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CWEL Program

Submitted by: Laura Borish

County and OCYF staff interested in earning a Master’s degree in Social Work through the Child Welfare Education for Leadership (CWEL) Program are invited to join the CWEL Team for one of two general information sessions. Those attending an informational session will learn about the application process, participating schools, and the benefits available to participants. Informational sessions will be held via Zoom on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 from 2:00-3:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/96681898688>

Meeting ID: 966 8189 8688

Passcode: CWEL

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 from 9:00-10:00am.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/93958089318>

Meeting ID: 939 5808 9318

Passcode: CWEL

There is no need to register, just copy and paste the Zoom link into your calendar and use the Link/Passcode on the meeting date.

The CWEL Team is also available to provide presentations to County Commissioners, Advisory Boards, Agency Leadership Teams, and Agency Staff Members.

For more information and to schedule a presentation, please contact Laura Borish, CWEL Agency Coordinator at lbb14@pitt.edu or 412-334-9122.

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Hosted by the
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School of Social Work
Child Welfare Education and
Research Programs
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information

Bridge Update

Submitted by: Kari Giles

Coming Soon to Bridge

- Adding functionality for parent agency liaisons to view attendance screens for any child agency trainees that are registered for workshops.
- The following fields in the demographic employment screen will be relabeled and tooltips will be added: “Hire Date” field will be relabeled “Agency Hire Date”. The tooltip will state “The date you were hired by your agency”. “Effective Date of Current Position” will be relabeled “Effective Date of Current Role”. The tooltip for this field will state “The start date of your current role in your agency”.
- The order of three fields in the demographic employment screen will also be changed as follows: “Agency Hire Date” will be first, second will be “Which of the following best describes your role under the Agency? If your role is unknown, please keep the default of Direct Service Worker”, and third will be “Effective Date of Current Role”. In addition, when a user switches their role, they must update the field “Effective Date of Current Role”, otherwise they will receive a hard stop.
- On the instructor survey screen, the “+ Add Availability” will be relocated to the other side of the screen where the year and month drop downs are located.
- Changing the “Agency Staff Report” to only display users with a status of active and adding years of service, average, and number supervising to the report.
- For users who have the ability to register others for workshops, there will now be a tracking component in the “Agency Registration” screen that will show them who they have registered without having to scroll through a long list of users.
- We are adding a toggle switch for certification alerts that will turn on or off if executive level staff at any given agency wish to receive email alerts when a person is up for certification. Please contact the Bridge team at BridgeHD@pitt.edu for more information.
- In the demographics screen, the gender field will now be multi-select and the new values will be: Agender, Female/Woman, Gender Fluid, Gender Non-Conforming, Genderqueer, Intergender, Intersex, Male/Man, Nonbinary, Other, Trans Man/Male, Trans Woman/Female, Transgender, None of these fully describe me right now, Decline to answer

Other News

- We are in the final stages of the Bridge INA Project. We hope to go live with it the week of 10/17/22. Stay tuned for more information!
- When trainees are registered for a workshop, but do not attend, we now have automated emails going out to those trainees and their liaisons. Please note, we are aware of an issue that anyone who is marked as an observer will also receive this notification and we are working to resolve this.
- For anyone who would like to set up a one-on-one Bridge training via Microsoft Teams, please contact BridgeHD@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.

Individual Needs Assessment

Submitted by: Jessica Wittman

The PA Child Welfare Resource Center is continuing to work on the new INA (Individual Needs Assessment) that will be available in Bridge Fall 2022 for the counties scheduled for this year. The new INA will be replacing our ITNA (Individual Training Needs Assessment) that is currently in E-Learn and is taken at the end of Foundations and Foundations of Supervision in addition to the ongoing caseworker and supervisor ITNA that is taken every 3 years.

All CWRC trainings, products, and services are rooted in the ten [Child Welfare Competencies](#) and the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Practice Model. The INA is an opportunity for all direct service caseworkers and supervisors to check in on their understanding and ability to apply the ten competencies in practice with children and families.

If you have staff currently enrolled in Foundations Module 10 in E-Learn or Foundations of Supervision Module 8 in E-Learn, please have them complete these modules by October 17th. In addition, please have all staff log in to Bridge and update their demographic information including current email address, date of birth, and current supervisor. Updated demographic information in Bridge for all staff is crucial and required for successful completion of all INAs.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Resource Specialist.



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