



Bay Area Academy presents:

STRUCTURED DECISION MAKING: SUPERVISORS

With Margie Albers, LCSW

Structured Decision Making is a case management tool designed to help counties and workers assess families at critical decision-making points. It is also designed to facilitate service delivery and give counties information about the case type and severity as well as and factors that influence decisions in placement, risk level and case plans. The SDM system has different assessment tools for different decision making points in a case. There is a tool to decide: how quickly to investigate a referral, whether a child is safe in their home, whether to open a case, level of service to give to a family and factors to focus on in developing a case plan. There are also reassessment tools for family maintenance and reunification cases that help workers decide whether to continue services, close a case, or reunify a family. In this class supervisors and lead workers will learn the philosophy and goals of the SDM. They will also have an opportunity to use and practice each tool. This class is the basic SDM introduction class with emphasis on implementation. The class will cover how the model works and how to use the assessment tools with a focus on supervising SDM.

OUTCOME OBJECTIVES:

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the philosophy and goals of the SDM model.
2. Understand that different tools make different decisions.
3. Know the policy and procedures for each tool and where to find this information.
4. Understand and practice each decision making tool.
5. Understand the importance of using the definition and documenting their decisions.

Margie Albers has over 25 years of child welfare experience including 15 years of training design and delivery. She is a frequently sought-after trainer in risk assessment, placement issues and case planning. She is a staff member of the Academy and specializes in core child welfare courses.

**August 31 &
September 1, 2010**
9:00am to 4:00pm both days
Registration at 8:30am

Please note: In order to receive credit for completion of this training and to receive CEUs, you must arrive on time and complete the entire session.

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SONOMA COUNTY HSD
SANTA ROSA, CA**

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INVITED COUNTIES:

Sonoma

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Please contact your County Training Manager by **August 17th** to request registration.

12 CEUS will be offered to LCSWs and LMFTs. PCE#1854. Provider approved by the Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #CEP 13140, for 12 Contact Hours. No charge for training.

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