

Portage Project's Family Service Credential

2009 Direct Service Provider Training

Nine-Day Training Dates: Session I: August 18-20,
Session II: September 30 - October 1
Session III: November 3-5



The Family Service Credential

is a comprehensive, competency based training experience, designed to support direct service staff in their work with children and families.

The content is structured in four modules and designed to support staff in the refinement of skills and strategies to incorporate the core values of being family centered, relationship focused, strengths based, ecological and reflective. The Family Service Credential is offered at both the direct service staff and trainer level. Training for direct service staff is available on-site at your agency to accommodate your schedule and can be customized to meet your individual training needs. The training of trainers level builds the capacity of programs to create their own local training resources within the agency infrastructure. Current training dates for training of trainers is enclosed.

To receive the credential, participants in the direct service provider level complete a portfolio that includes activities and journal entries. The portfolio gives participant's the opportunity to reflect on content learned and apply it to their current work situation. Each portfolio entry is tied to core competencies and indicates how a participants has internalized the core values of the credential.

The curriculum is organized in 4 modules.
A brief description of the modules follows.

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Module 1

Understanding Values and Beliefs in Working with Families

- Looking at personal Values & Beliefs
- Understanding family systems
- Family resiliency
- Relationship-Based Communication
- Understanding and Supporting the Family Ecologically

Module 2

Empowering Partnerships with Families To Support Growth

- Strengthening Families Living Within High Stress & Challenge
- Families with Special Considerations
- Empowerment - The Broad Perspective
- Empowering Strategies to Support Families
- Roles & Boundaries

Module 3

Involving Families Through Family-Centered Practices

- Family-Centered Practices - The Agency Perspective
- Family Involvement
- Supporting Adults in the Parenting Role

Module 4

Leading and Managing Professionally

- Collaborating Within the Community
- Tools for Managing the Job
- Professional Growth & Development

Training Objectives

Participants will:

- Build knowledge, skills and capacities in the Family Service Credential content areas
- Enhance understanding and application of content through ongoing networking and dialogue with other Family Service Credential participants
- Practice and apply content knowledge through work with families
- Demonstrate competencies through assessment and portfolio activities

College credit available in some locations

For information about training content:

Call Ruth Chvojicek at CESA 5
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or email at
chvojicekr@cesa5.k12.wi.us

Audience:

The training is appropriate for any direct service provider and supervisors who work intensely with families in programs such as Head Start, home visitation programs, early childhood or 4-year-old kindergarten program, family resource centers, etc.

Cost: \$600 (Includes all materials, breakfast & lunch)

Location: Wintergreen Resort
& Conference Center
60 Gasser Rd.
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 254-2285

A room block has been reserved with a cut off date of
August 3, 2009 for Session I
September 14, 2009 for Session II
October 19, 2009 for Session III

Single \$70 Double \$85

Reservations: (608) 648-4765
When making your reservation please refer to:
Family Service Credential

Family Service Credential Registration

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2009

Please fill out one per participant. Include check or purchase order with registration payable to: CESA 5

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E-MAIL

PO# OR CK#

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS

Please fill out one per participant. Include check or purchase order with registration payable to CESA 5.
Return registration & payment to:

Attn: JoAnn Senzig
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CANCELLATION / REFUND POLICY:
Full refund if cancelled more than 4 weeks before a training. Participants who cancel less than 4 weeks or do not attend, will be billed the full fee.