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CHILD MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CREDITS

The VCE provides many training opportunities for Child Mental Health Professionals (CMHPs) to maintain their MDCH-required 24 hours of annual continuing education. Recorded versions of our Children’s Mental Health Grand Rounds and other qualified trainings are available 24 hours a day on our website. Visit <http://www.vceonline.org/VideoDemo.asp> to find these trainings.

QUALITY AND ORGANIZATION

Trainings are presented by content experts who have well-developed presentations. We provide you with high-quality speakers and presentations that are well-organized. It is easy to register for trainings.

ACCESSIBILITY OF STAFF

The VCE staff is available to answer your questions and provide you with the assistance you need. Call our Toll-Free Message Center at 888-785-7793.

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Baby Court arrives in Detroit - Wayne County

The Wayne County Circuit Court, Juvenile Division, in collaboration with Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency (D-WCCMHA) and Wayne County Department of Human Service (DHS), has initiated a “Baby Court” program, specifically aimed at addressing the issues of infants and toddlers who are involved with juvenile court and foster care. There are Baby Court projects in Genesee and Midland counties, as well, and they tailor their programs to meet the specific needs and resources of their respective counties.



Judge Judy A. Hartsfield

Key community partners also include, but are not limited to:

- The Honorable Judy Hartsfield, of the Third Judicial Circuit Court;
- Carlynn Nichols, LMSW, Director of Children’s Initiatives, Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency;
- Margaret Warner, Director of Children’s Services Administration, Michigan Department of Human Services, Wayne County;
- Debbie Weatherston, PhD, IMH-E® (IV), Executive Director of the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health;

- Carol Oleksiak, LMSW, ACSW, IMH-E® (IV), Director of the VCE;
- Ann Stacks, PhD, Director of the Infant Mental Health Training Program, Merrill-Palmer Skillman Institute;
- Mary Mueller, LMSW, of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan;
- Attorneys from the Wayne County Attorney General’s Office, Michigan Children’s Law Center and the Detroit Center for Family Advocacy.

The purpose of Baby Court is to improve the outcomes for infants and toddlers involved in the foster care system. Goals of the program are to reduce the occurrence and reoccurrence of abuse and neglect among infants and toddlers, enhance the infant’s development while in care, improve the parent-child relationship and facilitate timely permanency planning for involved children.

This form of therapeutic jurisprudence acknowledges that very young children can experience unique issues of emotional harm when separated from birth parents. This specialty docket will be mindful of developmental concerns such as attachment issues, the necessity of addressing visitation

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VCE to host various upcoming events; offers credits

Training	Date/Time	CECs	Location	Audience	Registration Opens
NEW: Trauma Learning Series: Supporting Children with Special Needs Following Grief & Trauma	04/07/11; 1 - 4 pm	Credits are currently pending for this training.	LIVE SITE: Center for Excellence, 13111 Allen Road, Southgate, MI	Community mental health professionals, teachers and human services workers serving families who are Wayne County residents.	Open Now! Go to www.vceonline.org to register. THIS TRAINING IS AVAILABLE LIVE AND AT FOUR (4) BROADCAST SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
Assessing & Managing Suicide Risk Training	04/08/11; 8:30 am - 5 pm	6.5 for Licensed Social Workers, 6.5 LPC Credits	Center for Excellence 13111 Allen Road, Southgate, MI 48195	Community mental health professionals, teachers and human services workers serving families who are Wayne County residents.	Open Now! Go to www.vceonline.org to register.
Ethics & Pain Management for Social Workers	04/11/11; 9 am - 4:30 pm	6.0 for Licensed Social Workers. This training fulfills the licensure requirement.	LIVE SITE: Dearborn Ford Performing Arts Theater, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI	All Social Workers in need of Ethics and Pain Management to fulfill their requirement to renew their license.	Open Now! Go to www.vceonline.org to register. THIS TRAINING IS AVAILABLE LIVE AND AT FOUR (4) BROADCAST SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) Informational Breakfast	04/14/11; 8:30 - 10 am	There are no CECs for this event.	Center for Excellence 13111 Allen Road, Southgate, MI 48195	Administrators of provider agencies throughout the county and D-WCCMHA staff.	To RSVP, please email Kimberly Bradshaw at kbradshaw@vceonline.org by April 1.
Children's Mental Health Grand Rounds Series Training: Working with Children Birth to Seven Years Who Have Been Sexually Abused	04/21/11; 10 am - 1 pm	Credits are currently pending for this training.	LIVE SITE: Dearborn Ford Performing Arts Theater, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI	Professionals who work in Community Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse systems with children, adolescents and their families in Wayne County, including advocates, case managers, child mental health professionals, direct care workers, advocates, family members, licensed professional counselors, nurses, occupational therapists, parents and peer support specialists.	Open Now! Go to www.vceonline.org to register. THIS TRAINING IS AVAILABLE LIVE AND AT FOUR (4) BROADCAST SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
Direct Care Learning Series: Nothing About Me Without Me	5/4/11; 10 am - Noon	2.0 for Licensed Social Workers and 2.0 LPC Credits are pending	LIVE SITE: Center for Excellence, 13111 Allen Road, Southgate, MI	Community mental health professionals, teachers and human services workers serving families who are Wayne County residents.	Coming soon to www.vceonline.org ! THIS TRAINING IS AVAILABLE LIVE AND AT THREE (3) BROADCAST SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
Children's Mental Health Grand Rounds Series Training: Asperger Syndrome in Children: What It Is, What It Isn't and How to Understand Those Who Live With It	05/19/11; 10 am - Noon	Credits are currently pending for this training.	LIVE SITE: Dearborn Ford Performing Arts Theater, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI	Professionals who work in Community Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse systems with children, adolescents and their families in Wayne County, ... (please see complete description above for the April Children's Mental Health Grand Rounds Training).	Coming soon to www.vceonline.org ! THIS TRAINING IS AVAILABLE LIVE AND AT FOUR (4) BROADCAST SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

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Countywide efforts stomp flu virus

D-WCCMHA, along with the Detroit Department of Health & Wellness Promotion, Wayne County Department of Public Health New Center CMH,



Paul Newman of Community Living Services receives his flu shot with a smile

Community Living Services and the VCE, collaborated to sponsor two seasonal flu clinics.

The clinics occurred on January 26, 2011, where over 80 staff, consumers and members of the community were vaccinated. Many participants at New Center CMH took advantage of other vaccines that were made available, such as Hepatitis A, B (Twinrix, Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertusis) and pneumonia, thanks to Detroit Department of Health & Wellness Promotion.

Thank you to the sponsors and their staff of volunteers who, through their hard work, made the flu clinics possible. More seasonal flu clinics are being planned for the start of next year's flu season.

County moves forward with PATH

This important initiative of the Michigan Department of Community Health, in conjunction with the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, furthers Recovery through the integration of physical and mental health care in Wayne County.

Currently, there are a total of 20 active certified PATH Leaders and six (6) Master Trainers in Wayne County who facilitate PATH courses. These individuals, who are Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSS), teach individuals with chronic illnesses or those caring for an individual with a chronic condition how to cope with stress and lead healthier lives. Thus far, over 23 PATH courses have been conducted at 10 organizations. To date, a total of 96 participants have completed the workshops.

D-WCCMHA is committed to working with our certified PATH Leaders and Master Trainers at eight (8) organizations to ensure that PATH courses will be offered regularly throughout the county. Letters were sent out to the CEOs of these organizations encouraging their support and the Peer Support Specialists' advance training in the PATH program.

Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency would like to express their appreciation to all PATH trainers for their hard work and commitment to making the PATH program a success.

The Agency is sponsoring a Mi-PATH Informational Breakfast on April 14, 2011, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM at the Center for Excellence, 13111 Allen Road, Southgate, MI. Please RSVP to Kimberly at kbradshaw@vceonline.org by April 1.



Eric DeLaRosa spoke at the 2010 PATH Informational Breakfast.

DID YOU KNOW?



ETHICS & PAIN MANAGEMENT FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

MON., APR. 11, 2011

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

VISIT WWW.VCEONLINE.ORG TO REGISTER!

LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS APRIL 4!

COST: \$30 PER PERSON

OTHER ETHICS TRAININGS CAN BE FOUND ELSEWHERE AT A MUCH HIGHER COST. REGISTER NOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS LOW FEE! THIS TRAINING IS REQUIRED ONCE EVERY LICENSURE CYCLE (THREE YEARS).

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scheduling concerns and a need to strengthen the parent-baby bond when reunification is the realistic permanency plan for the family.

The court selects cases involving infants and toddlers who fall within specified criteria and centralizes these cases on a single docket, over which Judge Judy A. Hartsfield presides. Using proactive judicial intervention, the court coordinates collaboration between DHS caseworkers and infant mental health (IMH) specialists and provides the judicial leadership necessary to carry out concurrent case planning, with reunification being the primary goal when appropriate.

The D-WCCMHA now assigns IMH Specialists to families who meet specific criteria, many of whom are involved with Child Protective Services and whose infants are Court Wards. Specific services provided by specially trained D-WCCMHA IMH Specialists include: weekly in-home visits, guidance on the infant's developmental progress, counseling in crisis situations and support for linking with community resources.

Involvement with these specialized services allows IMH Specialists to provide valuable insight to the court about a family, which can impact the court's decisions. The use of a didactic therapy model by IMH specialists, which emphasizes the observation of the parent-child

relationship to measure progress, is essential in the success of Baby Court models used in other jurisdictions.

The DHS Infancy and Early Childhood Pilot Program in Wayne County focuses on the population of infants and young children in foster care. This program implemented training for foster parents and foster care workers on the specific needs of very young children. The primary focus of these trainings is to address the need for a continuity of care. Foster parents are encouraged to partner with biological parents, for example, by allowing visitation in the foster home with the birth parents. Foster parents who complete the training are provided higher rates of reimbursement by DHS. This Wayne County pilot also has established a "medical home" for each child in foster care at the Children's Hospital and the Detroit Medical Center to establish continuity of care.

Community partnership and evaluation function as critical contributors to the Baby Court Program as well. The program draws upon the recognized expertise within the community, particularly in the assessment and evaluation of parents and the program overall. The Baby Court Research Coordinator, Ann Stacks, PhD, will conduct a Baby Court Feasibility Study designed to examine all phases of the program and will provide evaluation of the Baby Court model as well.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH REQUIRED TRAININGS

These trainings (see page 3 for the six REQUIRED trainings) are required to be taken by all members of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health workforce.

For clarification, the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency has determined that the Recipients Rights training MUST be taken annually (once every calendar year).

The other required trainings, HIPAA; Person-Centered Planning; Medicaid, Fair Hearings, Local Appeals and Grievances; are all required biennially (once every two calendar years) through the VCE. D-WCCMHA staff also are required to take Infection Control and Corporate Compliance through the VCE.

However, your organization may require you to take these trainings more often. For this reason, VCE resets the trainings every year so you can take each one annually if needed.

Please see your supervisor or HR director for more information.