

RTC News

WORTC News

The WORTC held their annual retreat on January 16, 2014 (postponed by sub zero temperatures on Jan 6th). On the agenda was a review of the areas outlined by Greene County Director Beth Rubin as "Agency Priorities." The Western Region RTC staff reviewed and identified "High Priority" training needs from each agency in their region and established goals to meet the needs through individual agency or regional interventions.

CORTC News

The CORTC is supporting Franklin County Children Services in launching the Shaping Attitudes, Inspiring Leadership (S.A.I.L.) program. S.A.I.L. is a mentoring partnership between the mentor and the mentee. This program will allow knowledge and skills to be shared while fostering personal and professional growth in the mentee.

Franklin County Children Services has recently started using Pre-Placement Unit's (PPU) at the intake level. These units are designed to assist new employees in transitioning from orientation to carrying full caseloads. PPU supervisors work side-by-side with the new employee's regarding visitations and case management.

CORTC recently hosted Dan Comer from Barium Springs to train "Engagement: Magic or Measurable?," which received a positive response from attendees.

Kathleen Dalton has accepted the position of Director of Data Management at Franklin County Children Services. CORTC congratulates Kathleen on her promotion!

ECORTC News

ECORTC would like to congratulate ODJFS' Dan Shook for being selected to receive the Dan Schneider Award. Additional congratulations go out to Brian Bethel who was selected to receive the Linda Pope Trainer Award, and to China Darrington who received the Rising Star award!

Reminder, when scheduling staff and/or foster training, be sure to go through the RTC, not the counties. Resource management and approvals all need to be funneled through the RTC. Training budgets are managed for efficiency and to maximize training needs, so scheduling without prior approval should be considered pro bono work.

To ensure trainers coming to our region will be able to secure hotel accommodations, we recommend reserving a room at least 30 days prior to arrival. With a large number of Oil and Gas employees staying in the area, rooms are at a premium. This should improve once the four

new hotels are completed. Hotel prices have also increased. Please feel free to contact us with questions about your billing options.

The Oil and Gas boom has also made it difficult to get out to lunch and back to training in the one-hour window. We are open to options, such as flexing the lunch period to be a little earlier or later to miss the lunchtime rush.

Help Wanted!!! If you haven't trained in ECORTC region and would be willing to train 3-hour evening sessions in our counties, AND have approved foster training sessions listed in E-Track, please contact us to get on our radar. Email us at ecortc@yahoo.com and put: "Awesome Trainer" in the subject line.

NEORTC News

Debbie Huff, NEORTC Training Coordinator, recently returned from a medical mission trip in Honduras where she and a group of 69 others provided medical and dental care for Honduran citizens, including dispensing 12,700 prescriptions and pulling 650 teeth. Debbie says it was an amazing experience! NEORTC was also mentioned in the January 2014 *Spotlight on Family Engagement* of the Children's Bureau Express website, for the work completed on *Family Search and Engagement: Lessons Learned* Report for the State of Ohio.

"Having recently undergone renovations to each of its four training rooms, including a fresh coat of warm beige paint and new carpet designed to conceal stains, NEORTC has the appearance of a brand new training facility with a more welcoming training environment!"

On January 15, CMSgt Brian Wear (ECORTC) hosted Adrian Mclemore (Trainer and Foster Alumni) and Jennifer Justice, (ODJFS Bureau Chief Office of Family and Children) for a Diversity Outreach Event at the Ohio National Guard. The day was highlighted by visits from General Deborah Ashenhurst, the Adjutant General of Ohio, and a refueling training flight in a KC135. They also experienced a hangar event with Army displays and interaction with Army and Air Guard Personnel. This event connects community leaders with Ohio National Guard leaders to enhance inclusion and encourage diversity in the military.

