

CWTS Connection

Inspiring Excellence and Innovation through Learning



A monthly newsletter for Colorado's child welfare learning community

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March is Social Work Month. This year's theme, "[The Time Is Right for Social Work](#)," underscores the contributions social workers have made to this nation for more than a century and how the services they provide are needed more than ever as our nation addresses economic inequality, systemic racism, the need for improved health and mental health care, and other issues. To all the social workers out there, we thank you!

LEARNER COVE

Do you have your training hours yet?

The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching (June 30), and every year there is enormous demand for training hours in May and June. Get ahead of the rush and have your pick of CWTS offerings by browsing the [upcoming virtual learning experiences in the LMS](#). Scroll through the list of course offerings in chronological order or select the course you are interested in from the dropdown menu.



Did you attend any trainings outside of CWTS?

Take advantage of the new Non-CWTS Training Tracking Log ([found in the LMS](#)). It is a fillable form that can be downloaded at any time, signed, and submitted when sufficient hours have been fulfilled for recertification.

Set the curve—collaborate with educators for better outcomes!

Noticing an increase in disciplinary actions from school? Struggling to get a child on an IEP or advocate for more robust accommodations for a child on an IEP? Preparing for a BID meeting? Join [Not Too Cool for School: Collaborating with Educators for Better Outcomes](#) to explore questions around the intricate connection of educational outcomes

and child welfare outcomes of those we both serve. When caseworkers and educators have the same goal in mind, the best outcomes and success for our children are possible! Earn 13 training credit hours!

Need Training Hours?

[Find an Open Seat](#)

FOSTERING AND KINSHIP CONNECTION

TBRI® Caregiver Training (Trust-Based Relational Intervention) is a holistic approach of caregiving that concentrates on assisting children and youth from hard places through **connection, empowerment, and correction**. This learning offers 21 hours of ongoing education hours!



Quick Tips for Caregivers

We each have our own way of preferring how we receive the gift of love. Children and youth are no different. Consider paying special attention to what style of love your child or youth prefers to receive from you:

Words of Affirmation:

"What a great choice to act kindly" or "I noticed how hard you worked."

Quality Time:

Take two minutes out of each day and just sit with your child or youth for no special reason except to BE with them.

Tangible Gifts:

Give small gifts to let them know you are thinking of them, e.g., Hershey's Kisses, notes, or stickers.

Touch:

Use multiple opportunities to make contact with your child or youth to show they matter, e.g., touch hand, pat on back, or special handshake.

Acts of Service:

Periodically do something nice for your child or youth, e.g., put their socks on (even if they are old enough to do it themselves), carry their backpack for them sometimes, or help with their chores one night.

BREATHING SPACE

Different Is Good

We have been in a pandemic for the last two (three? twenty?) years and while it is not in any way routine, it can feel like we are stuck in a revolving door of things getting better/getting worse/schools are open/schools are closed/we can go out to eat/we cannot go out to eat...Have you felt it too? [Keep reading.](#)



MEANINGFUL MEDIA

New CWTS Website and Resource Library

If you haven't had a chance, check out our upgraded [website](#). Spend some time in the Resource Library, and search for resources and ideas in our new all-site search! Want the full rundown on these changes, as well as the new non-CWTS hours submission process and LMS tips and tricks? [Check out a recent Town Hall featuring all three topics.](#)

A graphic for the 'Continuing the Call to Action' series. It features a logo on the left, the title 'Continuing the CALL TO ACTION' in the center, and a list of values on the right: Equality, Power, Equity, Justice, Advocacy, Voice, and Fairness. Below the list is the phrase 'Be the Change'. The background is dark blue with a pattern of small white dots.

 **Continuing the CALL TO ACTION**
The Kempe Center's 2022 Monthly Series

Equality
Power
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Justice
Advocacy
Voice
Fairness

Be the Change

Kempe's Continuing the Call to Action Series

March Series: The Promise of Restorative Practices in Child Welfare

LISTEN

[Listen to the 26-minute Radio Kempe podcast](#) with Sharon Inglis.

WATCH

[Watch the international exchange on restorative approaches to child welfare](#) from the Kempe 2021 Call to Action Conference that featured Jennifer Llewellyn, Tali Gal, Hedda van Lieshout, Gale Burford, Sheldon Spotted Elk, Sharon Inglis, Lilah Vole, Lakshmi Sri, Paul Nixon, and Saleem Tariq.

REGISTER

[Register to attend a 90-minute conversation circle on March 23](#) to discuss the

myriad ideas raised by these knowledgeable panelists and podcast guest.

For more information, visit <http://www.continuingthecalltoaction.org/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 23, 9:00 AM or 4:00 PM: Kempe's conversation circle on the promise of restorative practices in child welfare

Monday, April 4, 1:00–2:30 PM: Medium-Size County Connection

Friday, April 15, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM: Small-Size County Connection

Tuesday, April 19, 10:00–11:30 AM: Large-Size County Connection

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