

Presented by Seneca in partnership with Alameda County Behavioral Health

Helping System-Involved Youth and Families Understand the Juvenile Justice System

WHEN:

Date: April 22nd 2026

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

For Registration:

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INTENDED FOR:

Alameda County Behavioral Health and Contracted Providers staff.

About the Course:

This training provides professionals working with system-involved youth and families with an understanding of the juvenile justice system and how to support youth and families who are involved in that system. Participants will gain knowledge of the laws, policies, and procedures that govern the juvenile justice system, and learn best practices for working with these system-involved youth and families. The material will be delivered by PowerPoint presentation, short video clips, group discussion, breakout (small group) discussions and participant workbook (handout).

Measurable Learning Objectives:

- Participants will be able to identify and explain three key components of the juvenile justice system.
- Participants will demonstrate their understanding of best practices for working with system-involved youth and families by developing a comprehensive support plan for a hypothetical case scenario.
- Participants will identify and describe three strategies for promoting cultural competence in the juvenile justice system, as evidenced by their written reflection on their own biases and cultural awareness.

About the Presenter:

Marya Wright, DSW MSW BSW, is a nationally distinguished Black social worker, consultant, published author, educator, and facilitator with extensive experience in organizational leadership, child welfare services, and curriculum development. As the Founder and CEO of Wright Community Services LLC, Dr. Wright is dedicated to empowering system-involved families through awareness, services, and education. She also provides consultation, training, and facilitation to agencies serving these communities.

Dr. Wright earned her master's in social work from Cal State East Bay, specializing in Child Welfare Policy and Research, and a bachelor's in social work with a focus on Child Welfare Services and Motivational Interviewing from San Diego State University. She holds a Doctorate in Social Work from the University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, focusing on achieving equal opportunity and justice in the child welfare system.

As a community leader, Dr. Wright prioritizes building relationships, networking, and collaborating with stakeholders to address social and economic issues faced by clients, aiming for justice and peace. She serves as a qualified expert witness and forensic social worker. Additionally, Dr. Wright sits on the Board of Directors for the California Society of Clinical Social Work and is actively involved with the National Association of Social Workers and California Chapter.

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