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# CELEBRATING FAMILIES! GROUP LEADER TRAINING\*

15-HOUR COURSE

SESSION TIME: 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM  
MAY 12, 13 & 14, 2021



\$325/Person \$300/group of 5+

Register Here: [www.CommunitySolutions.org/Training](http://www.CommunitySolutions.org/Training)

Zoom invitation and materials will be emailed one week prior .

This course is approved for 15 hours of continuing education units for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs and/or LEPs as required by the California B..B.S. under CEPA Provider #129412

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# Course Description

*CelebratingFamilies!*<sup>™</sup> (CF!) is an evidence-based, trauma-informed, whole-family recovery program. Through a cognitive behavioral, support group model, *CF!* introduces and strengthens the skills necessary to live a safe, healthy, and contented life. With parents in new-found recovery, the focus is preventing children's future addiction, as well as improving the mental and physical health for everyone in the family. *CF!* has been shown by outside evaluators to strengthen recovery, improve family re-unification and increase healthy living skills for families impacted by addiction, family violence, child abuse and neglect. This training is for professionals and potential volunteers who are interested in learning how to facilitate this 16-session evidence-based support group model for families affected by addiction.

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By the conclusion of this workshop, participants will:

- Gain knowledge and understanding about alcohol, drug and brain chemistry, domestic violence risk and protective factors and how addiction affects the whole family.
  - Understand and implement the fundamentals and framework unique to the implementation of the *CF!* program
  - Develop their own connection with the *CF!* material and begin planning for implementation in their organization and/or community
  - Demonstrate ability to co-facilitate the 16-week program virtually or in-person to fidelity
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Melissa Santos, BSW is the Senior Director of Professional Development and Organizational Initiatives at Community Solutions in Santa Clara County, CA overseeing internal clinical training, leadership development, community-based training and strategic initiatives. She has over 20 years of experience in the behavioral health field and is a national trainer and CA Lead of the *Celebrating Families!* evidence-based model. Melissa has been a member of the Santa Clara County Touchpoints training team for over 10 years and facilitates trainings, conference workshops and webinars on trauma-informed care, mindfulness, recovery and organizational leadership throughout the country.



John R. Durbin, CADC II, SUDCC II, is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor who's many roles include: The Training and Development Coordinator, Parent Facilitator and National Trainer for the *Celebrating Families!* Program, Co-Chair of the Medication Assisted Treatment Inclusion Coalition Committee (M.I.C.); Member, Board of Directors for the California Association of DUI Treatment Programs (CADTP), Person In Long-Term Recovery; and Recently Married to his Lovely Wife Lori, Step Father to Tyler, and very proud "Papa" to two Rescue Kitties - Sadie and Lola. He was Educated in Psychology and Computer Science at California State University, Sacramento as well as graduating top of his class in the California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources Institute (now CCAPP). He has been a trainer and educator for 16 years now, and loves teaching others.