

TRAINING MEMORANDUM (TM 24-XXX)

DATE: UPON APPROVAL
TO: CHILD WELFARE STATE, REGIONAL, AND PARISH OFFICES
FROM: DR. REBECCA HOOK
INTERIM ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF CHILD WELFARE
RE: FASD (FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS) TRAINING – BATON ROUGE REGION

DESCRIPTION:

Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual exposed to alcohol in the womb. These effects may include physical, mental, behavioral, and/or learning disabilities with lifelong implications.

This training, through the Human Development Center at LSU Health New Orleans and funded by the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, will provide in-depth discussion of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) including the factors affecting accurate prevalence rates, effects of prenatal exposure on the brain, and signs and the signs and symptoms of FASD along with the primary and secondary disabilities caused by FASD.. It will also provide information on prevention and awareness, destigmatization and family support, treatment and services, screening and diagnosis, and challenges with the legal system in regards to FASD.

The objectives of this training is for participants to:

- Understand the brain differences in FASD and the impacts to learning and health.
- Explore practices in the field to support prevention, policy, awareness, and family support for FASD.
- Understand best practices and supports for the home, school, and community environment for those affected by FASD.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS: All professional DCFS Child Welfare staff and foster/relative caregivers.

PRESENTER: Krista James, Ph.D., Louisiana LEND Coordinator, Director of FASD Initiatives, LASARD Facilitator - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Human Development Center





The Council's mission is to increase independence, self-determination, productivity, integration, and inclusion for Louisianans with developmental disabilities by engaging in advocacy, capacity building, and systems change.



DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

This training is offered at two different times on the following date and location.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
5/28/2025	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	The Family Youth Service Blue Auditorium 1120 Government Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802
5/28/2025	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	The Family Youth Service Blue Auditorium 1120 Government Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802

REGISTRATION:

Registration is now open to all DCFS Child Welfare staff and you must self-enroll to sign up for this course. First, Log in to your Moodle account: <https://moodle.lcwta.org/>

Link to Moodle Course: <https://moodle.lcwta.org/course/view.php?id=287>

Click on the link above to enroll. Once enrolled, you will still need to select a specific date and time for the date of your in person training session. To register for your preferred training time, please visit the "Register for In Person Session" tab on the course page.

For a quick guide on how to register for a virtual session in Moodle, please watch this video: https://youtu.be/8xRR-9QQi_c?si=ostG-J51vKJZ5dCt

TRAINING HOURS: This training is approved for **2** Child Welfare Training Hours/General CEUs by the Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy as authorized by the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

TRAVEL AND LODGING: As a result of current budgetary limitations, staff should only attend training in their own Region, where they will incur no travel expenses to attend this training.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Learners will complete pre/post test and evaluation electronically through the LCWTA eLearning Management system.
2. **Pretest: Completion of the pretest is required prior to attending the training.**
3. Learners are expected to arrive on time and participate fully throughout the course. **Learners who arrive more than 15 minutes late will not be admitted.**
4. **Credit for courses will be given only to those who complete the entire course.** If a learner must leave a class early, the learner will not receive credit for the course.

PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL DCFS TRAINING SESSIONS:

Any participant with a disability needing special accommodations, assistance, or interpreter services should contact Child Welfare Training at DCFS.CW-Training@LA.GOV. The Department of Children and Family Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Department does not discriminate against any person in any employment practice based on race, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status or any other non-merit factor.

