



WMPC Network Training Calendar 2020

DATE	TIME	TRAINING TITLE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	AUDIENCE
Thursday, January 16	9am – 11am	Residential PER Training	This training will introduce a helpful and newly-required template for writing residential PERs in MISACWIS.	Diocese of Grand Rapids, 360 Division Ave S, Room A	Caseworkers and Supervisors
Tuesday, January 28	9am – 4pm	New Worker Orientation	This quarterly orientation is required for new (in the last six months) foster care and CPS staff. The training will provide an overview of WMPC, its collaboration with DHHS, the court, trauma, and other must-know details about being a new caseworker.	Diocese of Grand Rapids, 360 Division Ave S, Room A	New (in the last six months) foster care and CPS staff.
Wednesday, January 29	2pm – 5pm	Court Testifying Training	This training, in collaboration with the 17 th Circuit Court, provides real-life simulations related to testifying in court.	Kent County Courthouse, 180 Ottawa NW, Feeney Courtroom (10 th Floor)	Caseworkers (must apply and be registered)



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Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7	Thursday 9am – 4pm, Friday 9am – 12pm	CAFAS Training	This training will provide an overview of the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS). Participants will be tested and certified for CAFAS use.	WMPC, 213 Sheldon SE, Training Room	EFC Staff
February 24 – 28 (Monday through Friday)	9am – 4pm each day	Sanctuary Model Training	The Sanctuary® Model promotes safety and recovery from adversity through the active creation of a trauma-informed community.	Diocese of Grand Rapids, 360 Division Ave S, Room A	Agency and Systems Leaders Only
Friday, March 20	9am – 11am	Family Finding	This training will review family finding techniques.	Diocese of Grand Rapids, 360 Division Ave S, Room D/E	Caseworkers, Supervisors
Tuesday, April 21	9am – 4pm	New Worker Orientation	This quarterly orientation is required for new (in the last six months) foster care and CPS staff. The training will provide an overview of WMPC, its collaboration with DHHS, the court, trauma, and other must-know details about being a new caseworker.	Diocese of Grand Rapids, 360 Division Ave S, Room D/E	New (in the last six months) foster care and CPS staff.



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April (Tentative - TBD)	TBD	Together Facing the Challenge	Participants will learn this evidence-informed approach to training and building the skills of foster parents.	TBD	EFC Staff Only
Thursday, May 7	9am – 11am	Psychotropic Medication	This training will give an overview of commonly used psychotropic medications.	TBD	Caseworkers, Supervisors
Friday, May 15	9am – 12pm	Parent Engagement	This training will discuss strategies for optimal and trauma-informed parent engagement.	Diocese of Grand Rapids, 360 Division Ave S, Room A	Caseworkers, Supervisors
Thursday, June 11	9am – 4pm	CAFAS Booster Training	This training will provide the required review of the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS). Participants will be tested and certified for continued CAFAS use.	WMPC, 213 Sheldon SE, Training Room	EFC Staff
Friday, June 12	9am – 12pm	Poverty Simulation	This experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month.	TBD	Managers, Supervisors, Caseworkers



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Thursday, July 16	9am – 11am	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)	This training will provide an overview of FASD as well as associated treatment considerations.	Diocese of Grand Rapids, 360 Division Ave S, Room D/E	Manager, Supervisors, Caseworkers
Tuesday, August 11	9am – 4pm	New Worker Orientation	This quarterly orientation is required for new (in the last six months) foster care and CPS staff. The training will provide an overview of WMPC, its collaboration with DHHS, the court, trauma, and other must-know details about being a new caseworker.	Diocese of Grand Rapids, 360 Division Ave S, Room A	New (in the last six months) foster care and CPS staff.
Friday, September 19	9am – 12pm	Poverty Simulation	This experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month.	TBD	Managers, Supervisors, Caseworkers
Friday, October 16	9am – 11am	Sensory Interventions	This training will provide an overview of sensory-related concerns, how to identify them, and types of interventions that result in body regulation.	TBD	Supervisors, Caseworkers



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Tuesday, October 20	9am – 4pm	New Worker Orientation	This quarterly orientation is required for new (in the last six months) foster care and CPS staff. The training will provide an overview of WMPC, its collaboration with DHHS, the court, trauma, and other must-know details about being a new caseworker.	Diocese of Grand Rapids, 360 Division Ave S, Room A	New (in the last six months) foster care and CPS staff.
Thursday, November 12	1pm – 3pm	Older Youth Resources Training (YIT, YAVFC, MYOI, etc.)	This training will provide an overview of resources available to older youth and how to access and process them.	TBD	Supervisors, Caseworkers