

**NEW**

# WiLearn Youth Justice Program

**We are excited to announce a training program for new youth justice professionals.**

The WiLearn Youth Justice Program will begin to address some of the identified YJ training gaps and is part of our long-term strategy to build up YJ infrastructure in the areas of standards, training, and technical assistance. WiLearn YJ provides a fundamental grounding in trauma-informed, culturally responsible child welfare practice that supports all children and youth entering the child welfare system regardless of which “door” they enter.

This cohort-based program fosters collaborative learning, experience sharing, and networking among new professionals. Cohorts launch quarterly.

Training package will include Pre-Service and eWiSACWIS web-based modules, four Foundational Elements, and Case Practice with American Indian Tribes: Understanding WICWA training (1-day).

## Foundational Elements

**1 Culturally Responsible Practice**

**2 Trauma Informed Practice**

**3 Engaging Families**

**4 Case Practice with American Indian Tribes**



### Online Learning

You will access and complete the instructional content online **on your own schedule**, within a structured timeframe. Learn through a variety of methods like lecturettes, scenarios, videos, interactive exercises, and knowledge checks.



### Huddles

You will come together with a facilitator and fellow learners on specific dates and times **virtually via Zoom**. Huddles are typically 2-hour, highly participatory activities and discussions that build connections and community.



### Workbook

You will use a **workbook** to support you through the online learning packets and activities, independent studies, self-reflections and Community Huddles in each foundational element.

## Program Details

**Begins July 1, 2025**

### Eligibility:

Learners must have a primary role of youth justice professional and hired or transferred to role on or after 7/1/25.

### Auto Enrollment:

PDS will enroll those who meet the eligibility criteria into the WiLearn Youth Justice Program.

Enrollment will begin July 1 for the first Cohort that will launch on October 1.

### Time:

The expected total time of the program is 60 hrs.

The Foundational Elements portion includes online learning (18 hrs) and community huddles (18 hrs).

**For additional details, visit our WiLearn YJ webpages:**

### WCWPDS:

<https://yj.wcwpds.wisc.edu/wilearn-youth-justice-yj-program/>

### DCF:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/family-first/workforce>

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