



“Goodness of Fit” in the Foster Care System: Considering the Critical Needs of Infants and Young Children in the Child Welfare System

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8:00am.-5:00p.m.

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Dr. Connie Lillas is a National Graduate Zero to Three Leadership Fellow and an infant mental health and early intervention specialist with a background in maternal-child nursing, family systems, and developmental psychoanalysis. Dr. Lillas is the Director of the Interdisciplinary Training Institute, whose curriculum regarding high-risk pre-birth to five-years-olds in the foster care system is employed to train service providers across disciplines in Los Angeles County, through collaborative training efforts from the Department of Child and Protective Services, the Department of Mental Health, and Regional Centers. She currently co-chairs the Foster Youth Mental Health Initiative Capacity Building Policy Workgroup at the Children’s Law Center, which houses 90% of all attorneys representing infants and children in the foster care system. She also functions as a Court Team Liaison for a 0-3 court team pilot that is being organized in Service Planning Area 6 (South Los Angeles).

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Overview

Many cultural and systemic beliefs influence how the Child Welfare System views the needs of infants and young children. These faulty belief systems underlie decisions made when these children enter the system, putting many infants and young children at high risk for severe trauma resulting from abrupt home removal, out-of home and foster care placements that provide only custodial care, and multiple changes of placements. It is critical that clinicians and service providers develop more refined skills when assessing and planning interventions for these children and families. This training will use case examples and video clips to illustrate concepts and interventions that can be integrated into immediate practice. This training includes introductory and intermediate concepts.

Schedule

8:30 am -12:00 pm

The focus in the morning will be comprehending common cultural misunderstandings that result in misunderstanding young children’s and their parent’s needs once in the child welfare system. The counterpart to these common misunderstandings will be the presentation of critical needs that this young population has and how everyone in the child welfare system can begin to participate in taking care of those needs. In addition, a timeline of seeing the progression of who is involved in the child’s life once entering the child welfare system will be discussed.

1:00-4:30 pm

Infants and parents alike, once exposed to neglect and abuse, are likely to carry these memories, called procedural memories, and to enact them, repeating similar dynamics with future relationships. Interrupting the cycle of abuse and neglect requires being versed in a variety of treatment modalities that help heal the trauma. These modalities not only include our traditional “talking” formats, they include sensorimotor play and re-enactments of abuse and neglect during play. The focus in the afternoon will be on conducting treatment with these pre-verbal scenarios. Video clips will be used to illustrate the principles.

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