Directions

From NYS Thruway
Take Exit 24, immediately get in right lane and take Rt. 87 South to the end. Follow signs for Rt. 20/Western Avenue. Continue to light, taking a left onto Western Avenue. Continue less then one mile to 1215 Western Avenue.

I-90 West
Exit immediately before the Thruway interchange, following the signs for Rt. 20/Western Avenue and Crossgates Mall. Continue to light, taking a left onto Western Avenue. Continue less then one mile to 1215 Western Avenue.

From the Northway (and Airport):
Take Rt. 87 South to its end at Rt. 20/Western Avenue. Take left onto Western Avenue. Continue less then one mile to 1215 Western Avenue.

The PDP Training Center is located on the 4th floor of 1215 Western Avenue. The Training Center is next to a Sunoco gas station and is labeled “Picotte Building” on the front top of the building.

Child Welfare Training Programs

The Department of Child Welfare Training is staffed with professionals from several disciplines who are knowledgeable about Child Welfare and Adolescent Service issues, and are experienced in training and working with agencies in the areas of program design and development.

We are ready to start working with you!

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Training takes place at various locations throughout New York and at the PDP Training Center. The Center is located at 1215 Western Avenue in Albany.

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Foster and Adoptive Family Recruitment & Retention
The Foster and Adoptive Family Recruitment and Retention Program can help your agency design and implement a plan that will educate and attract prospective foster/adoptive families. We specialize in team building and helping your agency to develop and sustain partnerships with current foster and adoptive parents, other agencies, and the community.

Case Documentation
Training and technical assistance is available which focuses on case recording and documentation. A Family Assessment Service Plan (FASP) refresher is provided for child welfare staff using the CONNECTIONS Case Management System. Participants will practice using components of the FASP for case decision-making and documentation. Discussion and class activities focus on applying critical thinking to an actual case. In addition to FASP training, this program offers Progress Note training, which focuses on NYS regulations, effective writing and critical thinking.

Counseling & Intervention Skills
Training is intended to enhance the knowledge, attitude, and skills of counselors and youth division aids (YDA’s) working with young people at risk who are placed in care.

Training focuses on effective individual and group counseling, intervention skills, and coaching to enhance staff insight. The strategies and skills taught help improve many program outcomes, while reducing recidivism and increasing public safety.

Core Essential Skills Training for Experienced Caseworkers
Core Essential Skills is an eight-day course designed to strengthen child welfare safety, family preservation, and youth self-sufficiency in independent living, adoption, and reasonable development progress for children in the care of OCFS. We also offer the Supervisor Skill Clinic on Engagement, a one-day, practice-focused clinic designed to enhance a supervisor’s awareness of his/her own supervisory practice.

Substance Use Disorder Education
Training and technical assistance is provided to assist with foundational information on substance use disorders. The Working with Alcohol and Substance Affected Families is a three-day course focused on building the awareness of child welfare professionals about their role in facilitating change for families impacted by substance use disorders. Additional classroom and online courses are offered on a variety of topics.

Albany Adolescent Services Resource Network
The Albany ASRN provides staff from local districts and voluntary child care agencies with education and training on methods of developing life skills with youth leaving foster care. We offer opportunities for service providers to share best practices, information, and resources. We also facilitate Youth In Progress, the statewide youth leadership advisory team for youth in foster care.