



RTC News (continued)

WORTC

In June, 2013, the WORTC purchased 20 iPads, creating a semi-portable computer lab for the increased emphasis on computer-based OCWTP offerings.

The WORTC is supporting Montgomery County this fall with an initiative to fully integrate Differential Response (DR) into all aspects of their operation. WORTC will host five rounds of the *DR Primer* at Montgomery County between early October and mid-December this year.

WORTC is also supporting Clark County with a CAPMIS/SACWIS project led by Jen Koetter.

WORTC celebrates milestones! This September, Michelle Bruce and Nancy Dakin celebrated 14 years with the WORTC (both started in 1999), Cheryl Woods and Dale Hotaling have each been with the program for 19 years and Kristin Townsend is the new kid with "only" 9 years.

ECORTC

ECORTC staffing was restructured after Pam Barnett, Coordinator for Foster Training, went back to Guernsey County to take over Treatment and Family Foster Licensing for the Agency. ECORTC staff will miss Pam!

Questions about Staff Training should be directed to Ms. Debbie Schott, who is now the lead for Staff Training Scheduling. Her job title has been amended to Assistant Training Coordinator. Darla Cordery is now the lead for Caregivers Training Scheduling. Her job title has been amended to Assistant Training Coordinator. As always, if you have payment and/or contract

related questions, feel free to contact Brian Wear, ECORTC Director, for assistance.

CORTC

CORTC has two counties from their region presenting workshops at the upcoming PCSAO conference.

Patty Harrelson, from Richland County, is presenting with a panel to discuss *Solidifying and Agency Response in Critical Incident Stress in Child Welfare: Transformational Change*. The panel will outline the process of assessment and development of strategies to support staff during stressful situations.

Linda Peters, Director of Performance Improvement at Franklin County Children Services, will be presenting with coworkers on *Improving Practice and Performance with Peer Review*. This training will outline how agencies can use a "true" peer review process, where caseworkers and supervisors are completely involved to help improve practice and performance.

SEORTC

Paula Marx is retiring from the Southeast Ohio Regional Training Center after serving as the RTC Director for 23 years. She began her work in child welfare at the Delaware County Department of Human Services in 1982, and worked there for approximately five years in the areas of investigation, family services, and adoption. She joined Athens County Children Services as a Caseworker in October, 1986, and was promoted to

RTC Director, September 14, 1990. Paula is described by her supervisor, Otis Crockron, as a "team player." He stated she always does an excellent job of communicating to her staff about issues that may impact them. Mr. Crockron shared a little known fact about Paula, too – she is a registered American Indian with the Seneca Tribe. Her family has a history of service in the region, founding the Indian Cultural Center of Ohio. Paula has been an active participant on the OCWTP Steering Committee and has advocated well for smaller, rural counties. The OCWTP would like to thank Paula for her years of service and wishes her well in her retirement.

I wish to say good bye and thank you to all of you I have been fortunate enough to work with over the past 20 years. I plan to retire on January 31, 2014. It was a very difficult decision to make but ultimately sleeping in on cold winter mornings won. Thanks again for all you've done for SEORTC through the years. I don't know who my replacement will be but am confident you will like them and enjoy a long working relationship.

Paula