

Past Online Trainings

Our past online forums and training workshops primarily highlighted family perspectives. These trainings offered live and interactive access to trainers and participants on a variety of topics. Using Zoom software, participants could engage in interactive learning by chatting, writing on a common whiteboard, voting in polls, and more.

Although we no longer offer these trainings, we encourage you to take a look at the various topics below and reach out if you have any questions or would like more information.

Interested in a live online training on a specific child welfare topic? Contact us at: cface_information@ncsu.edu to see what we can do for you!

Online Forums

Child and Family Team (CFT) Facilitator Forum

Are you the designated CFT meeting facilitator in your agency? Or perhaps, you substitute as a facilitator from time to time. Maybe you are a contracted facilitator and work outside the DSS system. No matter how you come to be a facilitator, join us in this forum where we come together to ask each other questions, discuss challenges, support each other, and improve our practice as facilitators.

Domestic Violence Forum: Breaking the Silos to Break the Silence

Domestic violence not only affects children, but their families and communities as well. Join us for this online forum series addressing different topics relevant to families impacted by domestic violence, through guest speakers, videos, and conversations among participants and forum facilitators. The forums aim to increase communication between agencies with similar goals but different methods of accomplishing them; all agencies that provide resources for families impacted by domestic violence will have a place to talk, learn, and collaborate. When we break out of our silos, we break the silence of domestic violence.

Conference Call Forum

Family Preservation Program (FPP) Forum

You have completed other trainings, you have shadowed other workers, and now you have been assigned cases. Oh my! What challenges have you encountered? What successes have you seen? What questions do you have since beginning your work? Share your stories, challenges, and questions with peers from across the state in this forum for family preservation workers and other in-home service workers. We will have open dialog on what has and hasn't worked, and support one another as we build stronger practices.

Be prepared to:

- Discuss what has worked for you
- Share a success story of your work with a family
- Talk about your greatest challenge
- Ask questions around any tools provided during training

Online Training Workshops

Believe and Achieve: Bridging the Gap!

Do you work with adolescent youth with histories of trauma? Are your youth facing challenges in their educational journey? Did you know that 70-84% of youth in foster care want a college degree, but fewer than 11% actually graduate with a bachelor's degree? This interactive online workshop focuses on adolescent development, trauma, and education-impacting challenges faced by youth living in foster care with some helpful information about challenges specific to youth of color, LGBTQ youth, and those with developmental disabilities. It provides further awareness to social workers and ideas on how to assist youth with their educational aspirations.

Journey is the Destination: Resilience, Protective Factors, and Youth Success

Why can some youth bounce back from adversity better than others? Why do they seem better protected from the circumstances that brought them into care? In this workshop, we will explore resiliency and protective factors, and learn how to build on these concepts during CFT meetings. Our goal is to turn the CFT journey toward "destination resilience."

Leading the Way to New Outcomes: Risk, Resilience, and Leadership

This training introduces the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES) and how it informs our work with youth. We will discuss the relationship between trauma and protective factors, review youth leadership as defined by North Carolina representatives, and explore opportunities to develop youth leadership in North Carolina.

Let's Talk Support: Natural Supports - How Do We Help Families Find and Access Them for CFTs?

Have you ever asked yourself why families don't take you up on the offer to bring anyone they would like to their child and family team (CFT) meeting? Please join us for an online interactive workshop with activities and discussion about how to engage families in conversation about bringing support people to their CFTs. Bring examples of your challenges and successes with getting support people to the CFT table. We will learn from each other how to make CFT practice in North Carolina work.

The Balancing Act: Including Children and Young People in CFTs

Young people have so much to share, but it can be hard to balance including them in decision-making with protecting them from emotional harm. Join us as we share feedback from around the state about including children and youth in child and family teams (CFTs); identify policy for inclusion; explore trauma awareness as a lens for appropriate inclusion; and share tools for getting input from children and youth before CFT meetings.

The 3rd Dimension of Supervision: The Role of Supervisors in CFT Meetings

If you supervise North Carolina County DSS child welfare social workers responsible for child and family team (CFT) meetings, this training will help you understand how to use CFT meetings to enhance supervision of staff and ensure quality CFT practices.

Widening the Circle: CFTs with Families Impacted by Domestic Violence

Using child and family teams (CFTs) with families who are impacted by domestic violence can be daunting. In this training, we will explore how to safely and effectively include the voices of children and non-offending parents, as well as perpetrators, in CFTs, and how to use the CFT process to support safe practices for families and children impacted by domestic violence.