

# CW 1012 - Interviewing and Engagement Skills for Children

Level I  
December 1-3, 2009

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## PRESENTED BY:

**Gerald Peters** spent 14 years working for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services both in Child Welfare and Juvenile Services. While in Child Welfare he was a worker and supervisor with expertise in prevention, CPS, permanency planning, and adoption. He also has extensive courtroom experience in the area of child abuse and neglect and is a certified child sexual abuse specialist. Gerald has been a private consultant/trainer for Child Welfare CORE, Level One and Level Two training as well as Resource Family training for foster parents for over 5 years.

**Tracy Koelling**, has worked in the field of Child Protection for the past thirteen years. She began her career in Juvenile Residential Treatment but moved to Child Abuse Investigation in 1999 when she moved to Oklahoma and worked in Family Services at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of OK. Ms Koelling then worked as a Child Abuse Investigator for OKDHS Child Welfare. She further specialized her skills by becoming a Forensic Interviewer at the Mary Abbott Children's House, the Cleveland County CAC. She has interviewed more than 900 children in her career and often testifies in criminal and deprived courts.

## TRAINING SITE:

OU/DHS Training Center  
Equity Room  
617 W Rock Creek Road  
Norman, OK 73069

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Workers interview and engage children every day in the field of Child Welfare—CPS, PP, Foster Care and Adoption. Interviewing and engagement skills are the foundation of a good relationship with each and every client. This three day workshop will provide workers with techniques on how to improve these skills with children. Workers will be given the opportunity to practice the new tools and techniques presented in the workshop.

## TRAINING GROUP:

**This workshop is mandatory for new workers who have completed CORE Training.** Workers are enrolled in this training by the CW training section. If there are available slots, the workshop will be unrestricted for additional enrollment two weeks prior to the workshop.

## WORKSHOP HOURS:

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

**Day 1:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Day 2 & 3:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Participants are reminded that anyone missing more than 30 minutes of a workshop may not receive full credit*

## CANCELLATION:

**PLEASE DON'T BE A NO-SHOW.** If you find you cannot attend after you have registered please have your SUPERVISOR email [childwelfaretraining@okdhs.org](mailto:childwelfaretraining@okdhs.org)

## LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS:

Lodging is available at the Sooner Legends Inn & Suites, 1200 24th Avenue SW, Norman, OK 73072. **Call 405-701-8100 to make your lodging arrangements.** A block of rooms will be reserved for training participants until **11/9/2009** and will be direct-billed to CCAN. If you make a reservation after this date has expired, you will be expected to pay for your room and apply for reimbursement through OKDHS. When making reservations please indicate that you are with the **OKDHS Interviewing & Engagement Skills Training Block.**

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