

Building Effective Partnerships Learning Collaborative: Topics

Below is a general outline of topic areas. This list is flexible as topics may be defined by the group and may change as more information becomes available from the Department of Children and Families.

Topics include:

March	Defining Quality Contact
April	Centering Parental Voice During Engagement, Assessment, Exploration and Adjustment
May	Engage in Self-Care
June	Knowing Yourself; Approaching a Crucial Conversation
July	Start by Raising the Issue, Make it Safe to Share
August	Recognizing when the Conversation isn't Going Well
Sept	Seek to Understand
October	Gathering Information; Protective Capacities vs. Strengths
Nov	Watch Your Words; What you Say vs. What they Hear
Dec	Providing Feedback; Purposeful vs. Hurtful

The Learning Collaborative for 2023 is an opportunity to expand your thinking and add skills in Engaging to Build Partnerships. It will reinforce what you already know and provide new ways of viewing the work. Content connects to current practice and DCF's Strategic Initiatives whenever possible.



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Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.

-Benjamin Franklin

Building Effective Partnerships Learning Collaborative: Target Audience

The 2023 Learning Collaborative videos and discussions are open to all Child Welfare Professionals from counties, tribal and private partner agencies including Support Staff. Supervisors and directors are strongly encouraged to join the learning collaborative.



“Minds are like parachutes, they only function when they are open.”

James Dewar

Building Effective Partnerships Learning Collaborative: How It Works

Each month (March 2023 – December 2023), a video blog around building partnerships and crucial conversations will be introduced. The video will be posted on the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System [website](#) by the first Wednesday of each month. Participants can watch the video at a time that is convenient for them. The video blogs will be archived on the WCWPDS website.

A short worksheet with prompts to guide reflection and analysis and application to practice will be posted with the video.



Participants will apply the concepts throughout the month in their daily practice. They will take note of the successes and challenges and record questions on the concepts. Comments and questions will be gathered on the website (after each video blog), or emailed, to guide group live discussion.

Building Effective Partnerships Learning Collaborative: Coming Together

A live facilitated discussion will be held via Zoom on the **last Tuesday (3:00 pm – 4:00 pm) and Wednesday (8:30 am – 9:30 am) of each month. Check provided calendar for some changes to this.** Please watch the video blog for the current month before choosing the discussion to attend. *A flyer with all 2023 dates and times is located on the website.



The session will be a deeper look at practice implications when thinking about and using the concepts. The group will gather insights and ideas from their peers.

It will only be necessary to attend one of the discussion sessions. There is no need to register; you may use the following link to join the discussion sessions:

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/98009976531?pwd=RStOY3dFR21RUIMwN0pHYjBWQmt1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 980 0997 6531

Passcode: 578053