

Current Trends in Adolescent Substance Use, Treatment, and Risk Mitigation

Curriculum: Substance abuse: Sharpening assessment skills and how to recognize signs/symptoms

Date/time: Friday, September 15, 2023 • Program 8:45 AM – 12:00 PM (ET)

Location: GVSU Pew Campus, 201 Front Avenue SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Social Work CECHs: 3 hours • Approval #MICEC-0004

Cost: Free to all MDHHS and private agency child welfare workers; \$49 all others

Presenter: James Sherrill, MCS/MHC, CAADC, LPC



Beginning skill level

Target audience:

- ✓ Family Preservation Workers
- ✓ Children's Protective Services Workers
- ✓ Foster Care Workers
- ✓ Adoption Workers

Training objectives: As a result of this training, participants will be prepared to:

- Identify and understand current data on adolescent substance use.
- Identify currently accepted risk mitigation and treatment strategies for combating the negative effects of adolescent substance use.
- Review treatment options common to Michigan child welfare workers to aid in addressing adolescent substance use.

Description: This training will review current data on substance use in older children through adolescents. Current accepted treatment modalities will be explored, and outcome data will be evaluated through interactions with child welfare organizations, courts, juvenile justice workers, law enforcement, and mental health/substance use disorder clinicians. This training will utilize small and large group discussions and visual displays.

Growing Attachment Through a Play-based Lens

Curriculum: Mental and behavioral health: Health and wellness needs of youth in foster care

Date/time: Friday, November 3, 2023 • Program 8:45 AM – 12:00 PM (ET)

Location: GVSU Pew Campus, 201 Front Avenue SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Social Work CECHs: 3 hours • Approval #MICEC-0004

Cost: Free to all MDHHS and private agency child welfare workers; \$49 all others

Presenter: Jacqueline Scherer, LMSW



Beginning skill level

Target audience:

- ✓ Family Preservation Workers
- ✓ Children's Protective Services Workers
- ✓ Foster Care Workers
- ✓ Adoption Workers

Training objectives: As a result of this training, participants will be prepared to:

- Identify two ways that attachment impacts brain development.
- Identify five areas through which intentional play builds attachment.
- Explore ten tools used in play-based therapy that support the growth of attachment.

Description: This will be a hands-on and interactive training. Together, we will learn how attachment impacts brain development. Additionally, strategies and tools to support the growth of attachment through intentional play will be shared. Using growth attachment strategies through intentional play, children, families, and their natural supports will experience an increase in stability, safety, and love. This training will utilize exercises, small and large group discussions, and visual displays.

How to register: Visit www.gvsu.edu/swce

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