

Adoption Tools and Techniques

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Wednesday, April 11

Welcome and Overview Avenues to Adoption

Shelly Field
Daniel Schneider

9:00 – 3:00

- 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

- Understanding your role in the courtroom.
- Strategies for testifying in a TPR trial.
- Impact of worker bias and perfection of fairness.

Thursday, April 12

Waiting Child Bulletins & OARE

Kendra Morris-Jacobson
Shelly Field

9:00 – 11:15

- 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

- 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
Daniel Schneider

1:00 – 2:45

- 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.

Friday, April 13

Adoption Selection Process

Shelly Field
Daniel Schneider

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)

ORPARC
Shelly Field

2:30 – 3:00

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

Supporting, Supervising, and Finalizing Placements

Shelly Field
Daniel Schneider

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
Daniel Schneider

4:15 – 4:30