Registration for the Illinois Core Practice Model On-demand training is now open!

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is pleased to announce a learning and professional development opportunity for designated child welfare staff and external community stakeholders. Registration is now open for the on-demand version of the Illinois Core Practice Model. The on-demand, self-directed version represents the first component of our overall goal to achieve system-wide transformation.

**On demand Core Practice Model Training Registration Process:**

The initial immersion sites are located in St. Clair County, Lake County, Rock Island and the surrounding counties of Mercer, Henry and Whiteside and Mt. Vernon and its surrounding counties of Clay, Hamilton, Jefferson, Marion and Wayne.

The Illinois Core Practice Model On-demand training is available for designated staff and stakeholders in Immersion Site catchment areas as well as all State Central Register staff. You can register for the Illinois Core Practice Model training at the Virtual Training Center On-Demand Registration site or by clicking on the following link: [https://www.dcfstraining.org/vtc/home/viewPublicOnlineTrainings.action](https://www.dcfstraining.org/vtc/home/viewPublicOnlineTrainings.action) then clicking on the “Register” link. After completing the registration process, you will have 5 days to complete the training. Upon completion you will be awarded 1.5 clock hours of credit. Please keep in mind that in order to receive credit for the course you must complete the training evaluation. Specific roles have been mandated to take the classroom training and taking the on-demand version will not satisfy that requirement.

The on-demand, self-directed training is required for the following DCFS and private agency staff located within each immersion site area: **ACR, SCR, APT, Quality Assurance, Adoptions, nurses**, family support specialists and residential staff. External stakeholders and community providers who work with children and families receiving child welfare services are strongly encouraged to take the training as well. A non-credit version of the on-demand training is available to the general public by accessing the public content side of the virtual training center. **Specific roles have been identified to take the on-demand version of the training. Individuals identified to take the 1 ½ day classroom training will not satisfy their training requirement by taking the on-demand training.**

In order to participate in the self-directed training on the Core Practice Model, ACR, APT, Quality Assurance, Adoptions and nurses must complete the two required prerequisite on-demand trainings. Both must be completed in order to take the self-directed version:
- Understanding the Impact of Trauma
- Keeping Children Connected to Their Brothers and Sisters

While it is not required that SCR staff, family support specialists and residential staff take the prerequisites it is highly encouraged in order to get the background on the importance of understanding trauma and family connections.

You can register for both of these prerequisite on-demand trainings through the Virtual Training Center by clicking here.

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