workers who partner with caregivers in the community.

Outcome Objectives:

As a result of this training participants will...

1. Consider the unique perspective of caregivers within the system of child welfare.
2. Appreciate the different views and roles within the system of care.
3. Review and apply elements of team building and team problem solving.
4. Evaluate communication strategies that are most effective in working collaboratively with caregivers.
5. Develop strategies for improved team work and collaboration with caregiver partners.

Before the training supervisors can:

- Ask the staff member to think about the caregiver partners who have been easiest and most challenging to work with and consider what made that partner easy or challenging
- Identify the biggest barriers to working effectively with caregivers

After the training supervisors can:

- Discuss new learning with staff member
- Ask staff member to identify a strategy that he/she will be utilizing to be more effective with caregivers