

# CW 1012 - Interviewing and Engagement Skills for Children

Level I  
February 2-4, 2010

## 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:

Downtown DoubleTree Tulsa  
Coventry/Westminster Room  
616 W. Seventh Street  
Tulsa, OK 74127

## 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 Downtown DoubleTree Tulsa, 616 W Seventh Street, Tulsa, OK 74127. To make your lodging arrangements, you **must FAX (918-732-3856)** the linked reservation form directly to the DoubleTree. [Click here for the RESERVATION FORM.](#) No phone or online reservations will be accepted. Rooms will be reserved for training participants based on availability until **1/18/2010** and will be direct billed to CCAN. If all available rooms have been reserved, you will be expected to pay for your room and apply for reimbursement through DHS. When making reservations, please let the hotel know you are with **OKDHS Interviewing and Engagement Skills Training Block.**

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