

# TITLE IV-E COLLABORATIVE Presents

## Embracing Values, Intentions and Purposes to Support Values, Intentions and Purposes

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**MIKE MERTZ** is the Director of Staff Development as well as a National Family Finding and Engagement Trainer with Seneca Family of Agencies. He currently coaches staff and trains providers nationwide on the Family Finding model as well as other family engagement strategies that foster collaborative endeavors for building lifetime support networks for children and youth. In addition to Mike's vast training and coaching experience, he has over 26 years of experience leading and managing both residential and community based programs engaged in promoting the voice of youth and families.

**Robert Friend, LCSW** is the Director of the National Institute for Permanent Family Connectedness at Seneca Family of Agencies. Bob is the co-chair of the Permanency Committee of the California Child Welfare Council and has previously co-chaired or participated in several statewide initiatives that promoted system change, permanency for young people, and greater access and inclusion for families and connections. Bob trains, coaches and consults nationally to positively impact individuals, agencies and system change efforts that promote belonging and connectedness for children and youth in foster care to affirming, loving and caring adults.

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Registration 8:30 AM

West Valley Campbell Community Center  
One West Campbell Avenue, Campbell, CA

Room J69

This institute will focus on the efforts to identify and understand the Values, Intentions, and Purposes (VIPs) of those we engage to develop loving, healthy, and sustained support networks for children and families. We will begin by outlining the objective of integrating collaborative practice activities into the Family Finding approach, and then provide the opportunity for attendees to learn and apply the tools of Appreciative Inquiry, Mattering, Intentional Strengths and the Tree of Life in their work. There will be facilitation of attendees' participation in these activities to promote comprehension and replication in their work. A combination of short periods of lecture, tool demonstration, experiential practice, and reflection will be utilized. The institute will conclude with small and larger room identification and discussions of site-based practices that utilize the principles common to these approaches. Handouts detailing the Tree of Life and Intentional Strengths will also be provided.

### Eligible County Employees



For questions contact Staff Development & Training at [rianna.garcia01@ssa.sccgov.org](mailto:rianna.garcia01@ssa.sccgov.org)

\*Must obtain Supervisor approval prior to registering\*

### All Other Eligible Employees

Register on-line here:

<https://register.asapconnected.com/ClassDetail.aspx?pk=1295207>

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