



Safety and Prevention Unit webinar series

Purpose:

The Child Safety and Permanency Division, Safety and Prevention Unit, Minnesota Department of Human Services is hosting a webinar series aimed at child welfare and child protection workers to provide up-to-date policy and practice information in key areas. The webinars will share tools to further develop skills in child welfare practice.

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| Feb. 7, 2019 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | <p>Child Maltreatment Screening Guidelines and Consultation Support</p> <p>The webinar will focus on 2019 updates to the Child Maltreatment Intake, Screening and Response Path Guidelines with discussion on frequently asked Rapid Consultation questions.</p> <p>Key topics of discussion includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates/changes to existing guidelines • Practice implications • Rapid Consultation themes <p>Play Recording: Child Maltreatment Screening Guidelines and Consultation</p> |

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| Feb. 21, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | <p>Foster care: Relative search</p> <p>To understand the process and importance of relative search, notice, and consideration to ensure that diligent search efforts are made. The purpose of this webinar is to update policy guidance regarding due diligence and search for relatives when a child is placed into foster care. In addition, it will ensure that practice is consistent with Title IV-E requirements.</p> <p>Key topics of discussion includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to search• Required notice• Ensure diligent search efforts for relatives <p>Play Recording: Foster care: Relative search</p> |
| Mar. 14, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | <p>Caseworker and child visits</p> <p>Caseworker visits are a critical component to ensure the safety of children and reunification of families. The core focus of visits is protection of children.</p> <p>The purpose of the webinar is to provide guidance on the sufficiency and frequency of quality caseworker visits to meet children’s needs and to ensure adequate monitoring of safety and well-being.</p> <p>Key topics for discussion includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality• Frequency• Monitoring and assessment <p>Play Recording: Caseworker and child visits</p> |

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| <p>Apr. 25, 2019 10:00am -11:30am</p> | <p>Responding to human trafficking reports: Sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and foreign born children</p> <p>The webinar will provide tips and case examples for child welfare agency response to allegations of sex and labor trafficking involving foreign-born minors. Presenters will also discuss screening and response to all child labor trafficking.</p> <p>Play recording: Responding to human trafficking reports: Sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and foreign born children</p> |
| <p>May 21, 2019 10:00am -11:30am</p> | <p>Facility Investigations: Overview and Best Practices</p> <p>The webinar will provide information about updates to the Facility Best Practice guide including changes in practice regarding determinations as well as a general overview of the process of Facility Investigations.</p> <p>Play recording: Facility Investigations Overview and Best Practices Webinar</p> |
| <p>Jul. 30, 2019 10:00am -11:30am</p> | <p>Overview of Minnesota’s Child Welfare Safety Framework</p> <p>Child welfare agencies have the responsibility to ensure the safety of all children who come to their attention. Research and experience tell us that child welfare decision-making practices directly affect the ability of agencies to achieve safety outcomes.</p> <p>This purpose of this webinar is to review Minnesota’s current safety decision-making practices and explore the relationship between decision-making factors and decision-making tools commonly used to support agencies in improving safety outcomes; including ways to use decision-making and assessment tools more effectively.</p> <p>Register for Overview of Minnesota’s Child Welfare Safety Framework</p> |

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| Aug. 22, 2019 10:00am -11:30am | <p>Protective Factors and Capacities with families experiencing trafficking, exploitation or domestic violence</p> <p>Prevention is a key responsibility within the child protection response to human trafficking and domestic violence. The webinar will discuss protective factors and early intervention efforts.</p> <p>Register for Protective Factors and Capacities with families experiencing trafficking, exploitation or domestic violence</p> |
| Sept. 11, 2019 10:00am -11:30am | <p>Female Genital Cutting (FGC): Critical Training and Education</p> <p>This presentation is focused on providing education of what is female genital cutting (FGC) and on addressing the gaps in services for women who have experienced FGC. In some countries, FGC remains a deeply held cross-generational custom.</p> <p>Women and girls who immigrate to the United States from these countries are likely to encounter a system unprepared for their FGC-related health needs. Our aim is to shed some light on the practice of FGC and open up education and critical conversation with regards to this topic.</p> <p>Register for Female Genital Cutting (FGC): Critical Training and Education</p> |

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| Sep. 27, 2019 10:00am -11:30am | <p data-bbox="493 338 1049 369">Engaging Parents Across the Life of a Case</p> <p data-bbox="493 405 1446 590">To understand the process of engaging children, parents and families involved in child protection from the investigation/assessment phase through permanency. The purpose of this webinar is to provide guidance regarding engagement with families involved in child protection to ensure practice is consistent with state and federal policy requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="493 625 732 657">Key topics include:</p> <ul data-bbox="540 688 1317 842" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="540 688 967 720">• Investigation and assessment<li data-bbox="540 726 1211 758">• Initial and ongoing assessment of safety and risk<li data-bbox="540 764 1317 795">• Assessing needs and services through case management<li data-bbox="540 802 1105 833">• Working towards achieving permanency <p data-bbox="493 869 1190 900">Register for Engaging Parents Across the Life of a Case</p> |
| Oct. 17, 2019 10:00am -11:30am | <p data-bbox="493 947 1000 978">Engaging Domestic Violence Offenders</p> <p data-bbox="493 1024 1446 1171">In cases involving co-occurring child maltreatment and domestic violence, ensuring the safety of the children and victim parent requires holding the offender accountable for his behavior while promoting safe, non-violent alternative behaviors.</p> <p data-bbox="493 1220 1463 1409">This webinar aims to help child protection caseworkers prepare for, interview, assess, and case-plan with perpetrators of domestic violence. The role and appropriate use of Batterer Intervention Programs will also be discussed, as will the need to collaborate with other systems and providers to ensure offender accountability.</p> <p data-bbox="493 1455 1149 1486">Register for Engaging Domestic Violence Offenders</p> |

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| <p>Nov. 7, 2019 10:00am -11:30am</p> | <p>Child abuse and neglect prevention: Well-being for Minnesota’s families and communities</p> <p>The Minnesota Department of Human Services works with parents, communities, state, county and local agencies and organizations to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect by promoting family and community health and well-being.</p> <p>Key topics for discussion includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention Framework • Prevention and Disparities Request/s for Proposal • Parent Support Outreach Program • Supporting Fatherhood Efforts • Expanded Help Me Grow and Early Childhood Networks and Connections <p>Register for Child abuse and neglect prevention: Well-being for Minnesota’s families and communities</p> |
| <p>Dec. 10, 2019 11:00am -12:30pm</p> | <p>Trauma Screening and Beyond</p> <p>Given the impact of trauma on early brain development and across the lifespan, it is important to promote social and emotional well-being of all children. Screening for trauma exposure and ensuring linkages to services and resources is one way to address child maltreatment and advance healthy development and well-being.</p> <p>The purpose of this webinar is to provide policy and practice guidance regarding mental health screening, referral, and follow-through approaches for children and families involved in the child protection system. In addition, it will explore current statewide screening coordination and progress toward improved outcomes for children across public systems.</p> <p>Register for Trauma Screening and Beyond</p> |
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