Promoting Best Practice in Domestic Violence Cases
Using a “Grand Rounds” Approach
February 2, 2022 ~ 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

In 2022, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) will begin a quarterly series, “Child Welfare Grand Rounds.”

This series is modeled after the medical grand rounds learning approach, in which a case is presented by the practitioner and, in some instances, a member of the case. Learning occurs as the grand rounds’ members discuss the strengths of the case, apply case circumstances to current research and best practice, share potential obstacles to best practice and work together to identify the best ways to achieve desired outcomes. Grand Rounds is a method to focus on evidence of best practice in the field, using a strength-based approach. Each quarter there will be a different topic.

Please join us: This first grand rounds session will review best practices in working with children who are in families where intimate partner violence impacts their safety and well-being. We will begin with a brief introduction to The Safe & Together™ Model to highlight the components of domestic violence informed case practice. We will review a real case example that utilized components of the Model and explore the caseworker's insight about the case.

Who should attend? OCFS Child Welfare and Community Services (CWCS) child welfare staff, including staff of the Statewide Central Register for Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR); local departments of social services (LDSS) and OCFS licensed voluntary agency child welfare administrators, supervisors, and caseworkers; OCFS and LDSS Adult Services staff; Employees of community-based organizations that have duties associated with an OCFS licensed program; OCFS Division of Youth Development and Partnership for Success child welfare staff.

Why attend? OCFS has initiated a statewide rollout of training in The Safe & Together™ Model to build competencies in the child welfare workforce in their work with families experiencing domestic violence. The Safe and Together™ model is a field tested, best practice approach designed to improve competencies and cross system collaboration related to the intersection of domestic violence and child maltreatment.

The Model integrates and supports all the major child welfare practice models, such as Signs of Safety, Family Assessment Response, and other initiatives like trauma-informed practice change. The case we will be reviewing demonstrates the “how” to do the work using this practice framework.

Please register in HSLC for the course: Grand Rounds: Intimate Partner Violence

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