

A Just in Time Training Live Web Event Invitation

“Maintaining Respectful Partnerships in a Time of Crisis: Investigations”

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 11:00 – 12:00 PM (EST)/ 10:00 – 11:00 AM (CST)

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Description: The Florida Department of Children and Families Partnership Plan provides that we are all responsible for the wellbeing of children and recognizes that we must undertake this responsibility together in a respectful partnership, as none of us can succeed by ourselves. However, working in partnership during times of crisis, particularly during an investigation of a caregiver, can become very difficult. In the spirit of the partnership plan, stakeholders worked together with the Florida Department of Children and Families to develop a new approach to handling investigations of caregivers. The overarching goal of a new approach is to ensure investigations are conducted in a manner that strengthens families to support the children that are placed in their care, and to avoid children experiencing unnecessary trauma. This process requires our agency to look within our own system of care at the responsiveness of the agency to meet the needs of the child and the caregiver.

This webcast will explore the foundational principles of the new investigations approach and will further explore how this approach will strengthen partnerships and families. As a participant, you can expect to learn about the following: How does the new approach strengthen communication between caregivers and the agency they are working with? What tools and assessments are being used to support and strengthen families? What supports are available to caregivers during an investigations process? We look forward to you joining us on this webcast as we continue to learn more about how we all are responsible for ensuring children receive quality parenting, even in challenging circumstances.

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