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Join us for this two-day ONLINE training event focused on ensuring safety of children involved in the child welfare system. This training will look at the new Child Welfare Assessment & Decision Making-Model utilized by DCFS child welfare workers and other tools to evaluate the safety and risk issues of our most vulnerable children. New court forms will be introduced and reviewed. This course will reinforce the system focus that “removal of a child from their family is the safety plan of last resort.”

Course Objectives:

1. Learners will be able to define related terms.
1. Learners will be able to apply the principles of Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model to a new set of facts in order to assess a child’s safety.
2. Learners will be able to apply the principles of Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model to create practical safety plans.
3. Learners will be able to articulate the Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model analysis to support or defend safety decision making.
4. Learners will demonstrate an understanding of the Child Welfare Assessment Decision Making Model analysis as a tool for in and/or out- of- court advocacy for their client(s).

Instructors:

- Mark Harris, JD, Pelican Center for Children & Families
- Richard Pittman, JD, CWLS, Louisiana Office of Public Defenders
- Rebecca May Ricks, JD, CWLS, Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Services
- Franchesca Hamilton Acker, JD, Acadiana Legal Services Corporation
- Kim McCain, LMSW, Louisiana Department of Children & Families Services

WORKSHOP DATES:

October 14-15 <https://bit.ly/CWADMOct20> 1-4pm

November 17-18 <https://bit.ly/CWADMnov20> 9am-12:15pm

December 14-15 <https://bit.ly/CWADMdec20> 9am-12:15pm

Cost: \$10 for Virtual 2-day Training

Questions? Contact Team Dynamics at 985-624-3514. This training is hosted by the Pelican Center for Children and Families as part of the Court Improvement Program in collaboration with the Louisiana Supreme Court. Team Dynamics provides training coordination. Applications for 6 hours of CEU/CLE are pending.



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