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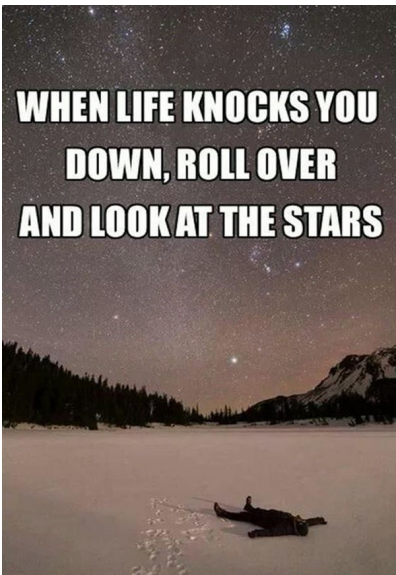
Jessie Stockwell joined the Curriculum and Trainer Development Department as a Curriculum and Instructional Specialist on August 28, 2017. Prior to joining CWRC, Jessie worked as an English teacher for grades 7 through 12, teaching at both Carlisle Area School District and East Pennsboro Area School District, in addition to shorter teaching stints and substitute teaching opportunities.

Jessie’s experience in the teaching profession helped prepare her for her current role as a curriculum and instructional specialist. “Much of my teacher training and professional development revolved around learning and practicing how to use backwards design and evidence-based strategies to achieve carefully-written learning objectives, with a focus on student engagement and frequent assessment for learning,” says Jessie.

She graduated from Emerson College in Boston with a BFA in Writing, Literature, and Publishing in 2008 and earned her teaching certificate through Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA in 2013.

Having grown up with friends and family in the child welfare profession, Jessie has had a longtime interest in contributing positively to the field. “I liked the idea of applying the knowledge and experience I’ve gained through teaching to a field that has always been important to me because of that personal connection,” she says, adding that she feels fortunate that she gets to create trainings that affect the outcomes of Pennsylvania’s families.

“I’m coming in at a time when I get to help in this paradigm shift of *how* we train child welfare workers,” notes Jessie. Since joining CWRC,



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Jessie has been a part of the simulation training workgroup. “I am really excited about the simulation-based trainings I’ve been helping with. They are so different from traditional training and really raise the bar for participants, trainers, and the curriculum writers.”

In addition to jumping into the simulation work, Jessie has also been an integral part of the department’s process evaluation work, wherein the curriculum team steps through existing departmental processes and looks for ways to enhance or streamline those processes.

Jessie is just as inquisitive outside of the office as she is inside the office. A lifelong learner, Jessie enjoys reading and listening to podcasts, among other interests. She enjoys travelling and spending time in the great outdoors. She volunteers with a Sierra Club youth outreach program called Harrisburg Inspiring Connections Outdoors (HICO), which provides students at Harrisburg’s Math Science Academy with enrichment opportunities in environmental education and outdoor recreation.

Please join us in welcoming Jessie Stockwell to the curriculum team!

Montgomery County Parking Garage

We are running into some parking issues at **Montgomery County** with the parking garage and the security. We have a process in place for this with the landlord.

Please make sure the following happens:

1. If participants park in the garage, they need to put their name on the sheet provided in your box of materials.
2. At 1st break, have someone take this list down to the guard station.
3. At lunch, if they are leaving the parking garage, please have them go to the guard station 1st and pay \$5 and have their name checked off the list.
4. At the end of the day, if there is a guard outside in the parking garage, the participants need to give them their name that is on the list and if they paid at lunch they **do not** need to pay again. If they did not pay at lunch, they will need to pay at that time (either to the guard out there or in the machine). If there is no guard outside at the end of the day and they paid at lunch they need to press the intercom button, give their name to security and they will raise the gate to leave the garage.

If anyone is having issues with this, they may contact me at either jms137@pitt.edu or 717-605-0213. Thank you.

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SWAN TRAINERS NEEDED!

2018 SWAN Quarterly Dates

2018 Spring Quarterly Dates:

Scranton - Radisson Lackawanna Station: March 28, 2018

Clarion - Park Inn: April 4, 2018

Monroeville - Double Tree: April 5, 2018

Lansdale - Holiday Inn: April 18, 2018

Philly - Clarion Hotel: April 19, 2018

Enola - Conference Center at Central Penn College: April 24, 2018

2018 Fall Quarterly Dates:

Scranton - Radisson Lackawanna Station: October 3, 2018

Clarion - Park Inn: October 16, 2018

Monroeville - Double Tree: October 17, 2018

Philly - Clarion Hotel: October 24, 2018

Lansdale - Holiday Inn: October 25, 2018

Enola - Conference Center at Central Penn College: October 29, 2018

2018 Winter and Summer/Permanency Conference Dates

Winter Statewide Meeting Dates:

State College - Penn Stater: January 17 & 18, 2018

Summer Statewide Meeting Dates:

Poconos - Kalahari Resort: June 27 & 28, 2018

Permanency Conference Dates:

Poconos - Kalahari Resort: June 28 – 30, 2018

If you are interested in submitting a workshop for consideration or have questions, please contact Lisa Kessler at lk20@pitt.edu.



TRAINER/CONSULTANT SPOTLIGHT

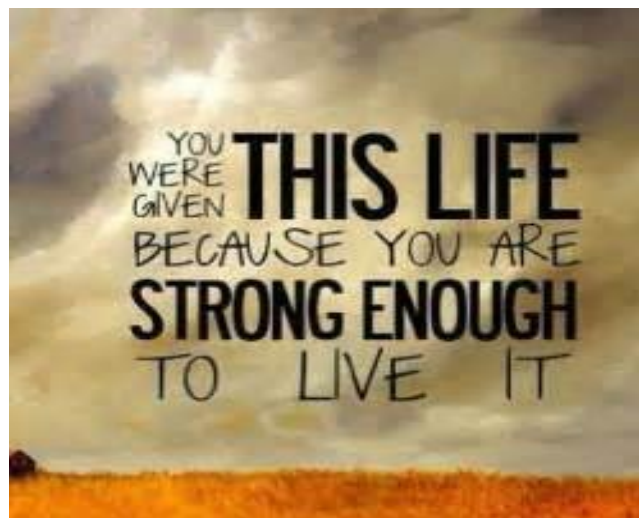
Submitted by: Sonya Stokes

Thank you to all of our trainers and consultants for your commitment to child welfare training. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. We appreciate all of the CWRC trainers for their hard work. We like to highlight your diligence and commend your efforts by recognizing them in this ongoing feature.

Thank you Carla Sanders, Elizabeth Coyle, Pat Gadsden and Jane Yeatter, for mentoring new trainers and providing them with helpful feedback. With their assistance, the new trainers were able to complete the mentoring process and we were able to add them to our training roster. Again, thank you!

Thank you to all trainers that regularly provide us with trainer feedback. Our review of your feedback is part of our continuous quality improvement efforts. We read every comment and implement your suggestions whenever we are able. We encourage you to continue to submit your trainer feedback, it is very valuable and greatly appreciated. Please feel free to follow up with me, sos47@pitt.edu, if you don't think we received your comment and you haven't heard back from me or one of the instructional design team members.

If you would like to shine the spotlight on any of your trainer/consultant colleagues for exceptional effort, please contact me, Sonya Stokes at sos47@pitt.edu and let me know!



Trainer/Consultant Professional Development Hours

All active CWRC trainers and consultants must obtain a minimum of six (6) hours of professional development training each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) in order to maintain active status as a contracted CWRC trainer or consultant. Below is a list of frequently asked questions and answers regarding this policy.

- **Who is required to obtain credit hours?**

All active Trainers and Consultants of the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center are required to obtain credit hours.

- **How many credit hours are required?**

Six (6) hours of professional development training are required each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

- **What counts as professional development training?**

Most courses offered by the CWRC will satisfy this professional development requirement. In addition, professional development training in child welfare, consulting or training skills or related topics offered by other organizations are acceptable. Online courses are acceptable as long as the trainer or consultant can provide a course description and documentation that he/she has completed the online course.

- **What training opportunities does the CWRC offer for trainers and consultants?**

Trainers and consultants have many options for obtaining their six required professional development hours. Trainers and consultants can take advantage of:

- * Most CWRC instructor-led training courses offered around the state
- * Spring and Fall Regional Consultant and Trainer Events
- * CWRC Online Courses

- **What do I have to do to get professional development credit for a CWRC course?**

Trainers and consultants who wish to attend CWRC training must register through Rachael Ickes at rmi6@pitt.edu or 717-795-9048. If you register for and attend a workshop offered by the CWRC, you do not need to submit documentation of your attendance.

- **Which CWRC training courses do not count as professional development training?**

Attendance at CWRC *Training on Content workshops* and the *Development of Trainers and consultants Course* DO NOT count toward your annual professional development hours requirement.

- **How do I get credit for completing non-CWRC professional development training hours?**

Mail, email or fax the workshop or course description and your certificate of attendance/completion to:

FAX: 717-795-8013

EMAIL: Melissa Yoho: MEC153@pitt.edu

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The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center
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Attn: Melissa Yoho
403 East Winding Hill Road
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- **What is the deadline for submitting documentation for non-CWRC professional development training hours?**

To get credit for non-CWRC professional development training hours, trainers and consultants must submit documentation by June 30th of each year.

UPMC Podcast Series Underway

Submitted by: Andrea Merovich

Check out our new series of podcasts which explores timely issues and topics affecting child welfare practice. Curriculum Coordinator, Andrea Merovich, worked with our colleagues at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC to record these podcasts with topics ranging from the opioid epidemic to the effects of trauma. The first two of the four podcasts are available now, with the remaining two due to launch in November. The first podcast of the series discusses neonatal drug exposure and explores what could happen to a child if his/her mother uses opioids during pregnancy. Recently launched, the second podcast discusses updated safe sleep guidelines and what new parents/caregivers should know.

The podcasts are located on the CWRC website (<http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/podcasts.htm>) and on iTunes. If you have ideas on how you might wish to utilize these resources in your trainings or elsewhere, please contact us at anm222@pitt.edu.



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