

Agenda & Overall Learning Objectives

Goal of the Training: To provide a specific approach for workers to assess, judge and determine that a child will be safe when first placed with a kinship care provider, foster or pre-adoptive home and in respite, that safety will continue, and that safety will be reaffirmed periodically during placement.

Agenda:

Day 1

- Welcome and Introductions
- Defining Out of Home Care
- Knowing the Child to be Placed
- Present Danger
- Indicators of Safety in Out of Home Care

Day 2

- Focused Information Collection through Quality Visitation
- Analyzing Information & Making the Safety Decision
- Workshop Closure and Evaluations

Overall Learning Objectives:

By the end of the training participants will be able to:

- Identify and provide rationale for standards of care associated with kin (formal and informal) and foster care and evaluate the effect of our beliefs and perceptions on safety in out of home care.
- Learn the Pennsylvania specific approach designed to assess, confirm and maintain child safety in out of home care.
- Recognize the nature and importance of quality visitation with children in out of home care as a basis for assessing their safety as well as attending to other critical needs.
- Connect information collection skills and methods related to critical attributes of safety in out of home care.
- Learn to complete an assessment and analysis of attributes of a safe out of home care setting.
- Identify the critical thinking required to reach conclusions and make decisions based on an assessment of safety in out-of-home care.