



COLORADO  
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# CWTS Connection

Inspiring Excellence and Innovation through Learning



A monthly newsletter for Colorado's child welfare learning community

## July 2023

### LEARNER COVE

#### Five weeks of professional and expert experience in just one day!

If you're looking to combine all of the expert guidance and know-how from a traditional multiweek ECHO learning experience into a single day, look no further—we've added deliveries of one-day ECHOs!

Register for these popular offerings before they fill up: [Superman Has Nothing on You!](#), [Supervising to Safety and Risk](#), [Conducting a Thorough Institutional Abuse Assessment](#), [Keep the Families You Have: Retaining Diverse Foster, Kinship, and Adoptive Caregivers](#), or [Recruiting Diverse Foster, Kinship, and Adoptive Families](#).



#### Walk Through the New Core Services Plan Template

Each county writes a Core Services Plan in June and July each year for services they wish to offer to the children, youth, and families in their county. To make completing and submitting it easy and clear, take [Completing the New Core Services Plan Template \(WBT\)](#)—this video training walks Core Services coordinators through each section of the new Core Services Plan template.

#### Colorado Youth Awareness Week (CYAW)

Save the date! The Colorado Youth Leadership Network is sponsoring CYAW, September 11–15, 2023, to emphasize positive youth voice and to celebrate the influence youth have in our state and local communities, as well as recognize the positive achievements and contributions youth have made. The week also recognizes the various organizations and advocates that involve Colorado's youth and help guide them toward positive life choices and stability.

Looking for Learning?

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# FOSTERING AND KINSHIP CONNECTION

## Rituals versus Routines: Both Can Keep Your Home More Peaceful

If you think routines and rituals are the same, you wouldn't be alone. Although they share a sense of regularity—a routine is a sequence of actions regularly followed, and a ritual is a ceremony or act performed in a customary way—they differ at the core. ([Read about routines and rituals](#))

[Find Caregiver Courses](#)

## BREATHING SPACE

### Where to Look for Joy

It is feeling kind of dark lately for many of us, at least that is what I am finding in my part of the world. My reaction to this is to be around joyful people, do acts of kindness for others, and just hang out with good people. Doing any of these reminds me that what I focus on grows... which reminded me of a favorite of mine, the poet Ross Gay. And boom—a podcast featuring him appeared in my feed! You might be inspired by what you hear in this short podcast...



[“Where to Look for Joy.” The Science of Happiness podcast](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

### Child Welfare Worker Appreciation

Although we appreciate you every week of the year, September 11–15 is the formally recognized [Child Welfare Worker Appreciation Week](#). The [NCWWI](#) and the [Children's Bureau](#) are hosting a one-hour virtual recognition event on Tuesday, September 12, at 3:00 PM EDT. This event is about taking a moment for you and your team—to breathe, to celebrate, to connect, to take care of yourselves. [Register for the event via NCWWI](#). Thank you for everything that you do in service of children and families!

**Thursday, August 3, 4–5:30 PM: [Foster Parent Learning Exchange: Ethnic Ideas for Your Family](#)**

**Tuesday, August 8, 1–2:30 PM: [FEM Facilitator Learning Exchange 1: Setting the Container](#)**

**Wednesday, August 9, 12–1:30 PM: [Supervisor Learning Exchange 1: LMS Through a Supervisor's Eyes](#)**

**Monday, August 14, 9–10:30 AM: [Small-Size County Connection](#)**

**Monday, August 14, 11 AM–12:00 PM: [Medium-Size County Connection](#)**

**Thursday, August 17, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM: [Large-Size County Connection](#)**

**September 11–15: [Colorado Youth Awareness Week](#)**

## Do Your Colleagues Know What You Know?

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