Requirements for Social Work Child Welfare Certificate Endorsement

The requester must:

- Be professionally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- Offer within the social work program a child welfare tract or emphasis which augments the social work curriculum.
- Designate a faculty member with an MSW who is responsible for overseeing the certificate program and communicating with DHS regarding program developments and new curriculum developments. Documentation may be requested to review these changes.
- Demonstrate that content related to child development is infused in the current social work curriculum.
- Offer and require two discrete courses:
 - Core course in child welfare,
 - Elective course that directly supports the theory, knowledge, skills and values required to work with families and children (i.e. substance abuse, domestic violence, children and families etc.).
- Offer and require a minimum 400-hour supervised field placement in a DHS, private child placing or tribal agency that:
 - Provides opportunities for the student to develop competencies in child welfare,
 - o Evaluates the student on their achievement of child welfare competencies,
 - Orients child welfare field instructors to the training initiative, its resources and requirements.
- Provide DHS a list of the placement agency and field instructor (include contact information) for every student enrolled in the child welfare certificate program. Training opportunities will be extended to them during the course of their placement.
- Submit all required supporting documentation to Leslie-Marie Montgomery at:

BSW Child Welfare Certificate		
Lansing Training Center		
7109 W Saginaw Hwy., 3rd Floor	or	Montgomeryl2@michigan.gov
Lansing, Michigan 48917		

*Electronic submissions are preferred, send multiple emails if needed to attach all required documentation.

Questions can be directed to Leslie at 517-241-8884.

Required Supporting Documentation

- Cover letter providing background, description and rationale of your Child Welfare Certificate program.
- Complete and return pages 5-24 of this application packet, including the Curriculum/Competency Analysis Table (CAT) that indicates where in your program child welfare competencies are addressed.
- Vitae or resume of faculty/staff person overseeing the certificate program.
- Syllabi of required core child welfare course and required course(s) containing information on child development. List of course names and brief description of the child welfare certificate program electives.
- The 400-hour field placement curriculum, include all documents that are applicable to describe your program:
 - Syllabus for Field Placement seminar class.
 - Field Manual describing the placement requirements for the child welfare certificate program.
 - Learning Contract for students placed in child welfare agencies showing how competencies will be addressed in the field.
 - Evaluation for students placed in child welfare agencies showing how competencies will be evaluated.

Michigan Social Work Child Welfare Certificate Field Placement

The practice behaviors listed below are to be infused with the social work learning contract during the 400-hour field placement.

Child welfare includes prevention, preservation, protection and permanency. While any individual field placement may not be able to provide each experience listed, it is expected that a placement would be able to meet more than half of the requirements in order be acceptable, the placement must be able to meet all of the **bolded** practice behaviors.

Practice Behavior	Objectives	Activities
Explain Department of Human Services and Private Agency programs	Learn about the Department of Human Services and Private Agency Foster Care and Adoption services	 Review programs offered Review policy Review the Child Protection Law Discuss the relationship between DHS and PAFC with mentor or supervisor
Follow office procedures	Learn office procedures	Collect copies of all appropriate procedural documents such as: timekeeping security dress codes transportation/driving regulations phone usage
Explain and compare	Learn how home calls	Home calls to observe:
home calls	are conducted	 family preservation Children's Protective Services (CPS) foster care adoption
Identify cou rt procedures	Learn court procedures	 Observe a variety of child welfare court hearings Observe a criminal court hearing related to child welfare Review petitions Interview a family court judge
Use evidenced based interviewing skills to engage children and families	Learn how to engage children and families	 Observe a strength based/solution focused interview Observe a forensic interview at a Child Advocacy Center Role play a strength based and

		forensic interview with mentor or supervisor
Identify community resources	Explore community resources	 Interview staff representing the continuum of services available to children and families Interview community resource representatives Create a list of community resources
Demonstrate safe practice behaviors	Learn about safe practice behaviors	 Complete Working Safe/Working Smart training online Create a list of safety tips to share in the field practice seminar
Explain the MiTEAM process	Learn the MiTEAM process and the importance of its application as the DHS case practice model	 Discuss the MiTEAM process with supervisor Discuss MiTEAM experiences with other staff Observe MiTEAM meetings
Use appropriate cas e documentation and review methods	Learn how a case is documented and reviewed	 Using a review instrument, discuss cases with your field supervisor and in field seminar class Observe and practice using the SWSS/SACWIS case management tool
Explain parenting time visits	Learn about parenting time visits	 Complete an observation sheet and field notes on each observation Discuss with supervisor and in field seminar
Apply time management techniques	Learn time management techniques	 Document observed time management techniques Complete time management training
Identify medical, mental health and educational needs of children	Learn about the medical, mental health and educational needs of children	 Attend an IEP meeting Learn about the requirements for meeting children's needs Learn the process for getting medical/mental health appointments for children

Name and address of Educational Institution:		
Contact Person: *Please contact DHS within one week of a contact person char	nge, please include the new perso	on's vitae or resume
Title/Degree:		
Phone:	Email:	
Do you have a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education?	Yes	No
Year accredited: BSW MSW		
Applying for endorsement for: BSW program	MSW program	Both

Michigan Social Work Child Welfare Certificate Endorsement Application

CURRICULUM/COMPETENCIES ANALYSIS TABLE (CAT) MICHIGAN CHILD WELFARE TRAINING INSTITUTE CHILD WELFARE COMPETENCIES

This table lists the competencies needed to be a successful child welfare caseworker. Please complete the table to identify if and where competencies are addressed in your program, identifying specific courses where indicated. Some areas are DHS specific competencies and as such, cannot be addressed by a social work program. It is understood that students may have different field experiences and may not have the opportunity to address all competencies during the course of their internship. At a minimum, you must document how your program meets all of the **bolded** competencies.

COMPETENCIES	BSW/MSW Curriculum (Identify course or sequence)	Child Welfare Course(s)	Child Welfare Elective(s)	BSW/MSW Field Internship in Child Welfare Agency
101 Orientation				
101-1 Staff understand the roles, responsibilities, and mission of the DHS, the family including extended family members, and other involved community agencies in the identification, assessment, and planning of services.				
101-2 Staff understand the need to work collaboratively with the family, extended family, substitute caregivers and other involved community agencies, in a team approach, to provide service.				
101-3 Staff understand the need to work collaboratively with DHS staff in other units to assure coordinated and timely services to families and children.				
101-4 Staff know the DHS confidentiality guidelines.				
102 Philosophy/Values				
102-1 Staff know the legal and philosophical bases of child welfare practice.				
102-2 Staff understand family member's rights and can interact with them in a way that does not violate their legal rights or				

create liability for staff or DHS.		
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102-3 Staff know the values and principles of		
child welfare practice, including child safety,		
permanence, family preservation,		
preservation of parent's and children's		
rights, respect for individual difference, and		
identifying and building on the family's		
strengths.		
102-4 Staff know social work values and		
principles, including respecting dignity,		
individuality, right to self-determination,		
and building on strengths.		
102-5 Staff understand the role of child		
welfare in identifying child abuse and		
neglect and of assuring protection and		
permanence for children.		
102-6 Staff know the legal and operational		
definitions of physical abuse, sexual abuse,		
neglect, and mental injury.		
103 Culture		
103-1 Staff understand the concept of		
cultural diversity; know how one's own		
culture affects behavior and values; and		
know how cultural and ethnic differences		
may affect the delivery of child welfare		
services.		
103-2 Staff understand the potential effects		
of cultural and ethnic differences on the		
development of the casework relationship,		
and know strategies to establish		
relationships with family members from		
cultural backgrounds different from one's		
own.		
104 Attachment and Separation		
104-1 Staff understand the process and		
dynamics of attachment of children to their		
parents, extended family members, and to		
other significant caregivers.		
104-2 Staff understand permanency		

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planning and reunification and the			
potentially traumatic outcome of separation			
and placement for children and their			
families.			
104-3 Staff understand the physical,			
emotional and behavioral indicators of			
placing children and the impact on families.			
105 Child Development			
105-1 Staff understand the stages,			
processes, and milestones of physical,			
cognitive, social, and emotional			
development of children from birth through			
adolescence and know how developmental			
variables affect the child's behavior.			
105-2 Staff understand how children's			
behavior problems may be symptoms of			
underlying developmental			
delays/disabilities or emotional disturbance			
and can identify appropriate referrals for			
developmental assessment and services.			
105-3 Staff understand the need to advise			
caregivers on age-appropriate expectations			
for children, and can help set realistic			
expectations for children who demonstrate			
developmental needs and/or delays as a			
result of abuse or neglect.			
106 Parenting Skills			
106-1 Staff understand the elements of			
effective parenting.			
106-2 Staff know child management,			
discipline and guidance strategies that are			
appropriate for a child's developmental			
level and individual needs.			
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106-3 Staff are able to use solution-focused			
techniques with families to support			
appropriate child management, discipline			
and guidance.			
107 Strength Based Solution-Focused			
Interviewing			
107-1 Staff are able to engage family			
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members in solution-focused relationships,			
building on the family's strengths, and can			
use these relationships to promote joint			
case planning and service delivery with a			
solution focus.			
107-2 Staff are able to use solution-focused			
interviewing techniques to defuse hostility			
and resistance.			
107-3 Staff know the principles of			
conducting effective solution-focused			
interviews.			
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107-4 Staff know specialized solution-focused			
interviewing techniques that are effective with children and adolescents.			
107-5 Staff know the proper sequence of			
steps in the solution-focused casework			
process.			
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107-6 Staff know how to invite family			
members to develop time-limited goals with			
observably measurable indicators of			
progress.			
107-7 Staff know how to invite family			
members to prioritize needs and objectives,			
and how to develop service plans with			
family members within the boundaries of			
agency policy.			
201 Children's Protective Services			
(CPS Training also includes 206			
competencies)			
201-1 Staff are able to accurately identify			
physical, emotional, and behavioral			
indicators of abuse, neglect, and mental			
injury in child victims and their families.			
201-2 Staff know appropriate investigation			
techniques to thoroughly investigate alleged abuse or neglect.			
201-3 Staff are able to make decisions at key			

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decision points such as whether to			
investigate, substantiate, provide services,			
and petition the court with or without			
removal.			
201-4 Staff know the responsibilities of the			
agency in responding to complaints of			
maltreatment, providing ongoing in-home			
services, providing temporary substitute			
care placements and permanent homes for children.			
202 Foster Care (Foster Care Training			
also includes 206 & 207			
competencies)			
202-1 Staff understand the importance of			
working collaboratively with substitute			
caregivers and the child's family to assess a			
child's need for special developmental,			
medical, educational, social, psychological,			
and other services; to identify resources and			
to obtain needed services.			
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202-2 Staff know how to negotiate a parent- agency agreement.			
202-3 Staff understand the social work			
aspects of the decision to recommend			
termination of parental rights and how to			
refer to adoption planning when return of a			
child to his or her family or to relatives can			
no longer be considered.			
203 Prevention (Prevention training			
also includes 206 competencies)			
203-1 Staff know the prevention priority			
groups and know how to screen cases to			
determine eligibility for Preventive Services.			
203-2 Staff understand the voluntary nature			
of the program and are able to encourage			
family members to accept services.			
203-3 Staff understand the Preventive			
Services for Families model and can			
implement it.			

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203-4 Staff are familiar with models of				
effective parenting, including STEP, Building				
Strong Families, and Nurturing Programs.				
203-5 Staff can teach parenting strategies to				
parents by explaining and modeling parenting				
techniques, can support parents in trying new				
strategies, and can refer parents to formal				
training classes or groups when needed.				
204 Juvenile Justice (Juvenile Justice				
Training also includes 206 & 207				
competencies)				
204-1 Staff can assess a youth's need for				
specialized services, including residential				
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placement, treatment, and know how to				
locate and refer children to these resources.				
204-2 Staff are able to assess a youth's ability				
to function successfully in the least restrictive				
setting and are aware of community-based				
alternatives to placement.				
204-3 Staff understand the importance of				
working collaboratively with the substitute				
caregivers/residential staff and the family to				
help facilitate a successful re-entry of the				
youth to the community.				
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205 Adoption (Adoption Training				
also includes 206 & 207				
competencies)				
205-1 Staff know the individual and family				
characteristics and dynamics that contribute				
to effective adoptive parenting.				
205-2 Staff can conduct thorough home				
study assessments of adoptive family				
applicants.				
205-3 Staff know how to complete an				
adoption evaluation.				
205-4 Staff are able to develop collaborative				
relationships with adoptive families and can				
promote joint planning and delivery of				
services.				
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205-5 Staff know the importance of post-				
placement supportive and treatment				
services, and know strategies to assure that				
these services are provided to children and				
their adoptive families.				
205 6 Staff know public relations and				
205-6 Staff know public relations and				
marketing strategies to recruit adoptive				
applicants; and can use resource listings,				
adoption exchanges, and inter-agency				
planning to facilitate recruitment.				
205-7 Staff understand the use of Michigan				
Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) to				
achieve timely and appropriate adoptive				
placement of children.				
205-8 Staff understand the Michigan				
Adoption Subsidy Program and are able to				
assist families in applying for other				
community, state and federal resources.				
206 Case Management (Trained in				
CPS, Foster Care, Prevention,				
Juvenile Justice, and Adoption)				
206-1 Staff are able to use a computer as				
needed to assist with case management.				
206-2 Staff know how to prioritize and				
organize their workload to ensure timely				
completion of caseload activities, including				
responding to information systems reports.				
responding to information systems reports.				
206.2 Staff know and understand the				
206-3 Staff know and understand the				
relationship of child placing agency rules to				
placement decisions and documentation.				
206-4 Staff know how to accurately complete				
data reporting, eligibility, payment and case				
maintenance forms.				
206-5 Staff understand the legal base for				
providing child welfare services and are able				
to provide services in a manner consistent				
with all legal requirements.				
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206-6 Staff can accurately open cases on		
SACWIS and use SACWIS reports to maintain		
current caseload.		
206-7 Staff are able to accurately assess risk		
and intervene appropriately to ensure child		
safety.		
206-8 Staff are able to develop well-written		
case assessment, case plan, and other		
supporting documentation in the case		
record within required time frames.		
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206-9 Staff can coordinate the delivery of		
services to meet identified needs through		
case management, advocacy, and directly		
providing supportive or rehabilitative		
services to strengthen the family so they can		
function independently and provide a safe,		
nurturing environment for their children.		
206-10 Staff know how to balance the use of		
authority with the use of casework methods		
to simultaneously protect children and		
engage families.		
206-11 Staff are able to conduct routine and		
timely case reviews, and can reassess the		
outcomes of all case plans and service		
interventions and make appropriate		
modifications in the case plan.		
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206-12 Staff know the importance of, and can		
initiate, intensive, in-home supportive		
services, and mobilize, when appropriate,		
extended family resources to prevent		
removal of the child from the home.		
removal of the child from the home.		
206-13 Staff are able to work with family		
members to identify needed services,		
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resources available, and the barriers to using		
help effectively.		
206-14 Staff are able to work with family		
members to assist them in connecting with		

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and maintaining needed services and supports.		
206-15 Staff know and understand the dual roles of the child welfare caseworker to protect children from maltreatment and to provide services to strengthen and empower families.		
206-16 Staff know how to close cases based on criteria specified in policy.		
207 Placement (Trained in Foster		
Care, Juvenile justice, and Adoption)		
207-1 Staff understand the importance of maintaining extended family relationships and their priority consideration in out-of- home placement.		
207-2 Staff know how to conduct placement and replacement activities, including pre- placement preparation and visits, which provide emotional support to the child, family, extended family, and substitute caregivers to prevent or reduce crisis.		
207-3 Staff know how to prepare extended family, foster parents, and other substitute caregivers to receive children in placement to reduce the child's stress and facilitate the child's adjustment.		
207-4 Staff know how to implement strategies to identify, strengthen, and maintain the least restrictive, most family- like placement to meet a child's needs.		
207-5 Staff are able to assist families to identify strategies to support and strengthen		
families, to involve them in all phases of placement planning and implementation, and to provide services that help them meet mutual case goals and objectives.		
207-6 Staff understand the purpose and significance of visits for the child and his/her		

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family and can facilitate them.			
207-7 Staff know how to include substitute			
caregivers, including extended family, as			
part of the team in the goal of family			
preservation and developing a case plan.			
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207-8 Staff are able to assess a youth's level			
of ability in critical skills needed for			
independent living, including problems that			
may interfere with successful emancipation,			
and can plan and provide services to prepare			
adolescents for independent living.			
207-9 Staff understand the need for and			
how to gather, record, and maintain a child's			
lifebook for the child as a permanent record.			
207-10 Staff can prepare children and			
families for placement, replacement, and			
adoption, to reduce placement-induced			
stress, and to maintain identity and			
continuity for the child.			
301 Mental Health			
301-1 Staff know the behavioral indicators			
and dynamics of depression.			
301-2 Staff know the behavioral indicators			
and dynamics of suicide.			
301-3 Staff know appropriate referral			
methods for further assessment and			
treatment related to the above diagnosis			
and know referral sources to further			
investigate other possible mental health			
problems.			
301-4 Staff know mental health conditions			
that can affect the well-being of children			
and families, or that can contribute to or			
result from abuse or neglect. Common			
conditions include, but are not limited to;			
post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety			
disorders, oppositional defiant disorder,			
attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder,			
reactive-attachment disorder and bipolar			

disorder.		
301-5 Staff know basic information about the		
appropriate use of psychotropic medications.		
302 Defusing Threatening Behavior		
302-1 Staff can use precautionary measures		
that reduce vulnerability to assault.		
302-2 Staff can identify the nature and		
circumstances of various forms of physical		
aggression.		
302-3 Staff can assess potentially violent		
situations, and know initial strategies for de-		
escalation/deterrence.		
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302-4 Staff know techniques for defusing		
potentially violent encounters.		
303 Substance Abuse		
303-1 Staff can recognize indicators of		
alcohol abuse/dependency in adults and		
children including the role alcohol		
abuse/dependency plays in the family		
structure and the roles of family members.		
303-2 Staff can recognize indicators of drug		
abuse/dependency including illegal an		
prescription drugs in adults and children		
including the role drug abuse/dependency		
plays in the family structure and the roles of		
family members.		
303-3 Staff understand the dynamics of		
alcohol and drug abuse/dependency and		
recovery including various screening		
procedures, treatment programs, 12 step		
programs and relapse issues and can refer to		
appropriate treatment resources.		
303-4 Staff understand the effect of parental		
alcohol and drug abuse/dependency on a		
child's development and behavior including		
the correlation between alcohol abuse and		
family violence.		

303-5 Staff can recognize the indicators of		
infants born with fetal alcohol syndrome or		
other drug addiction and understand the		
special needs of these children.		
303-6 Staff understand the referral process		
for obtaining a developmental assessment for		
fetal alcohol syndrome or other drug		
addicted infants and the development of case		
plans and provision of services to meet the		
child's developmental needs.		
304 Domestic Violence		
304-1 Staff can recognize the indicators of		
family violence, including spouse abuse.		
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304-2 Staff understand the dynamics of		
family violence and can assess the family to		
determine risk to family members.		
304-3 Staff can develop case plans to address		
family violence and to protect family		
members; and can make appropriate		
referrals to shelters and other specialized		
resources.		
305 Health and Medical		
305-1 Staff know health and medical		
conditions that can affect the well-being of		
children and families, or that can contribute		
to or result from abuse or neglect. These		
include failure to thrive, prematurity, HIV,		
SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), and		
ADHD. 306 Sexual Abuse		
306-1 Staff can identify the physical,		
behavioral, and emotional indicators of		
sexually abused children.		
306-2 Staff understand the family dynamics		
and interaction patterns in sexual abuse		
cases.	 	
306-3 Staff are aware of their own		
emotional responses to sexual abuse and of		
the potential for these responses to		
interfere with the casework process.		

306-4 Staff can appropriately use strategies		
and authority in conducting a sexual abuse		
investigation, and know proper investigation		
practices and procedures.		
306-5 Staff can recognize the indicators of		
infants born with fetal alcohol syndrome or		
other drug addiction and understand the		
special needs of these children		
306-6 Staff understand the role and		
responsibility of other disciplines in the		
investigation, prosecution, and treatment of		
sexual abuse; and can work jointly with these		
practitioners.		
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306-7 Staff understand how to assess the		
validity of sexual abuse complaints.		
307 Youth Gangs		
307-1 Staff have a general knowledge of		
youth gangs, including their language,		
structure, and activities.		
307-2 Staff understand the treatment and		
placement needs of youth gang members and		
resources available for treatment.		
308 Juvenile Sex Offenders		
308-1 Staff know the indicators, dynamics,		
and patterns of juvenile sex offenders.		
308-2 Staff understand the treatment and		
placement needs of juvenile sex offenders.		
309 Legal Issues for CPS and Foster		
Care		
309-1 Staff can determine when emergency		
protection of a child is necessary, and can		
initiate the appropriate law		
enforcement/juvenile court proceedings to		
obtain emergency custody.		
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309-2 Staff can elicit and document pertinent		
facts to be included in the preparation of a		
case for judicial or administrative		
hearings/proceedings.		

309-3 Staff know the role and responsibility of the caseworker in judicial or administrative hearings, know applicable rules of evidence, are able to prepare testimony, and can testify appropriately. Image: Staff can weigh the risk to a child of remaining at home against the potential remaining at home against the potential remaining at home against the potential componential componentex. Image: Image: Image: Image: Image:				1
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311-2 Staff are able to file a petition to adopt				
with supporting documents, obtain the				
appropriate consent, effectively participate in				
a hearing on the petition, and prepare the				
dispositional placing order and the order				
confirming the adoption.				
311-3 Staff understand the legal procedures				
and can process all documents necessary to				
facilitate a child's adoption by a family.				
311-4 Staff understand the legal procedures				
and can process all documents necessary for				
a parental voluntary release.				
312 Community Collaboration				
312-1 Staff understand asset mapping.				
312-2 Staff are able to use an asset				
orientation in their efforts to advocate and				
collaborate within communities to promote				
prevention efforts for children and families.				
313 Solution Focused Creative				
Brainstorming				
313-1 Staff can brainstorm with families and				
communities to develop creative solution-				
focused ideas to prevent child abuse and				
neglect.				
316 Inter-Ethnic Placement Issues in				
Foster Care and Adoptions				
316-1 Staff understand the goal of the				
Multiethnic Placement Act as amended by				
the Interethnic Adoption Provisions which is				
to achieve foster care and adoptive				
placements that have not been based on the				
race, color, or national origin of the foster				
parents, adoptive parents or children involved.				
316-2 Staff understand how the Multiethnic				
Placement Act as amended by the Interethnic				
Adoption Provisions applies to the placement process and how race and ethnicity may be				
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316-3 Staff understand what constitutes a			
violation of the Multiethnic Placement Act as			
amended by the Interethnic Adoption			
Provisions and are aware of the possible			
consequences for such violations.			
403 Forensic Interviewing			
403-1 Staff will be able to identify common			
features of effective interviewing protocols.			
403-2 Staff will be able to identify the			
Michigan Forensic Interview Protocol and the			
role of the DHS worker.			
403-3 Staff will be able to identify the phases			
of a Forensic Interview.			
403-4 Staff will be able to identify key aspects			
of child language development and the			
implications for effective interviewing of			
children.			
403-5 Staff will be able to demonstrate			
Forensic Interviewing techniques through			
small group practice.			
410 Intervention Strategies			
410-1 Staff understand and can use			
intervention strategies such as behavior			
modification and reality therapy.			
410-2 Staff understand the dynamics of crisis			
and can provide crisis intervention services.			
411 Recognizing and Assessing			
Developmental Delay and Disability			
411-1 Staff know how developmental			
disabilities can be both the cause and effect			
of abusive or neglectful care, understand the			
dynamics of this relationship, and can			
implement preventive strategies.			
411-2 Staff know the natural history of the			
primary developmental disabilities including			
mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy,			
autism, spina bifida, Down syndrome, and			

other conditions.		
other conditions.		
411-3 Staff know how to refer children with developmental delays or disabilities for comprehensive assessment; know how to use this information in case planning, and how to access appropriate developmental, medical, educational, social, and recreational services.		
411-4 Staff understand the effect on families of parenting a developmentally disabled child and the importance of linking families with proper supportive, financial, educational, and respite services.		
411-5 Staff are aware of the negative stereotypic attitudes and misconceptions regarding developmental disabilities and know how these stereotypes can interfere with the provision of services to clients with disabilities.		
412 Specialized Mental Health Issues		
412-1 Staff recognize the primary indicators of mental illness including symptoms of schizophrenia, paranoia, other psychosis, depression, anxiety, and personality disorders.		
412-2 Staff understand the effects of parental mental illness or emotional problems on child development and behavior, and can accurately assess the risk to the child of remaining in the primary care of an emotionally disturbed/mentally ill parent.		
412-3 Staff have realistic expectations for the treatment of mental illness and emotional disorders, can recognize signs that hospitalization may be needed, are aware of community treatment resources and funding, and can use these resources in developing a service plan.		
412-4 Staff know the utility and side effects of often-prescribed medications in the treatment of mental illness.		

412-5 Staff know the behavioral indicators of		
emotional disturbances in children such as		
oppositional defiant disorder, conduct		
disorder, and attention deficit hyperactivity		
disorder.		
412-6 Staff know how to interpret		
psychological evaluations, and the proper use		
of evaluations in child welfare practice.		
413 Human Sexuality		
413-1 Staff understand sexual development		
and behavior, including dynamics of child and		
adolescent sexuality and teen pregnancy.		
413-2 Staff know facts and issues related to		
birth control, sexually transmitted disease,		
abortion, precocious sexuality,		
homosexuality, HIV, and other sexual issues.		
413-3 Staff can refer family members to the		
appropriate community agency to obtain		
medical and social services for sexually		
related issues.		
413-4 Staff know the range of behaviors that		
are classified as child sexual abuse and how		
these behaviors differ from healthy family		
sexuality.		
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413-5 Staff can recognize age-appropriate		
sexual knowledge and awareness and		
behavior in children, and can identify		
problematic sexual knowledge,		
preoccupation and/or behavior.		
414 Stress Management		
414-1 Staff understand the origins and		
consequences of work related stress and		
have well-developed coping and		
management skills to prevent burnout.		
415 Kinship		
415-1 Staff know how to conduct an		
extended family network assessment.		
415-2 Staff are able to decide with a family		

on interventions which link kin with resources, strategies for self-help, and, support systems.	
416 Family Systems Theory	
416-1 Staff understand family systems theory and its application to case planning.	
416.2 Staff understand family dynamics	
416-2 Staff understand family dynamics including relationships and interactions of family members, family roles, use of power, communication patterns, family strengths, and the family's functioning within the community.	