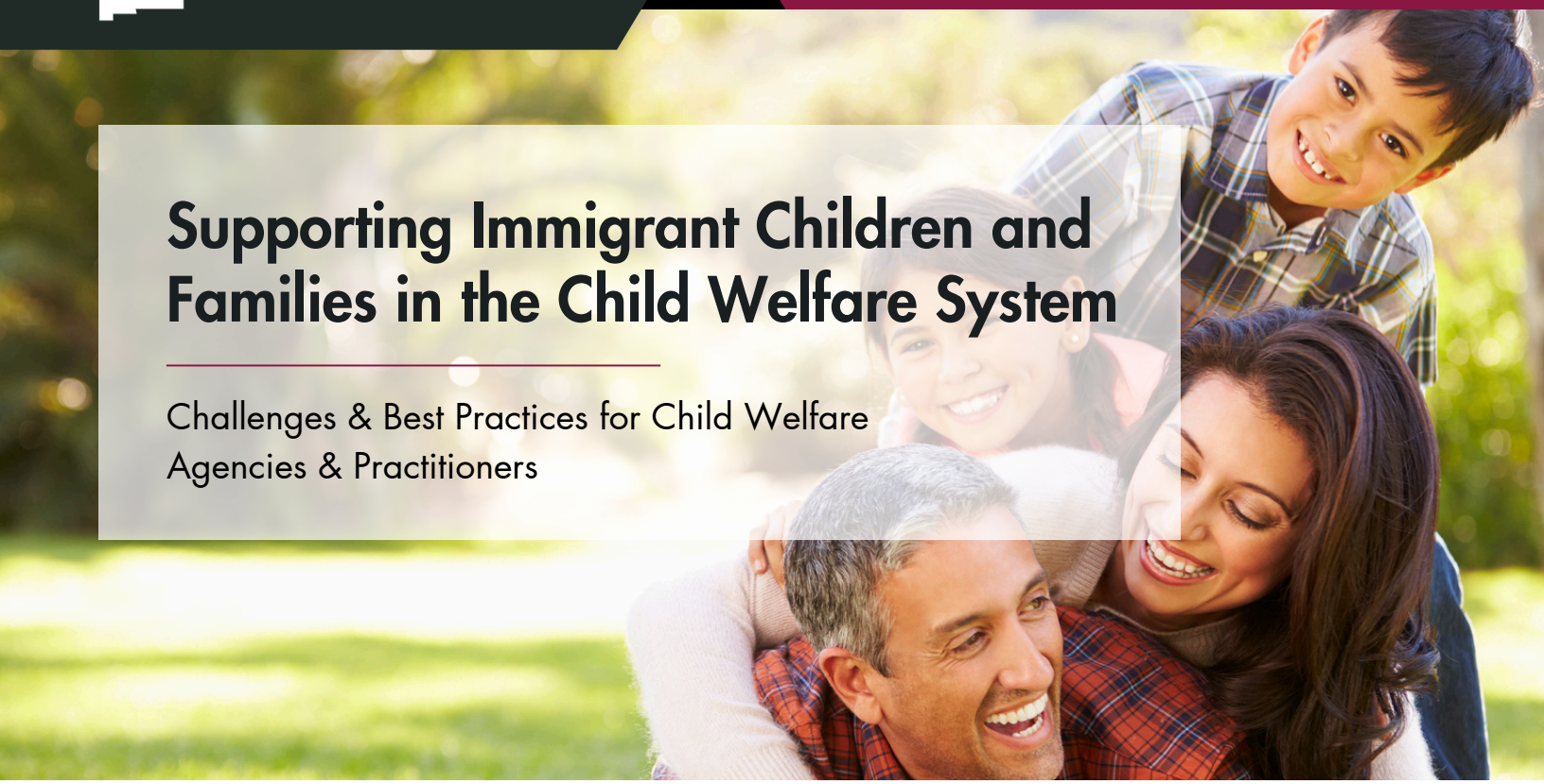
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THE CENTER ON IMMIGRATION AND CHILD WELFARE INITIATIVE



Supporting Immigrant Children and Families in the Child Welfare System

Challenges & Best Practices for Child Welfare Agencies & Practitioners

About the training

This self-paced online training addresses the unique challenges and opportunities that arise when working with immigrant children and families in the child welfare system. This training draws from successful immigrant-serving child welfare models across the United States, highlighting policies and practices that have demonstrated positive outcomes. Through interactive modules, case scenarios, and practical resources, participants will learn evidence-based strategies for navigating complex cases involving immigrant families.

Three free cultural social work CEUs are available from the NMSU School of Social Work.

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Who is it for?

This training is for administrators, caseworkers, supervisors, attorneys, and other stakeholders who serve immigrant children and families in the child welfare system.

The Modules

1. Background on Children in Immigrant Families in the Child Welfare System
2. Key Policy & Practice Issues in Child Welfare System

More info

For more details visit:
https://cimmcw.org/supporting-immigrant-children-and-families-in-the-child-welfare-system/

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Module Descriptions

1. **Background on Children in Immigrant Families in the Child Welfare System:** This module provides foundational knowledge on the demographics of immigrant families in the U.S. and the unique vulnerabilities they face within the child welfare system, including the impact of immigration enforcement and trauma. This modules also explores common challenges that child welfare practitioners and agencies encounter when serving immigrant children and families as well as guiding principles for ensuring equitable service provision to this vulnerable population.

2. **Key Policy & Practice Issues in Child Welfare System:** This module highlights effective immigrant-serving models from six jurisdictions across the U.S. It delves into specific policy and practice issues, such as confidentiality, language access, citizenship determination, legal screening, human trafficking, and transnational casework, providing strategies and guidance for culturally responsive engagement and service provision across these issue areas.

Learning objectives

By the end of this course, learners should be able to:

1. Recognize the unique challenges immigrant children and families face within the child welfare system and identify appropriate resources to address their specific needs.

2. Apply knowledge of cultural, legal, and systemic factors that impact service delivery to immigrant populations in child welfare settings.

3. Implement effective communication strategies that overcome language and cultural barriers and promote meaningful engagement with immigrant children and families throughout the case process.

4. Develop competence in navigating complex immigration-related issues, such as immigration status, international family members, or cross-border considerations.

5. Integrate evidence-based policies and practices from successful immigrant-serving child welfare models to improve outcomes for immigrant children and families.