

Social Service Assistant Training

Week 1: September 27 – 29 | Week 2: October 4 – 6

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Week 1: September 27 – 29, 2017

Wednesday	Introductions Cultural Humility	Jennifer Scholes Shantika Green	9:00 – 10:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honoring the role of the SSA to empower families and to keep children safe. Values, beliefs, and biases are addressed. Intercultural communication. 		
	Mandatory Reporting and Types of Abuse	Shantika Green Joanna Crawford	10:30 – 1:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibility of being a mandatory reporter. Recognizing types of abuse. 		
	Child Sexual Abuse	Shelly Field Joanna Crawford	1:30 – 3:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of sexual abuse dynamics. Considerations for supervising visits. 		
	Visitation: Purpose and Policy	Shantika Green Joanna Crawford	3:00 – 4:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose of visitation. Policy regarding visits. 		
Thursday	Using the OSM to Ensure Safe and Meaningful Visits	Shantika Green Dan Garris	9:00 – 12:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding safety threats and protective capacities. Roles of Safety Service Providers. Monitoring child safety. Communicating concerns. 		
	Monthly Contact	Shantika Green Joanna Crawford	1:00 – 3:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of the SSA in completing monthly contacts and monitoring child safety. Types of information to gather during face-to-face contact. 		

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Domestic Violence

Andrea Bellows
Dan Garris

3:00 – 4:30

- Overview of dynamics of domestic violence.
- Supervising visits when domestic violence is an issue.

Engagement Strategies for the Contact Professional (Part 1)

Dan Garris
Daniel Schneider

9:00 – 12:00

- Introduction to Stages of Change.
- Dealing with resistance.
- Engagement strategies.

Friday

Understanding Visits from the Parent's Perspective

Dan Garris
Daniel Schneider

1:00 – 2:30

- Parent panel comprised of Parent Mentors from Morrison Center.

Engagement Strategies for the Contact Professional (Part 2)

Dan Garris
Daniel Schneider

2:30 – 4:30

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Week 2: October 4 – 6, 2017

Wednesday	Supporting Safe and Successful Visitation: Tips, Tools, and Techniques	Jennifer Scholes Joanna Crawford	9:00 – 4:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding normal child development and how trauma, grief, and loss impact a child’s development. ▪ Providing parents with support to have successful visits. ▪ Providing feedback to parents. ▪ When to step in and when to stay out. 		
Thursday	Substance Abuse	Jay Wurscher Jennifer Scholes	9:00 – 12:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The process of addiction. ▪ Understanding and responding to substance abusing clients. 		
	Foster Parent Panel	Jennifer Scholes Dan Garris	1:00 – 2:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gaining information on how to communicate and work effectively with foster parents. 		
	Group Wisdom – SSA Panel	Jennifer Scholes Dan Garris	2:00 – 3:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Effective strategies for getting the job done. 			
Friday	Professional Parameters	Andrea Bellows Dan Garris	3:00 – 4:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Setting boundaries. ▪ Conflict of Interest policy. 		
	Documentation and Testifying	Daniel Schneider Jennifer Scholes	9:00 – 2:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What’s required? ▪ Who gets information? ▪ Understanding courtroom demeanor. ▪ Practice testifying. 		
	Vicarious Trauma and Self-Care	Jennifer Scholes Daniel Schneider	2:00 – 4:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify professional challenges. ▪ Develop strategies for building resilience and the effect of secondary trauma. 			
	Closing	Jennifer Scholes Daniel Schneider	4:00 – 4:30