

The Effects of Abuse and Neglect on Child Development Competencies

The following child welfare competencies are addressed by this training module.

- ❖ The Child Welfare Professional has a thorough knowledge of the stages, processes, and milestones of normal physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of children from birth through adolescence.
- ❖ The Child Welfare Professional knows the potential negative effects of abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse on a child's development and can identify indicators of developmental delay or problems in abused and neglected children.
- ❖ The Child Welfare Professional is able to develop case plans that address developmental problems and can make appropriate referrals for developmental assessment and services.
- ❖ The Child Welfare Professional knows how children's behavior problems may be symptoms of underlying developmental delays or emotional disturbance.
- ❖ The Child Welfare Professional is able to advise parents and foster parents on age-appropriate expectations for children, and can help set realistic expectations for children who demonstrate developmental problems as a result of abuse or neglect.