

Supervising for Comprehensive Relative Identification and Exploration

WORKSHOP GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

Goal: To increase the overall OCFS practice in identifying and exploring relatives for each and every child involved with child welfare services so that every child has lifetime family connections even in situations where children cannot live with family members.

Learning Objectives:

1. Participant will articulate the critical importance of the mandate for quality relative identification and exploration contained within relevant statutes, Office of Child and Family Services policy, and the Federal Child and Family Services Review. Participant will connect this mandate with the Maine Child Welfare Practice Model and Supervisory Standards.
2. Participant will gain an increased understanding of the supervisory role and responsibilities to promote compliance with mandates for identification and exploration of relative resources for each child in each case.
3. Participant will assess their own supervisory practices, beliefs, and values that support and/or hinder compliance with mandates for identification and exploration of relative resources. Participant will use this assessment in preparation for a conversation with the PA/APA regarding their plan to meet the mandate.