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Supervisor Strategies for Supporting Engaging & Focusing Skills

Presenters: Karol Wendt & Nancy Pohlman

Registration 8:30, Workshop: 9-4

Fee: \$30.00/member

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Training Description

This workshop is designed to increase your capacity as a supervisor to support your staffs' efforts to increase their skills at engaging families, particularly those families that test their skills at building trusting relationships.

As you know, the new worker foundation training has been designed to actually teach workers skills through practice. Based on the most current research as well as best practice, the new curriculum offers challenges to any worker, including those with considerable experience. Across the state, experienced workers have participated in the pilots for this new foundation training and have said repeatedly that they found it very useful for further developing their own practice skills. For that reason we are developing versions of this workshop for those experienced staff. We know that it is critical to provide you with an opportunity to "get out ahead" of your staff as we work at improving their social work skills. Designed specifically for supervisors, this training will also enhance your skills at engaging your supervisees in a change process.

Trainers

Karol Wendt, LCSW, LMFT, is currently working in private practice as the Clinic Director of Systemic Perspective, Inc. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and an Independent Clinical Social Worker. Karol has worked as a social worker or therapist since 1974 doing medical social work, AODA treatment for individuals, teens, and families and individual, marital and family therapy with a specialization in chemical dependency. She also provides group and individual clinical supervision, specializing in family based services and is on the faculty of the Family Therapy Training Institute in Milwaukee.

Nancy Pohlman has over 20 years experience in a variety of Social Work roles. She has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from UW-La Crosse and a Masters degree in Social Work from UW-Madison. Nancy has worked as a sexual assault advocate, an ongoing social CPS and delinquency social worker and is a licensed foster parent. She has been a supervisor for La Crosse County Department of Human Services since 1999. She has past experience supervising the Alternate Care Unit and currently supervises a CPS unit. She is an adjunct faculty for Winona State University and Viterbo University Social Work Programs. She has been training and consulting since 2001 to audiences of foster/adoptive parents, social workers, supervisors and directors. Nancy is a parent of three children, two of which are through foster care and adoption. She is active in the La Crosse Community promoting awareness and education regarding child abuse and neglect and at a state level serving on various Child Welfare committees.

