



Welcome to the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System

On behalf of the entire staff of the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System (WCWPDS) and the School of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, we welcome you!

Congratulations on choosing a career in Youth Justice! The work you will do will change lives; the youth and families you serve, as well as your own. This is some of the most essential, fulfilling, and challenging work one can do. We are here to help you achieve your goals to provide quality and professional services to the families, youth, and communities you will be working with.

The WCWPDS is your resource for youth justice training. As a youth justice worker in Wisconsin, you will have access to an assortment of professional development opportunities. It is our goal to provide you with training opportunities throughout your career in youth justice; not just as a new worker, but also as your career develops. You will have the opportunity to attend a variety of trainings on topics designed to enhance your skills in the areas of your choosing, including: Ongoing Services, Foster Care Coordination, Supervision, Advanced Youth Justice, Confirming Safe Environments, Supporting Change Through Engagement, Safety, Engaging to Build Trusting Relationships, Trauma Informed Care, Motivational Interviewing, Strength and Needs Assessments, or any combination of these.

Working collaboratively with the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA), Tribal Child Welfare programs, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services, and the University of Wisconsin – Madison, the WCWPDS is a true partnership. The WCWPDS provides training for over 3,000 workers throughout the state of Wisconsin!

The New Worker Welcome Packet section of the WCWPDS website is provided to give you an introduction to WCWPDS and the Wisconsin Child Welfare Model for Practice, to help you begin documenting and evolving your professional development, and provide instructions on how to use the PDS Online training registration system.

Your supervisor is familiar with the WCWPDS and should be able to answer many questions we haven't covered in the Welcome Packet. If there is anything else you need to know, please don't hesitate to contact our office at office@wcwpds.edu or by phone (608) 890-3965.

Again, we welcome you to this most important career! We look forward to meeting you at training!