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# COUNTY CONNECTION



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## Bridge Update

Submitted by: Kari Giles

### Coming Soon!

Here are some new upgrades coming to Bridge this month:

- In the demographics screen, the “Gender” field will be relabeled to “Gender Identity”.
- You can now update trainee names that have an apostrophe ( ‘ ) in them.
- For those of you that are instructors:
  - ◊ In the “Manage Attendance” screen, we will be improving the search functionality for an existing trainee, including the ability to search for someone with an email address.
  - ◊ When an instructor registers a “walk-in”, the user will receive a registration email for that workshop.
  - ◊ When an instructor adds a new user, the user will receive an email with their Bridge credentials.
  - ◊ Fixing an issue where some instructors were able to double click when accepting a workshop.
  - ◊ Fixing an issue where some instructors were able to double click on the open/close attendance button.

### Important Reminders

- As long as it does not conflict with any workshops the instructor has already been scheduled for, instructors can modify their current availability survey.
- When the date and/or location of a workshop changes, an email notification will be sent to all registered trainees of that workshop alerting them of the change.
- When a trainee receives a workshop evaluation in Bridge, they will receive an email notifying them of the evaluation. If the trainee does not complete the evaluation within 4 business days, they will be sent a reminder email. If the trainee does not complete the evaluation within 7 business days, it will be removed from their queue in Bridge.
- We have received numerous requests over the past few months to insert signatures on series/certification certificates that were awarded prior to the rollout of Bridge (January 2021). **It is our policy to not supply these legacy signatures** through the system that pre-date the Bridge release.

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*A smooth sea  
never made  
a skilled sailor.*

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*



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- Please make sure to check your approval queue on a regular basis. **We continue to see large amounts of certifications awaiting approval in the approval queue.** Even if the staff is no longer with your agency, we would still like to see their certification approved so these historical records are intact and accurate. If you have any questions, please contact our help desk at [BridgeHD@pitt.edu](mailto:BridgeHD@pitt.edu).
- For anyone who would like to set up a one-on-one Bridge training via Microsoft Teams, please contact [cwtpreg@pitt.edu](mailto:cwtpreg@pitt.edu). This training can be for new liaisons or for anyone who may need a refresher. We would also love to hear any feedback, suggestions, and ideas you may have about Bridge via our online form at <http://forms.cwrc.pitt.edu/BridgeFeedback/>. If you have any technical issues or questions, please email the Bridge team at [BridgeHD@pitt.edu](mailto:BridgeHD@pitt.edu).



## Bill of Rights Coloring Books

*Submitted by: Shayla Jones*

The Pennsylvania Youth Advisory Board created the Bill of Rights coloring books to support children ages 5-7 and 8-10 and youth with intellectual disabilities in foster care. The coloring books are intended to help educate children about their rights in an informative, but highly interactive way. The activities in the books address some of the experiences children can expect while in care, such as visits with siblings, going to court, and most importantly, children will learn about all the people involved to support them. This resource can be utilized by caretakers and those working with this population including resource families, SWAN affiliates, Guardian Ad Litem, child advocates, and child welfare professionals. We encourage you to have open and honest discussions with your youth and be available for any questions or opinions they may have as they navigate through the coloring book.

We will be sending a limited number of coloring books to each county based upon their number of youths in care. We have also included links that will allow you to print copies of the coloring book for your convenience at the YAB website, [www.payab.pitt.edu](http://www.payab.pitt.edu). There are currently a limited number of printed books available. As a reminder, they are intended to be used as a resource for children currently in care. If you are interested in receiving additional copies of the coloring books, please contact Sherri Krodel at [slk114@pitt.edu](mailto:slk114@pitt.edu).



# Upcoming Calendar

Submitted by: Jessica Wittman

Beginning July 1, 2022, the Child Welfare Resource Center will begin our transition back to in-person training delivery for some courses for our July to September 2022 training calendar, while others will still be offered virtually long-term. Please carefully read through the information below regarding in-person versus virtually-offered courses for clarification. Please note, specific locations will be noted in the training calendar as well as Bridge when you register yourself or staff for a training. Additionally, please have staff closely read their training confirmation emails to ensure they know where their training is located and sign up for emergency notifications in Bridge so they are aware of any changes.

## July-September 2022 training approach

Courses/Series to be offered regionally <b>in-person ONLY</b>	Courses/Series to be offered <b>virtually or in-person</b> depending on the regional need
110: Foundations series	500: Foundations of Supervision (virtual cohorts with an in-person pilot)
202: Engaging Older Youth	102: Supporting Families Using Critical Thinking Skills
301: Engaging Clients from a SB/SF Perspective	108: Multigenerational Differences
305: Engaging Incarcerated Parents	202: Truancy
308: Adult Mental Health Issues	202: LGBTQ
313: Managing the Impact of Traumatic Stress	206: Engaging Families Experiencing Opioid Use
501: The Employee Performance Review Process	207: FGDM Parts I & II
521: SB/SF Supervision	302: Building and Sustaining Father Engagement
533: Building a Trauma-Informed Culture	303: Childhood Mental Health Issues
542: Leadership and the Parallel Process	303: Understanding RAD
	309: Prescription Drug Abuse
	315: Basic Writing Skills
	315: Writing Skills for Case Documentation
	400: Ethics in Child Welfare Practice
	400: Ethics and Technology
	531: OE Facilitator Skills
	700: Foundations of Leadership
	1300: County-specific booster/support sessions

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Courses/Series to be offered <b>virtually ONLY</b> (long-term)
Sexual Abuse Series
302: Engaging Families During Virtual Visits
521: Supporting Caseworkers in Using Critical Thinking Skills
700: Supporting Supervisors in Using Critical Thinking Skills

In light of the CDC’s recent changes to mask guidance, the University recently revised the masking portion of the COVID mitigation policy. Effective March 28<sup>th</sup>, masking indoors became voluntary for staff and guests in all of our owned/leased training room spaces. Please note, this guidance is subject to change based on current conditions and we will provide updates as we receive further guidance from the University.

As of right now, participants must notify CWRC if they test positive for COVID-19 after attending an **in-person** CWRC training. **Please complete this form, [CWRC COVID Reporting](#)** as soon as possible, including after hours for EMERGENCY notification, because for example, day 2 of a training will be occurring the next day.

Participants who test positive for COVID-19 should not attend a subsequent in-person training until they are medically cleared to do so. Upon notification, CWRC will contact all the participants from the affected training to inform them of their potential close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. No confidential information will be shared. Participants will be directed to follow their employer’s guidelines for potential close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. If this training group has another in-person training scheduled within 10 days of the potential exposure, training will be shifted to virtual or rescheduled to a later date.

**CWRC will continue to share important COVID-19 training guidance on our website at [University of Pittsburgh: Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center - Updates on COVID-19](#).**



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