



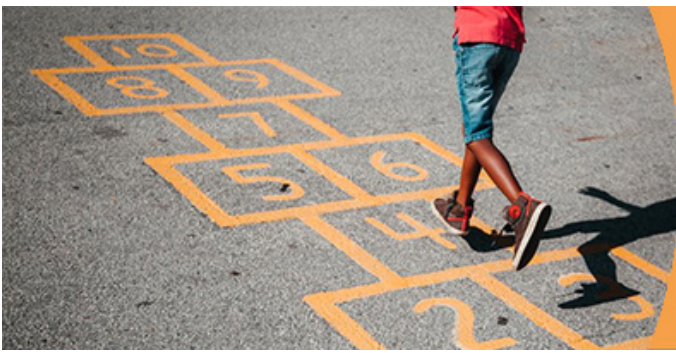
# Pelican Center for Children & Families

Updated:  
June 11, 2021



## 2021 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES





# FUNDAMENTALS OF CHILD WELFARE

This two-day, interactive workshop provides a comprehensive overview of the Child in Need of Care (CINC) practice. Designed for a multi-disciplinary audience, this workshop will incorporate adult learning theory, lecture, small group activities and interactive practice using real case scenarios. Topics will explore constitutional, federal and state law, ethics in practice, child development and trauma in child welfare cases. The ethics portion of this workshop will focus on practice as guided by the Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys and the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will have gained a greater understanding of constitutional, federal and state laws that govern CINC practice, the purpose of each of hearing; concepts of timely permanency for families; reasonable efforts to prevent removal and to achieve the permanency goal; ethical rules and regulations; roles and responsibilities of involved parties and the impact of child development and trauma on children and parents.

Fundamentals of Child Welfare is an asset for improving the knowledge base of Attorneys, CASA, Child Welfare Staff, Social Workers and others who provide professional service, representation, advocacy and/or care for children in need of care and/or their parents. Those new to the Child Welfare profession, as well as those wanting a refresher, will especially appreciate this workshop.

*APPROVED: 6.5 hours of general Social Work CEUs Approved by the Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy as authorized by the LSBWSW.*

*APPROVED: 6.5 hours CLE, including 1 hour each of Legal Ethics and Legal Professionalism*

## DATES:

August 23 - 24, 2021  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

## PRESENTED BY:

- Franchesca Hamilton-Acker, JD, Acadiana Legal Services Corporation
- D’Juannia Judge, LCSW, CSM with LA Dept. of Children and Families (DCFS)
- Rodney Hastings, JD, with LA Dept. of Children and Families (DCFS-BGC)
- Thailund Porter-Green, JD , Pelican Center for Children and Families
- Sharon B. Worthy, LMSW, Retired DCFS and SW Consultant

You will need a computer (with sound/speakers) or a smart phone/ tablet to participate in the sessions. It is not required that you have a camera set up.

This workshop is being offered at a reduced rate of \$10 for both sessions. All child welfare practitioners are invited to participate: attorneys, social workers, foster parents, CASA staff and volunteers, teachers, law enforcement, medical staff, etc.

<http://bit.ly/PC-FCWAUG23>



# CULTURE S.M.A.R.T.



This is an interactive workshop, so we recommend that you login into the zoom meeting using a laptop, desktop, or device that has a camera, mic, and speakers which will allow you to share your video and be visible and interact with the other attendees.

This training experience is designed for multidisciplinary professionals who touch the lives of families and children in the Child Welfare System. It is developed to enhance the ability of child welfare practitioners to respond to the unique needs and differences of children and families of various racial and ethnic groups in ways that are culturally congruent to improve outcomes for children and families. Culture S.M.A.R.T. is an engaging experience that simulates aspects of what it is like to “walk in another racial, ethnic or cultural group’s shoes.” In the shoes of another person and come face to face with personal bias and perspectives and assumptions.

This training helps us to build skills and knowledge of other cultures and identify opportunities for growth and development in a safe environment. Presenting cultural differences as a reflection of the way we solve similar problems promotes a sense of our common humanity, recognize we are all in this together for challenges in Child Welfare. Understanding this basic notion allows us to view cultural differences as a rich reservoir of solutions to real world concerns. Instead of looking upon cultural differences as things to be tolerated, we can relate to each other as cultural problem solvers with the same desired goals – better outcomes for children and families.

What does it mean to be Culturally Smart?

- being aware of one’s own world view
- developing positive attitudes towards cultural differences
- gaining knowledge of different cultural practices and world views
- developing skills for communication and interaction across cultures

<http://bit.ly/PC-CSJUNE14>

<http://bit.ly/PC-CSSEP16>

**REGISTER  
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## DATES:

June 14 -15 , 2021

September 16-17, 2021

10:00 am to 1:15 pm

## PRESENTED BY:

- Patsy Wilkerson, M.A.
- Thailund Porter-Green, JD, Pelican Center for Children and Families

*APPROVED: 6 CLE hours (including 1 hour of professionalism) by the LSBA MCLE Committee.*


*APPROVED: 6 general CEU hours by the Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy as authorized by the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.*

You will need a computer (with sound/speakers) or a smart phone/ tablet to participate in the sessions. It is not required that you have a camera set up.

This workshop is being offered at a reduced rate of \$10 for both sessions. All child welfare practitioners are invited to participate: attorneys, social workers, foster parents, CASA staff and volunteers, teachers, law enforcement, medical staff, etc.



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## Safety: Continuous Quality Assessment in Child Welfare Cases through Child Welfare Assessment & Decision-Making

Join us for this two-day ONLINE training event focused on ensuring safety of children involved in the child welfare system. This training will look at the new Child Welfare Assessment & Decision Making-Model utilized by DCFS child welfare workers and other tools to evaluate the safety and risk issues of our most vulnerable children. New court forms will be introduced and reviewed. This course will reinforce the system focus that “removal of a child from their family is the safety plan of last resort.”

This is an interactive workshop, so we recommend that you login into the zoom meeting using a laptop, desktop, or device that has a camera, mic, and speakers which will allow you to share your video and be visible and interact with the other attendees.

### Course Objectives:

1. Learners will be able to define related terms.
2. Learners will be able to apply the principles of Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model to a new set of facts in order to assess a child's safety.
3. Learners will be able to apply the principles of Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model to create practical safety plans.
4. Learners will be able to articulate the Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model analysis to support or defend safety decision making.
5. Learners will demonstrate an understanding of the Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model analysis as a tool for in and/or out- of- court advocacy for their client(s).

*APPROVED: 6 hours CLE, including professionalism.*

*APPROVED: 6 general CEUs by the Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy as authorized by the LSBSW. CLE/CEU credit will only be issued for time attended.*

<http://bit.ly/PC-SafetyJULY15>

<http://bit.ly/PC-SafetyAUG2>

<http://bit.ly/PC-SafetySEPT13>

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## DATES:

July 15 - 16, 2021

9:00 am to 12:15 pm

August 2 - 3, 2021

9:00 am to 12:15 pm

September 13 - 14, 2021

9:00 am to 12:15 pm

## PRESENTED BY:

- Mark Harris, JD, Pelican Center for Children & Families
- Richard Pittman, JD, CWLS, Louisiana Office of Public Defenders
- Rebecca May Ricks, JD, CWLS, Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Services
- Franchesca Hamilton Acker, JD, Acadiana Legal Services Corporation
- Kim McCain, LMSW, Louisiana Department of Children & Families Services

This workshop is being offered at a reduced rate of \$ for the Virtual 2-day Training. All child welfare practitioners are invited to participate: attorneys, social workers, foster parents, CASA staff and volunteers, teachers, law enforcement, medical staff, etc.



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MONTH: JANUARY 2020

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All 2021 Training Registrations are on the Team Dynamics Website:

**[TEAMDYNAMICSWEB.COM](http://TEAMDYNAMICSWEB.COM)**

If you have questions about your registration or need assistance with registration, please contact Jennifer Graffeo at Team Dynamics. She can be reached at **985-624-3514x4**. or **[jennifer@teamdynamicsweb.com](mailto:jennifer@teamdynamicsweb.com)**



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The Pelican Center for Children & Families is a Louisiana non-profit organization dedicated to improving outcomes for Louisiana’s children and families. The Pelican Center focus is on intensive coordinated interdisciplinary training an education of child welfare practitioners, children’s and indigent parents’ attorneys, child protection staff, CASAs, foster parents, district and child welfare agency attorneys and others.

If you have course content questions, please contact **Thailund Porter Green, JD** , Training Director with the Pelican Center for Children and Families at: **[Thailund.PorterGreen@Pelicancenter.org](mailto:Thailund.PorterGreen@Pelicancenter.org)**.

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