

Achieving Permanence for Older Children (#1016)
Friday, August 21, 2009
Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau, WI
Registration: 8:30 A.M.
Workshop: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Fee: \$18 for Partnership Members, \$40 for Non-Members
Presenters: Eddie Screechowl & Clay Finck

Description:

For permanency planning to be successful for older children, child welfare workers must utilize an approach that differs from methods used to find permanency for young children. To improve permanency outcomes for older children, workers must understand what permanency means for older children. Permanency means providing youth with lifelong permanent connections to the people the youth identifies as important to him/her. Using a variety of activities that allow participants to hear, see, and experience the concepts being presented, this training will increase participants' awareness of what permanent connections are and why they are important to achieving permanency for older children. Participants will learn how to talk with youth about connections and discover strategies to facilitate those connections.

In addition, this training will allow participants to accomplish the following **learning objectives:**

- Know and understand the link between independent living service activities and permanent connections.
- Explore how adolescent development relates to permanency.
- Know and understand that youth involvement promotes permanency for youth.
- Learn new strategies for improving permanency outcomes for youth.

Trainer Information:

Eddie Screechowl, B.A.: Mr. Screechowl is a trainer and consultant with the National Resource Center for Youth Development. His fields of expertise include Tribal Services, Cultural Diversity, Independent Living and Child Welfare. He has developed various programs, including juvenile delinquency prevention and adult protective services. He has worked for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma as the program manager for Children and Family Services and as the program coordinator for the ICW program. He is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Clay Finck, MEd., LCPC: Mr. Finck is a program supervisor with the National Resource Center for Youth Services and he coordinates projects through the National Resource Center for Youth Development. Mr. Finck has 17 years experience with youth in foster care. He was a director and independent living coordinator for a private foster care agency in Kansas. He is a national

trainer in areas that include Managing Aggressive Behavior, Independent Living, Permanency Planning and Positive Youth Development, and others.

Who Should Attend?: Child Welfare staff and supervisors who work with children within the Tribal or County Child Welfare Systems.

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 7, 2009. Use our online registration form at www.uwgb.edu/icwtp You can also register using the on-line form and faxing it to our office at 920-465-2961.