

# preparing for court agenda

## Preparing and Presenting for Success in Court

Portland State University Child Welfare Partnership Training Unit

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### Monday, September 28

#### Welcome and Introduction Pre-Assessment

Daniel Schneider  
Dan Garris (facilitator)  
Kirstin O'Dell  
Jeffrey Asprocolas

9:00 – 10:30

#### Laws Influencing Child Welfare Practice

Dan Garris  
Daniel Schneider (facilitator)

10:30 – 12:00

- Identify the sources of law which create and define child welfare law and practice.
- Understand the caseworker's role within the larger system of government and how each branch of government balances the others.

#### Juvenile Court Hearings Roles in the Courtroom

Daniel Schneider  
Dan Garris (facilitator)

1:00 – 4:30

- Know the purpose and findings made for each type of Juvenile Dependency hearing.
- Differentiate between Juvenile Dependency and other types of court hearings.
- Know the rights and roles of parties, attorneys, and the Court.
- Know when a lay, qualified, or expert witness is required.

### Tuesday, September 29

#### Protective Custody Reports, Petitions and Court Orders

Sheila Warren  
Daniel Schneider (facilitator)

9:00 – 12:00

- Understand the purpose of the petition, allegations, and supporting documentation as they relate to the Court's jurisdictional basis.
- Know how to present a petition at a court hearing.
- Understand the importance of reviewing and responding to court orders.

#### Court Reports

Sheila Warren  
Daniel Schneider (facilitator)

1:00 – 2:30

- Understand the purpose and importance of documenting and presenting accurate and complete information appropriate to the hearing.
- Know the importance of trauma-informed engagement and preparation of case participants (parents, incarcerated parents, children, the tribe, grandparents, and caregivers) for court.

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## Learning Circles:

Sheila Warren / Daniel Schneider  
Angelica Quintero / Emily Hawkins

**2:30 – 4:30**

Brief Introduction of Presenters

**2:30 – 2:35**

Learning Circle 1 Foreign National and Refugee Families – Angelica Quintero

**2:35 – 3:00**

Learning Circle 2 Working with Court Involved ICWA Families – Emily Hawkins

**3:05 – 3:30**

Learning Circle 3 Incarcerated and Remote Parents – Sheila Warren

**3:35 – 4:00**

Learning Circle 4 Preparing Children for Court – Andrea Bellows

**4:05 – 4:30**

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## Wednesday, September 30

### Citizen Review Boards

CRB-Amy Benedum  
Daniel Schneider

**9:00 – 10:00**

- Become familiar with the Citizen Review Board's structure, required timelines, review requirements, findings and recommendations.
- Identify caseworker roles and responsibilities in relation to the Citizen Review Board.

### Preparing for and Presenting in Court

Sheila Warren  
Dan Garris (facilitator)

**10:00 – 12:00**

- Know preparation strategies and skills necessary to present cases effectively in court

### Testifying in Court

Sheila Warren  
Dan Garris (facilitator)  
Daniel Schneider (backup)

**1:00 – 4:30**

- Know preparation strategies and skills necessary to testify effectively.
  - Practice direct and cross examination skills.
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## Thursday, October 1

### Simulations: Direct and Cross Examination, Presenting the Case

Michelle Warden  
Sheila Warren

**Group 1**  
**8:00 – 12:00**

**Group 2**  
**1:00 – 5:00**

- Demonstrate ability to effectively present a case in court.
- Demonstrate ability to provide effective testimony in court.

### Discovery, Disclosure, Confidentiality Liability and Risk Management

Daniel Schneider  
Dan Garris (facilitator)

**Group 1**  
**1:00 – 4:30**

**Group 2**  
**9:00 – 12:00**

- Understand the importance of and processes involved in discovery, disclosure, and confidentiality.
- Know the risk of personal and professional liability and how to manage the potential for risk as a Social Service Specialist.

## Friday, October 2

### Governor's Advocacy Office: Foster Care Ombudsman

Darin Mancuso/Zach Gehringer  
Daniel Schneider

**9:00 – 10:10**

- Understand the purpose and importance of the Governor's Advocacy Office and Foster Care Ombudsman.

### Working with the Juvenile Department

Chuck Meyer  
Daniel Schneider (facilitator)

**10:20 – 11:20**

- Understand the expectations and processes involved when partnering with the Juvenile Department.

### OR-Kids: Locating and Reviewing Legal Documents

Mike Hansen, OR-Kids  
Daniel Schneider (facilitator)

**11:30 – 12:00**

- Know how to locate and review legal documentation in OR Kids.

### Video Review & Self Reflection Assignment

**1:00 – 1:30**

- Completing the video review and self-reflection on your own.

### Working with the Agency's Attorney

Daniel Schneider  
Dan Garris

**1:30 – 2:00**

- Know when and under what circumstances it is appropriate to seek the advice and assistance of the Attorney General's Office.

### Learning Assessment

Kirstin O'Dell  
Jeffrey Asprocolas

**2:00 – 4:00**