

Special Topic Training



MISCONCEPTIONS OF POVERTY

Misconceptions and misguided beliefs about people living in poverty can hinder our work with children and families. Participants will discuss common misconceptions and explore statistics, rates of use and fraud for West Virginia. Participants will learn how decision-making skills, priorities, and behaviors of those experiencing poverty can be different from societal standards and discover how issues faced in poverty such as chronic stress and exposure to toxins can affect the brain. Participants will also brainstorm creative ways to overcome the challenges of working with families in poverty.



Speaker

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1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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