

Adoption Tools and Techniques

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Tuesday	Welcome and Overview Avenues to Adoption	Shelly Field Daniel Schneider	9:00 – 3:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department values related to adoption. ▪ Lifelong connections and cultural considerations. ▪ Identification and consideration of potential resources. ▪ Role of permanency committees. ▪ Legal parties and key legal principles. ▪ Best practices in TPR. ▪ Voluntary relinquishments. ▪ Role of LAS and staffing cases with AAG / DA. ▪ Child Summary / 246 Medical Social. ▪ Legal Assistance Referral for AAG / DA and other documents for legally freeing a child. 		
	A View from the Bench	Judge Kathryn Tennyson Shelly Field	3:00 – 4:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding your role in the courtroom. ▪ Strategies for testifying in a TPR trial. ▪ Impact of worker bias and perfection of fairness. 		
Wednesday	Waiting Child Bulletins & OARE	Kendra Morris-Jacobson Shelly Field	9:00 – 11:15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recruiting general applicant families through bulletins. ▪ Oregon Adoption Resource Exchange (OARE) and recruitment in Oregon. ▪ Learn skills to write a bulletin that represents strengths, difficult behaviors, and lifelong needs. 		
	Child Specific Recruitment and Representation	B&G Aid Society of Oregon Shelly Field	11:15 – 12:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resources for expanded recruitment of both in-state and out-of-state families. ▪ Child Specific Recruitment, Heart Gallery, and Wendy's Wonderful Kids. ▪ Local, regional, and national exchanges. 		
	SAFE Home Study as a Tool	DHS Francine Florendo Frannie McMahon	1:00 – 2:45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategies for using the Structured Analysis Family Evaluation methodology to evaluate families. ▪ Using SAFE to match children's needs with a family's strengths to meet lifelong needs. 		

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Mediation

Meg Goldberg
Shelly Field

3:00 – 4:30

- Values and practice standards in Oregon mediation.
- Criteria and overview in process for PACA.

Adoption Selection Process

Shelly Field
Frannie McMahon

9:00 – 12:00

- Explore the various placement selection processes.
- Process of local and central office adoption committees and the Adoption Decision Specialist.
- Preparing for presenting at committees.
- ICPC.

Accomplishing an Adoption: Central office and you!

DHS Katrina Husbands
Shelly Field

1:00 – 2:30

- Collaboration and communication with Central Office Adoption program staff to achieve timely adoptions.
- OR-Kids tools and processes designed to accomplish adoptions, including Adoption Referral and the Central Office Tracking page.
- Casework responsibilities to move adoption cases forward and track progression of the adoption cases.

Post Adoption Services (Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center)

Nicole Russell
Frannie McMahon

2:45 – 3:15

- Services and support available to Oregon families following the finalized adoption or guardianships.

Supporting, Supervising, and Finalizing Placements

Frannie McMahon
Shelly Field

3:15 – 4:15

- Best practices in supervising / finalizing placements.
- Requirements in monitoring child safety.
- Appeals to TPR and the impact on placement.
- Caseworker role in notification of Registry Program.

Wrap Up and Closing

Shelly Field
Frannie McMahon

4:15 – 4:30

Thursday