DCY TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Keeping the Infant in Mind

Integrating Reflective Function into Service for Infants, Young Children, and Their Families

TRAINING INFORMATION

Reflective Function refers to one's capacity and efforts to understand the meaning of our own, or our infant/very young child's, thoughts, feelings, and reactions. Also referred to as "mentalization," the ability to "keep the baby in mind" helps caregivers respond more calmly and sensitively to their child's emotional needs. Over time, it can build a stronger emotional bond and help children learn to understand their own feelings too.

This workshop, facilitated by Dr. Robert Gallen, will introduce infant and early childhood providers to theoretical aspects of mentalization and provide examples and resources for enhancing caregiver reflective function into their practice.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This training is intended for any professional working with infants or young children and their families, such as Early Intervention providers, Home Visitors, and early care and education professionals working with infants. Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) are provided for EISCs, EISC Supervisors, DSs, and Social Workers.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, contact Anni Monks at Rhiannon.Monks@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Ohio Department of Children & Youth

TRAINING REGISTRATION

Register for the scheduled *Keeping the Infant in Mind* training through the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) using the steps below.

1. Log in to your OPR profile (If you do not have an OPR profile, click here for profile creation instructions).
2. From the left side navigation panel, click "Training Search".
3. In the search bar, enter the ST number of the session for which you would like to register.
4. Click the course, then click "Add to Cart". Finally, click "Checkout."
5. Await an email containing a Zoom link to the training session. This email should arrive approximately 2-7 days prior to the event.

SEATS ARE LIMITED **for this training opportunity.**
Please limit registration to two individuals per county.
Available seats may fill before the registration deadline.

TRAINING DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	ST NUMBER
6/23/2026 9am-4pm	6/19/2026	10161524