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Helping System-Involved Youth and Families Understand the Juvenile Justice System 2.75 CAMFT/BRN CE Credits

WHEN:

Date: Jun 24th 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 interactive training provides participants with a comprehensive overview of the juvenile justice system and its relevance to the theory and practice of therapy when working with adolescents and families impacted by court involvement (Lopez, Martensen, & Diaz, 2024). Grounded in trauma-informed care, adolescent development theory, family systems theory, and culturally responsive practice, the course examines how mental health professionals can effectively engage youth experiencing justice-system involvement while addressing behavioral health needs, family functioning, and treatment barriers. The content is directly relevant to the professional scope of practice for therapists, social workers, and counselors who provide assessment, treatment planning, case coordination, psychoeducation, advocacy, and family-centered interventions.

Participants will explore how historical inequities, implicit bias, adverse childhood experiences, and systemic barriers influence youth outcomes and treatment engagement. Relevant research demonstrates that evidence-based approaches such as trauma-informed interventions, family engagement models, motivational interviewing, and cross-system collaboration improve therapeutic alliance, reduce recidivism risk factors, and increase service participation among justice-involved youth. Through real-world case examples, guided discussion, and applied learning activities, attendees will gain practical tools to strengthen communication, support families navigating the juvenile justice process, and coordinate care across probation, education, child welfare, and behavioral health systems.

Designed for behavioral health professionals serving adolescents and families, this course equips participants with actionable strategies to promote rehabilitation, emotional well-being, family stability, and long-term success for system-involved youth.

2.75 hours instructional time – 15 minutes break

About the Presenter:

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

Dr. Wright earned her Master of Social Work from Cal State East Bay, specializing in child welfare policy and research, and her Bachelor of Social Work from San Diego State University, with a focus on Child Welfare Services and Motivational Interviewing. She holds a Doctorate in Social Work from the University of Southern California's Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, where she focused on advancing equal opportunity and justice within the child welfare system.

Clinicians who participate in Dr. Wright's trainings can expect to gain a practical and culturally responsive understanding of the juvenile justice system, with an emphasis on engagement skill-building, self-awareness, and real-world application. Dr. Wright's engaging and accessible training style helps participants not only grasp the general understanding but also walk away with strategies to build rapport with their clients.

As a result of their participation, clinicians will be better equipped to support behavior change, strengthen client engagement, and reduce resistance in therapeutic relationships. Clients benefit from this through more collaborative, empowering, and effective services that align with their values and readiness for change.

Educational Goals:

- Trainees will be better equipped to implement trauma-informed communication and engagement strategies in daily practice to improve rapport, reduce resistance, and promote youth and family participation in services.
- Participants will be stronger interdisciplinary collaborators by applying their enhanced skills in cross-system coordination tools to improve service planning, information sharing, and continuity of care for system-involved youth.

Measurable Learning Objectives:

- Identify and explain at least three core components of California's juvenile justice system, including legal processes, youth rights, and system roles, and compare how these elements differ from the adult criminal justice system.
- Apply a minimum of two trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive communication strategies to effectively engage system-involved youth and families across diverse service settings in a role-play scenario.
- Evaluate at least one cross-system collaboration strategy to strengthen service coordination among education, child welfare, probation, mental health, and community-based organizations, with a focus on improving outcomes for system-involved youth.

Certificate of Completion

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