

PATHWAYS TO PERMANENCE 2

Update to Facilitator Guide #1

September 2017

Explanatory Notes to Updates/Changes

A. Kinship Center Updates

- (i) **Addition of Timing Guidance:** Recently, The Kinship Center as part of their Pathways project in Texas prepared additional guidance for Pathways trainers. For each session of Pathways, there is newly developed Timing Guidance. These are to be added to the FG at the beginning of each Session.

Impact on Pathways PRN Binder: None.

- (ii) **Addition of Other Tips Guidance:** Recently, The Kinship Center as part of their Pathways project in Texas prepared additional guidance for Pathways trainers. For each session of Pathways, there is newly developed Other Tips. These are to be added to the FG at the beginning of each Session, after the Timing Guidance.

Impact on Pathways PRN Binder: None.

- (iii) **Removal of references to Holding Therapy:** The Kinship Center has removed all references to Holding Therapy in Pathways, and specifically a reference to the book *Holding Time* by Martha Welch in the Resource Books, Videos and Website section of Session 4. The instructions will ask you to remove page 4-7 in the FG and replace it with a revised page 4-7 that does not include this reference.

Impact on Pathways PRN Binder: All references to Holding Therapy have been removed – see revised page 4-6 in the Binder.

B. ACO Updates

- a. **Ontario specific curriculum notes:** ACO has developed curriculum notes to integrate into the Pathways curriculum. These notes are to be included in the FG

immediately after the Tab for each session, and after the new Timing & Tips sheets. The notes incorporate additional guidance & info on the following:

- i. An overview of the Adoption Council of Ontario and the services we offer
- ii. Background on Pathways & ACT curriculums
- iii. Additional direction and guidance to help build community resource information over the course of the Pathways sessions
- iv. Notes and guidance to help lay the foundation for Session 8

Impact on Pathways PRN Binder: A Welcome Letter and a Note to Ontario participants about supplemental Ontario materials will be included in the front of the PRN Binder.

- b. **Ontario Adoption History:** ACO has updated the Ontario History document to incorporate information on the Sixties Scoop and links to additional resources on indigenous cultural issues such as identity, why there is an over-representation of aboriginal children in child welfare and some selected readings and essays by aboriginal people. The revised History Document and the resource reports, or excerpts thereof, are to be added to the FG in the Session 1 section after page 1-50.

Impact on Pathways PRN Binder: The Binder will include the History document with the links to the reports after page 1-26. It will NOT include copies of the reports.

- c. **Ontario & Canadian Adoption and Foster Care Stats:** ACO has prepared an updated comprehensive report on adoption and foster care stats in Canada and Ontario. This is to be added to the FG in the Session 1 section after the History document for your background information. (We anticipate that this report will be updated annually.)

Impact on Pathways PRN Binder: The Binder will NOT incorporate the Ontario data and stats document. Facilitators should determine what stats would be of benefit to their participants based on their region.

- d. **Ontario Openness Guidance & Resources:** For purposes of the ACT curriculum, ACO developed additional slides and materials on Openness in Ontario. They can be referred to in the ACT FG. For purposes of Pathways, the Openness Grid has been added to Session 1 of the FG (and PRN). This is a very hot button topic in Ontario and is quite a complex one. The ACO has developed a webpage that

incorporates a number of excellent Openness Resources that trainers may find useful (the link is also contained in the new Ontario curriculum notes in the FG): <https://www.adoption.on.ca/openness-resources> .

Impact on Pathways PRN Binder: The Binder includes the Openness Grid in Session 1 after page 1-14.

- e. **Life Cycle of Adoption Families:** This document was developed by Kinship and distributed to ACO by Cindy Roe from Kinship. It is an excellent resource for trainers and families and so we are including it in the FG in Session 3 (and PRN).

Impact on Pathways PRN Binder: The Binder includes the Life Cycle of the Adoptive Family in Session 3 after page 3-37.

- f. **Session 8:** ACO developed Session 8 to help parents build support groups in their communities post Pathways. The instructions will ask you to add a new Section 8 Tab and the Session 8 slides to your FG. A script for Session 8 will form part of the next Pathways Update.

Impact on Pathways PRN Binder: Similar to other sections of the Participant Binder, it includes copies of most of the Session 8 power point slides.

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Instructions

Session #	Instructions/Description	Remove Page(s)	Add Page(s)	Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Kinship Center Updates:				
All	Pathways Timing Guidance (one for each Pathways session – 7 sessions)	-	Add at beginning of each session behind the Tab	
All	Pathways Tips & Guidance (one for each Pathways session – 7 sessions)	-	Add at beginning of each session behind the Timing Guidance	
Session 4	Holding Therapy: removal of reference to Martha Welch’s book Holding Time in Resources	Remove page 4-7	Replace with new page 4-7	
ACO Updates:				
All	Ontario Curriculum Notes (a set of notes for each Pathways session – 7 sessions)	-	Add notes at beginning of each session immediately following the Tab	
Session 1	Ontario Adoption History	-	Add Ontario History & 3 Reports after page 1-50	
Session 1	Ontario Adoption & Foster Care Data & Stats	-	Add immediately	

			following Ontario History	
Session 3	Life Cycle of Adoptive Family		Insert Life Cycle of Adoptive Family after page 3-58	
Session 1	Ontario Openness	-	Add Openness Grid after page 1-24	
Session 8	Building Parent Support groups	-	Add a Tab for Session 8 and the Session 8 slides	
Other				
Back of FG	Update #1 Explanatory Notes	-	Insert the Explanatory Notes for Update #1 at the back of the FG	
Back of FG	Update #1 Instructions	-	Sign below, take a pic & email to PACT; Insert the Instructions in the back flap of the FG	

Date Update Completed: _____

Trainer Signature: _____