

**Permanency and Loss –
A Youth's Journey through the Child Welfare System**

Course Goals and Objectives

1. Participants will increase their knowledge, awareness and understanding about permanency as it relates to youth in the child welfare system.
2. Participants will increase their knowledge, awareness and understanding about sources of grief and loss within the child welfare system.
3. Participants will understand the connection between cognitive, emotional and behavioral symptoms exhibited by a foster youth during their journey.
4. Participants will review relevant research, DSM-IV diagnostic criteria, treatment interventions and outcomes data related to permanency and grief and loss.
5. Participants will discuss the practical application of these principles into their work with youth and families that are dealing with issues of grief and loss.