

# Charting the Course Towards Permanency for Children in Pennsylvania Modules

- ✓ **Module 1 Introduction to Pennsylvania’s Child Welfare System** (1 day)  
This module will introduce the new child welfare professional to the evolution of child welfare services in the United States and the role that values and laws have in the provision of child welfare services today.
- ✓ **Module 2 Identifying Child Abuse and Neglect** (2 days)  
This module will introduce the new child welfare professional to how Pennsylvania laws define child maltreatment and what constitutes child abuse and neglect.
- ✓ **Module 3 Using Interactional Helping Skills to Achieve Lasting Change** (3 days)  
This module introduces participants to the four phases of the Interactional Helping Skills, which is the foundation for effective engagement, interviewing, and information gathering.
- ✓ **Module 4 In-Home Safety Assessment and Management** (3 days)  
This module will introduce the participants to how the In-Home Safety Assessment and Management process is used to identify how serious harm to a child is assessed throughout the entire casework process.
- ✓ **Module 5 Risk Assessment** (2 days)  
The assessment of the future overall level of risk of child maltreatment to a child is introduced in this module.
- ✓ **Module 6 Case Planning With Families** (2 days)  
This module introduces the new child welfare professional to the knowledge and skills that are required to provide effective service planning with families.
- ✓ **Module 7 The Court Process** (1 day)  
This module will introduce the new child welfare professional to the dependency court process including filing a dependency petition, preparing for the court process and testifying in court.
- ✓ **Module 8 Assessing Safety in Out-of-Home Care** (2 days)  
This module will focus on assessing safety of children who are placed out of the home and will provide a specific approach for child welfare professionals to assess, judge and confirm that a child will be safe when placed. This module will first be delivered to all county staff starting in February 2001.
- ✓ **Module 9 Out of Home Placement and Permanency Planning** (3 days)  
This module will cover the traumatic impact of separation on children in out of home care. The course also covers the array of permanency options available to achieve permanency for children in out of home care and the casework tasks associated with achieving permanency for children.
- ✓ **Module 10 Making Permanent Connections: Outcomes for Professional Development** (1 day)  
This module is designed to assist child welfare professionals in applying their child welfare, practice knowledge, and skills to personal growth and professional development.

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Total Days	20 days
Total Hours	120 hours