



Forensic Human Services Certificate Program



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Newsletter

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Forensic Human Services Certificate Program is to teach child welfare professionals how to prepare and present effective assessments in a forensic setting. The program specifically helps child welfare social workers make the transition from the academic setting to the public agency setting where they must conduct investigations, write court reports and offer expert testimony. The program emphasizes the need for factual, strength-based, family-centered, and culturally sensitive assessments.

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Upcoming Fall Courses

FHS-01 Intro to Judicial Process (20 hrs.)

This course will provide human service professionals with a general overview of the American judicial process and in particular the California judicial process. Emphasis will be placed on adversary process, due process, *parens patriae*, and the various roles played out in the courtroom by the judge, attorney, and human services professionals.

Date: Weds, Sept. 23 to Dec 9, 2009
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Location: 373 W. Julian St. San Jose
Room: DFCS SW Training Rm, 1st Floor

Instructor
C. Robinson?

Comments from a previous participant.....

"Interesting presenter. Great course-A must for all Child Welfare Workers.."

FHS-04 Assessment and Intervention (20 hrs.)

This course will help participants improve their ability to present facts and strength-based, family-centered, culturally sensitive assessments in court reports. Emphasis will be given to documentation and content that satisfy court requirements.

Date: Thurs, Sept. 24 to Dec. 3, 2009
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Location: 373 W. Julian St.
Room: DFCS SW Training Rm, 1st Floor

Instructor
J. Weinberg

Comments from a previous participant.....

"The instructor has a natural gift of keeping the class fun and interesting. That is greatly appreciated."

How to Register for Courses

Log on to:

<http://intranet.ssa.co.santa-clara.ca.us/employee/t&d/forensics.html>

For questions on registration, please contact Barbara Chavez at 635-1707