January 2022

COVID Update
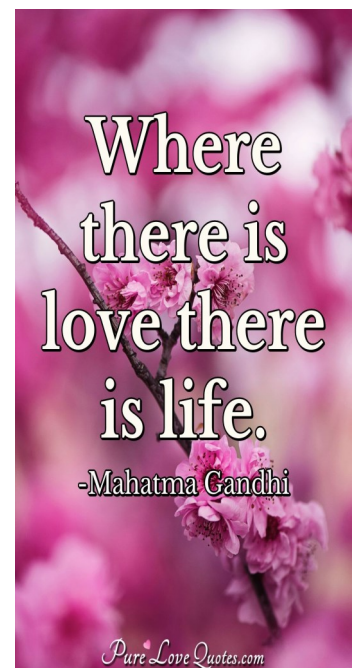
Submitted by: Wendy Unger

Over the past few weeks, we have been monitoring the COVID-19 impact and recently heard concerns from some of our stakeholders regarding the plan to resume in-person training. In the interest of public health and to minimize disruptions in training delivery due to the potential need to quarantine participants, staff, and contractors, The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center will be switching our **January through March 2022** in-person training calendar to **remote training delivery effective January 13, 2022**. We do, however, plan to continue to provide some other in-person services such as meetings, technical assistance, and county-specific training as requested and in-line with COVID-19 guidance.

We are making the necessary training changes immediately, which will include developing an updated training calendar and emailing out new training letters (confirmations and cancelations) along with links for trainees to participate in trainings virtually. Some advanced level courses will be available online and additional ones added to allow a diversity in content offered.

The plan for the April through June 2022 training calendar, which is in development and will be shared in March, is to resume in-person training delivery. We will deliver in-person training again! We just want to do so at a point that does not create additional COVID-19 exposure and disruptions to our already overwhelmed child welfare workforce and system.

Where there is love there is life.
-Mahatma Gandhi
PureLoveQuotes.com

As we look back at what we have accomplished in a virtual world, we continue to be grateful for your support and commitment. Thank you for all that you do to enhance the child welfare field, especially during the most difficult times. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to monitor and adjust our approach based on current COVID-19 data and guidance from the University, State, and Federal government. **We hope you will join us for our next all county call on January 25, 2022, from 10am-12pm** as we continue to share important information about our trainings and services.

Please share this message with staff so that they are aware of the change and know to watch their emails for updated training information. Sending continued well wishes for you and your families as we navigate through these changes together. Please feel free to reach out to your CWRC contacts with any questions or concerns.

YAB Update

Submitted by: Shayla Jones

The PA Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is pleased to announce that the Bill of Rights coloring book for ages 5-7 is available. The PA Youth Advisory Board created the coloring book as a simplified version of the Know Your Rights Guide to help kids and youth with intellectual disabilities learn about their rights. The coloring book also includes a message for caregivers stressing the importance of them helping their child navigate through the pages. Please contact Shayla Jones at shj93@pitt.edu or Sherri Krodel at slk114@pitt.edu to get copies of the Bill of Rights coloring book for your agency. You can also obtain copies of the coloring books on the PA Youth Advisory Board website http://www.payab.pitt.edu/

Attention Independent Living Professionals!

Are you an Independent Living Professional working with young people who want to give back? Are they interested in a career as a child welfare professional? The Child Welfare Education for Baccalaureates (CWEB) Program is actively recruiting for the next generation of child welfare professionals.

Talk with interested youth about the benefits of the CWEB Program. Encourage them to think about a career as a social worker in child welfare. Share with them the benefits of the CWEB Program and encourage them to apply to a CWEB partner school.

Social Work majors at any of the CWEB partner schools listed below are encouraged to apply in their junior year of study.

Partner Schools:

- Bloomsburg University
- California University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Edinboro University
- Kutztown University
- Lock Haven University
- Mansfield University
- Marywood University
- Millersville University
- Shippensburg University
- Slippery Rock University
- Temple University
- University of Pittsburgh
- West Chester University
- Widener University

Students accepted into the program receive:

- Tuition and fees at the in-state rate for their senior year
- Fellowship payments during their internship period, typically $600/month for 8 months
- $2,200 bonus for completing an extended internship (975 hours)
- $640 bonus for completing a shorter internship (**under** 975 hours)
- $100 book allowance for child welfare course materials

Additionally, CWEB students complete an internship at a public child welfare agency and begin their Foundations training. Upon graduation, a one-year work commitment in a Pennsylvania public child welfare agency is required. For more information about the CWEB Program, go to https://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/researchtraining/child-welfare-programs/child-welfare-education-baccalaureates

Contact Laura Borish at lbb14@pitt.edu or 412-334-9122 with questions related to the CWEB Program.

Bridge Update

*Submitted by: Kari Giles*

Coming Soon!

Here are some new upgrades coming to Bridge this month:

- In the "**My Workshops**" screen, certificates will be available for an online (9000) course. In addition, the icon for an online certificate will be green. The icon for an instructor-led course will be blue.
- Online course completions will now appear in the "**Event History**" widget.
- In the "**Agency Registration**" screen, the trainee's email address will be included in the search results.
- On the "**Course Detail**" screen, if the course is an online course, the "**View Availability**" button will be disabled.
- If you are a trainee affiliated with a **parent or child agency**, you will be able to select a supervisor from either agency. For example, a trainee from a child agency can have a supervisor from the parent agency, or vice versa, or from within their own agency. In addition, a child agency staff can have a supervisor from another child agency who both have the same parent agency. A supervisor can be anyone who is middle management and above. In addition, a trainee who is middle management can have a supervisor who is also middle management.

Helpful Information

If you have staff that **do not wish to receive automated notifications from Bridge** regarding trainees, you can create an email rule in Outlook to have those notifications automatically moved to a different folder. For example:
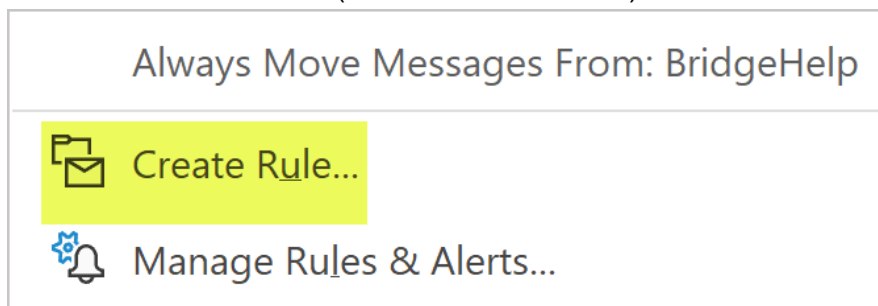
1. In Outlook, select the message you no longer wish to receive notifications for and click on "**Rules**" in the toolbar area (see screenshot below):
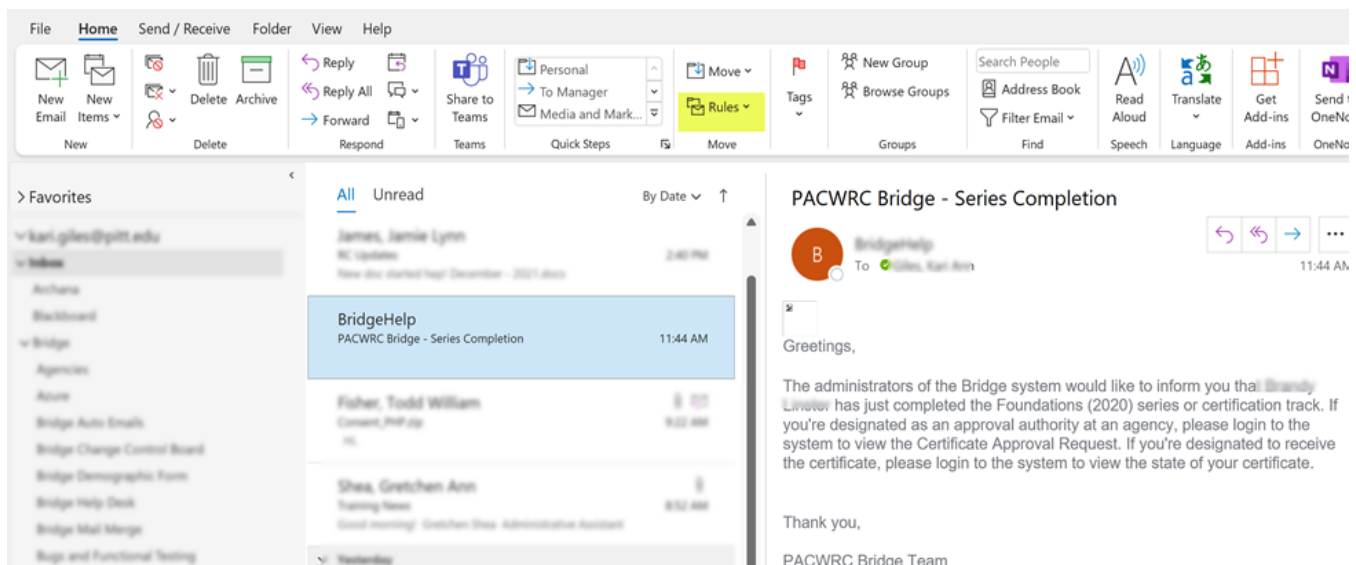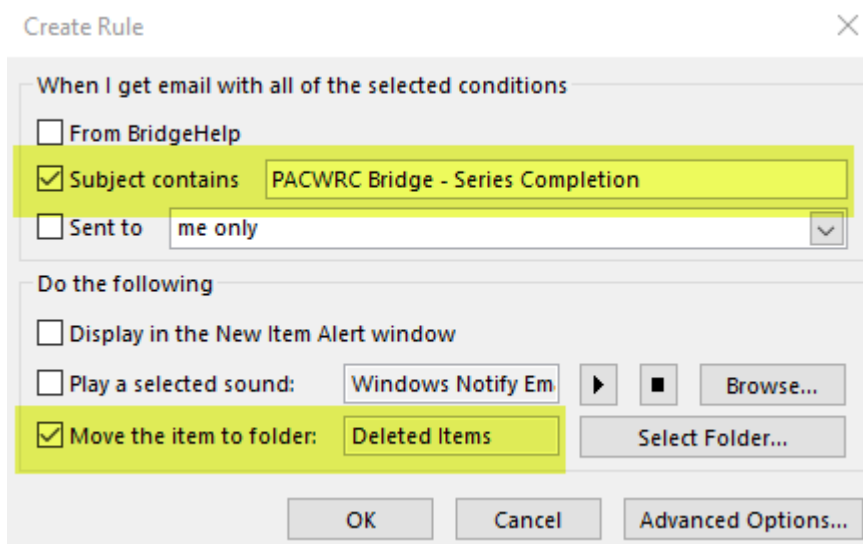
2. Click on "**Create Rule**" (see screenshot below):

Always Move Messages From: BridgeHelp

Create Rule...

Manage Rules & Alerts...

3. Select the appropriate checkboxes (see below) and click "**OK**":

Create Rule ✕

When I get email with all of the selected conditions

☐ From BridgeHelp

☑ Subject contains | PACWRC Bridge - Series Completion |

☐ Sent to | me only |

Do the following

☐ Display in the New Item Alert window

☐ Play a selected sound: | Windows Notify Em | ▶ ■ | Browse... |

☑ Move the item to folder: | Deleted Items | | Select Folder... |

| OK | Cancel | Advanced Options... |

Important Reminders

- We have relabeled the "**My Workshops**" screen to "**My Workshops and Certificates**". To make the screens more consistent, we changed the certificate icon in the "**My Workshops**" screen to the blue ribbon that is featured at the top of that page.

- We added the ability to cancel multiple registrations at one time from the "**My Workshops**" screen.

- When staff leave your agency, you now only need to enter the "**Termination Date**":

Hire Date *
| 8 ∨ | / | 16 ∨ | / | 2010 ∨ |

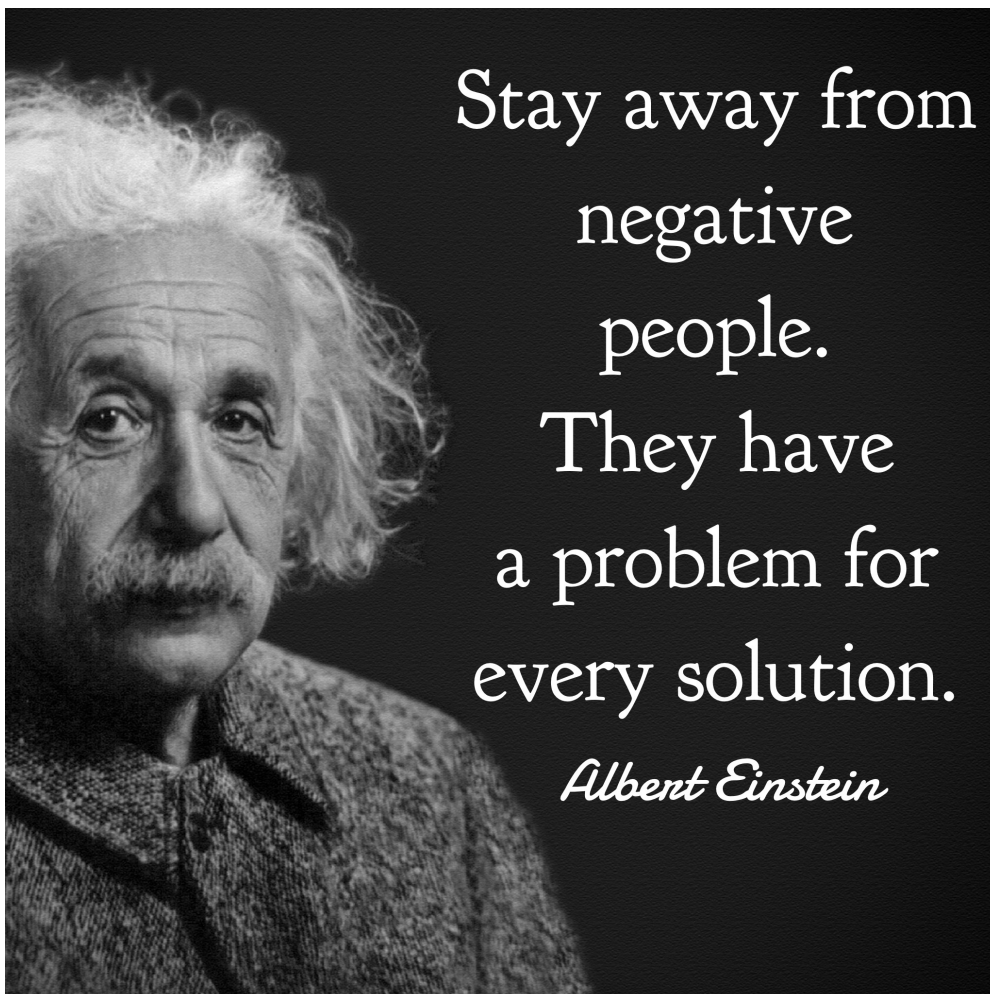Effective Date of Current Position *
| 8 ∨ | / | 16 ∨ | / | 2010 ∨ |

Termination Date
| MM ∨ | / | DD ∨ | / | YYYY ∨ |

- 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.

- 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.

- For anyone who would like to set up a one-on-one Bridge training via Microsoft Teams, please contact 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.

Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution.

Albert Einstein

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