

Maintaining Family Roots: The Impact of Sibling and Relative Relationships and Community Connections on a Child's Well-being, Permanency, and Identity

Curriculum: Permanency: Techniques to promote attachment and bonding

Date/time: Friday, September 17, 2021 • 8:50 AM – 12:00 PM (ET)

Location: Live synchronous training via Zoom

Social Work CECHs: 3 hours • Approval #MICEC-0004

Cost: Free to all MDHHS and private agency child welfare workers; \$49 all others

Presenter: Amy Bailey, LMSW



Beginning and intermediate skill levels

Target audience:

- ✓ Children's Protective Services Workers
- ✓ Foster Care Workers
- ✓ Adoption Workers
- ✓ Family Preservation Workers

Training objectives: As a result of this training, participants will be prepared to:

- Enhance understanding of policy framework and purpose around maintaining connections for children in the child welfare system.
- Understand how maintaining important connections impacts a child's well-being, permanency outcome, and identity development.
- Identify specific strategies that can be utilized by child welfare staff to creatively maintain the child's connections, with particular emphasis on sibling relationships.

Description: Children in the child welfare system often become unintentionally unrooted. This training will help child welfare staff move beyond just understanding relevant policy, to being able to realistically work to maintain the child's connections, i.e., roots, at various stages of the child welfare case. Discussion will occur on how these actions can enhance the well-being, permanency outcomes, and identity development of children served. Special focus will occur specific to sibling placements and connections. This training will utilize exercises, small and large group discussions, and visual displays.

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