## AURORA UNIVERSITY

GEORGE WILLIAMS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK FIELD DEPARTMENT

#### PRESENTS

# CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

## Comprehensive Assessment in Child Welfare: Enhancing Safety, Permanency, and Well-being

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This intensive workshop is designed for professional child welfare social workers dedicated to improving outcomes for children and families involved with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Participants will delve into the critical stages of assessment that span the entire lifecycle of a DCFS case. Emphasis will be placed on identifying and addressing the underlying conditions that often bring families to the attention of DCFS. Through hands-on practice, attendees will learn to effectively utilize DCFS assessment tools to support the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in care.

#### Workshop Objectives:

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Comprehend the Four Stages of Assessment: Gain a thorough understanding of the four stages of the assessment process and recognize how continuous assessment is integral throughout the life of a case.

2. Identify and Address Underlying Conditions: Learn to identify the underlying conditions that frequently bring families to the attention of DCFS and apply assessment tools to develop appropriate service plans that remove barriers to permanency.

3. Apply DCFS Assessment Tools: Engage in practical exercises to master the application of existing DCFS assessment tools, ensuring they are used effectively to enhance the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in DCFS care.

## Friday, January 24, 2025 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Held virtually on Zoom

Attendees earn 3 CEUs

Scan the QR code to register, or visit <u>https://forms.office.com/r/hhPSd4uawi</u>

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