

# Resource List: Free, Online Training for Child Welfare Staff

The Capacity Building Center for States and the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI) created this listing of free online trainings in child welfare and related topics as a resource to support the increased need for child welfare staff to be able to receive training virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This resource list identifies organizations that offer training activities with defined learning objectives that may include a range of modalities, such as self-paced e-learnings, webinars, or videos. Offerings have been included if they can be credited to a staff's learning portfolio by receiving proof of participation through a training certificate or continuing education unit (CEU), either through the training organization's online learning management system or as connected into the participant's learning portfolio through the participant's learning management system.

## Resources\*

### Action 4 Child Protection

**Action 4 Child Protection** helps child welfare agencies improve what they do to serve families and protect children through a variety of services, resources, and supports.

#### Virtual Learning Opportunities

Topics covered include safety management, adapting practice, and supporting families through COVID-19.

### California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC)

**CalSWEC** facilitates and supports statewide partnerships for the education and training of social workers to ensure culturally responsive, effective, and high-quality health and social service delivery to the people of California.

#### Online Courses

CalSWEC provides links to free e-learning courses specifically to educate and train social workers in the content areas of child welfare and mental and behavioral health.

\*Note: Inclusion of any organization, program, or training offering does not indicate endorsement by the Capacity Building Center for States, NCWWI, or the Children's Bureau. If you are aware of other free, online trainings available for any child welfare staff please email the Capacity Building Center for States at [capacityinfo@icf.com](mailto:capacityinfo@icf.com).

## Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP)

The [CSSP](#) works to achieve a racially, economically, and socially just society in which all children, youth, and families thrive. The CSSP translates ideas into action, promotes public policies grounded in equity, and supports strong and inclusive communities. It advocates with and for all children, youth, and families marginalized by public policies and institutional practices.

### [inSIGHT: A Workshop on Implicit Racial Bias for Child Protection Workers](#)

From the CSSP and the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity's Implicit Bias Module Series, the inSIGHT curriculum is designed to create a space for child protection workers to explore and learn how to mitigate their own individual implicit racial biases, thereby developing stronger skills in dealing with clients and cases. Implicit racial bias is the unconscious attribution of particular qualities to a member of a certain social group. It is something that *all* people have and can negatively affect interactions between groups if not properly examined and addressed.

## Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative

The [Children's Bureau's Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative](#) helps public child welfare agencies, tribes, and courts enhance and mobilize the human and organizational assets necessary to meet federal standards and requirements; improve child welfare practice and administration; and achieve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children, youth, and families.

### [CapLEARN](#)

CapLEARN provides access to training, knowledge, and skills to build child welfare capacity through learning. The course catalog is categorized by curriculum, e-learning, resources, CEU, and Certificate of Completion.

### [Tribal Information Exchange](#)

The Capacity Building Center for Tribes works to design and deliver tools and resources for tribal child welfare professionals in the following practice areas: strengthening families; partnerships; the Indian Child Welfare Act; sex trafficking prevention; data; healing and wellness; title IV-B and title IV-E; professional development; and systems and organizations.

## Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children

The [Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children](#), a service of Children's at Scottish Rite and Children's at Hughes Spalding hospitals, promotes the safety, protection, and well-being of children through advocacy in the community and the identification, assessment, and prevention of child abuse.

### [Prevention and Training](#)

The Center for Safe and Healthy Children is a child advocacy center that provides professional training around prevention and recognition of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and sex trafficking of children and teens by a team of professionals who have extensive pediatric experience.

## Children’s Trust Fund Alliance

The [Children’s Trust Fund Alliance](#), formerly known as the National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds, is the national membership organization for state children’s trust funds.

### [ProSolutions Training](#)

Children’s Trust Fund Alliance makes available an online training to support implementation of the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework in multiple settings. This curriculum includes new materials on partnering with parents and addresses promising strategies to strengthen families. The online training is for anyone who works with children and families, including parents, practitioners, and supervisors. All courses are available on the ProSolutions Training site. ProSolutions Training offers two versions of each course, one for free with a certificate of completion and one for a small fee with CEUs.

## FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (FRIENDS)

[FRIENDS](#) provides targeted technical assistance and training to the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) community and provides high-quality information to the general child abuse prevention community.

### [Online Learning Center](#)

The FRIENDS Online Learning Center is a resource designed to meet the demands of providing high-quality, subject-specific training on outcome accountability, data utilization, parent leadership, evidence-based and evidence-informed practices, program assessment, logic models, collaboration, and systems change for CBCAP State Lead Agencies and their grantees and others.

## Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals

The [Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals](#) offers educational opportunities in the digital sphere that provide an overall roadmap of competencies leading to quality service delivery and career growth and development.

### [The Institute](#)

The Institute offers family support professionals the opportunity to learn new skills through online modules in topics like early childhood development, mental health, and cultural competency.

## Midwest Regional Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC)

[Midwest Regional CAC](#) provides affordable, accessible, and cost-effective training methods for multidisciplinary teams utilizing the latest technology and research to deliver timely and relevant capacity building programs.

### Learning Center

The Midwest Regional CAC offers access to a variety of options to increase knowledge, advance practice, and better serve child victims of abuse. Learn about essential issues from local, regional, and national experts; engage in online courses about team facilitation and medical aspects of child abuse for multidisciplinary teams.

## National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSAW)

The **NCSAW** is a national resource center providing information, expert consultation, training, and technical assistance to child welfare, dependency court, and substance use treatment professionals to improve safety, permanency, well-being, and recovery outcomes for children, parents, and families.

### Online Tutorials for Child Welfare Professionals

These tutorials provide child welfare professionals with knowledge of alcohol and drug addiction and its impact on parenting; engagement strategies and the treatment and recovery process for families affected by substance use disorders; services needed by children whose parents have substance use disorders; and methods of improving collaboration among substance abuse treatment, child welfare, and court systems.

## National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)

The **NCTSN** was created as part of the Children's Health Act to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for children and families who experience or witness traumatic events. The network of grantees and affiliates works to provide clinical services, develop and disseminate new interventions and resource materials, offer education and training programs, collaborate with established systems of care, engage in data collection and evaluation, and inform public policy and awareness efforts.

### The Learning Center

As part of the NCTSN, the Learning Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma offers free CEUs and e-learning resources.

## National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI)

**NCWWI's** purpose is to develop and support a child welfare workforce that can equitably meet the needs of the most vulnerable children and families. NCWWI workforce development activities foster continuous learning that is inclusive, interactive, reflective, and relevant and cultivate diverse leadership at all levels of child welfare programs through strengthening the capacity of public and tribal child welfare programs to create inclusive learning organizations that can provide innovative and family-centered services.

### NCWWI Online Learning Portal

Access engaging, interactive online learning that builds skills in leadership, workforce development, and change implementation.

## National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC)

The [NCAC](#) models, promotes, and delivers excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership.

### [The NCAC Virtual Training Center](#)

The NCAC Virtual Training Center offers a wide range of online training opportunities for child abuse professionals, including live and archived webinars and recorded trainings. Certificates of completion are offered for recorded trainings.

## The National Council for Behavioral Health – Center of Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions

The [National Council for Behavioral Health](#), through the National Center of Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions grant award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, is the home of the newest evidence-based resources, tools, and support for organizations working to integrate primary and behavioral health care.

### [Relias Online Courses](#)

These on-demand courses enhance skills in workforce, clinical practice, health, wellness, financing, and sustainability.

## National Foster Parent Association (NFPA)

The [NFPA](#) serves as a respected voice of foster, kinship, and adoptive families through networking, education, and advocacy. The National Foster Parent Association is a membership association and values its members and all those who support the children and families—birth, kinship, foster, and adoptive—being served in the United States through foster care programs and child protection systems.

### [NFPA Training Institute](#)

The NFPA, in partnership with the Centene Corporation, offers online training to caregivers nationwide, giving caregivers quick and easy access to education that addresses targeted issues that are commonly encountered.

## National Implementation Research Network (NIRN)

[NIRN](#) partners with public child welfare systems to support the development and use of evidence to enhance child and family well-being and ensure that needed services are available and accessible for vulnerable families.

### [Active Implementation Hub](#)

The Active Implementation Hub is a free, online learning environment for use by any stakeholder—practitioners, educators, coaches, trainers, purveyors—involved in active implementation and scaling up of programs and innovations. The site’s goal is to increase the knowledge and improve the performance of persons engaged in actively implementing any program or practice.

## Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center

The [Resource Center](#) provides a continuum of services designed to facilitate and sustain positive change in the child welfare system. Its services include training, transfer of learning, technical assistance, research and evaluation, project management, and organizational development.

### [E-Learn.pitt.edu](#)

E-Learn.pitt.edu is the online learning platform of the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center and provides online training in many areas of child welfare.

## Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) Florida

[QPI Florida](#) provides caregivers and child welfare professionals with quality trainings, information dissemination, and resources.

### [Just in Time Training](#)

QPI Florida's Just in Time Training is a web-based service program designed to connect foster parents and kinship or other caregivers with training, peer experts, and other resources.

## Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Training & Technical Assistance Center

The Family and Youth Services Bureau, through the [RHY Training and Technical Assistance Center](#), supports street outreach, emergency shelters, and longer term transitional living and maternity group home programs to serve and protect these young people. The RHY Training and Technical Assistance Center is the training and technical assistance provider for all federally funded runaway and homeless youth grantees.

### [E-Learning](#)

The Center's e-learning portal provides access to web-based learning opportunities tailored to professionals working with youth and young adults impacted by runaway and homeless situations.

## Texas Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

[Texas CASA](#) brings the CASA network and the child welfare community together to educate and inform for a better understanding of the system and the existing needs of children and families involved in foster care.

### [Learning Center](#)

Texas CASA provides access to various types of information and training through e-learning, videos, webinars, and articles on advocacy, operations, public policy, and governance.

## University of Maryland School of Social Work: The Institute for Innovation and Implementation

[The Institute](#) supports state and local governments and organizations in implementing and sustaining effective systems and clinical practices that promote system of care values and best meet the needs of children and youth involved in the public systems and their families.

### [IDEAS @ The Institute](#)

IDEAS @ the Institute is a dynamic and interactive online learning hub built to support experts and leaders in children's services, including youth, young adults, and families. Topics include workforce development training, coaching, technical assistance, and implementation support using in-person and online resources and technology.

## Additional Resources From Child Welfare Information Gateway

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#) maintains various resources for online training in child welfare and related topical areas.

### [Learning Center](#)

Access the Children's Bureau's knowledge-building resources.

### [Training](#)

The resources, which include curricula and related training materials, are for a variety of audiences and include lists of national and state training organizations and schools of social work.

### [Professional Development and Training](#)

Professional growth and career development are important to the retention of a qualified child welfare workforce. Providing opportunities for growth and career advancement can help improve worker satisfaction and should be a key element in an organization's training system. These resources provide information on professional development issues and strategies in child welfare.

### [State Child Welfare Training Resources](#)

This resource list include links to state-specific agencies, organizations, and universities providing training and/or continuing education for the child welfare workforce.

### **National Child Welfare Training and Staff Development Resources**

This resource list includes links to key national organizations that provide child welfare training and staff development resources.

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