Expected Content Areas for BCWEP Consortium Child Welfare Courses

* Overview of the Child Welfare System
* Overview of the History of Child Welfare, including the legal base of practice: Major Federal and NJ Legislation, including Titles 9 and 30
* Mandatory Reporting laws and procedures – Federal and State specific
* Defining child abuse and neglect: neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse
* Case Practice Model of Child Protection, including reporting, assessing risk and safety, decision making, and the integrating of protective authority with casework practice
* Laws, Procedures and Court Interventions with Children, Youth and Families
* Family Preservation Services, including Kinship Care
* Foster Care
* Adoption
* Prevention- Protective and Risk factors
* New Jersey’s public child welfare system, its historical development, current transformation efforts, and the latest report from the federal court appointed monitor (7-19-17)
* Social Context of Child Welfare including:

Poverty,

Cultural competence

Educational System

Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse

Domestic Violence

Homelessness and housing insecurity

* Juvenile Justice System and Child Welfare
* Values and Philosophies in Child Welfare Practice
* The Child Welfare Professional – A Day in the Life of a Protective Service Worker
  + Caseload Management
  + Secondary Trauma
  + Recognizing biases, individual and systemic
  + Documentation
  + Worker Safety.