2026 Advanced Child Welfare Training

May 21–22, 2026 - University of Kentucky Coldstream Research Campus, Lexington, KY

Day 1 —May 21, 2026 (8am-5pm)

Welcome and Introductions (30 minutes)

Includes introductions, pre-test, and course objectives.

Child Welfare Funding Fundamentals (150 minutes)

An essential overview of federal child welfare funding streams—with emphasis on Title IV-E, Medicaid, and key cost allocation principles specific to child welfare programs—to build an advanced understanding for accurate claiming and financial management.

FFPSA: Prevention Services, Candidacy, QRTPs & Financial Implications (90 minutes)

An overview of key FFPSA provisions, including prevention program requirements, candidacy criteria, Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) standards, federal claiming guidance, and the financial and compliance implications for child welfare agencies.

Extended Foster Care (60 minutes)

Targeted overview of federal Title IV-E requirements for extending foster care to ages 18–21, including Title IV-E eligibility requirements, reimbursable placement options, and implications for funding and cost allocation.

Child Welfare Rate Setting (90 minutes)

Foundations of allowable costs, allocation methods, and rate development.

Day 2 — May 22, 2026 (8am-5pm)

Welcome & Icebreaker (15 minutes)

Adoption Assistance Eligibility & Savings (90 minutes)

Title IV-E adoption eligibility criteria, applicable child rules, the federal savings calculation methodology, and reinvestment requirements tied to the Adoption Assistance program.

Title IV-E Claiming (90 minutes)

An in-depth, guided review of the CB-496 reviewing each section of the form, its required data elements, and how it connects to accurate federal Title IV-E claiming.

Revenue Optimization and Child Welfare Trends (180 minutes)

Discussion of best practices and trends in child welfare with a specific focus on revenue optimization.

Discussion, Questions, Post-test & Wrap-Up (45 minutes)