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Preparing and Presenting for Success in Court

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Monday, October 22

Welcome and Introduction Pre-Assessment

Daniel Schneider
Kirstin O'Dell/Jeffrey Asprocolas
Dan Garris

9:00 – 10:30

Laws Influencing Child Welfare Practice

Daniel Schneider
Dan Garris

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

Dan Garris
Daniel Schneider

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, October 23

Protective Custody Reports and Petitions Mock Shelter Hearing

Andrea Bellows
Jose Maciel

9:00 – 12:00

- Understand the purpose of the petition, allegations, and supporting documentation as they relate to the Court's jurisdictional basis.

Court Reports

Jose Maciel
Daniel Schneider

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:

Preparing Children for Court

Incarcerated and Remote Parents

Foreign National and Refugee Families

Working with Court Involved ICWA Families

Andrea Bellows/Daniel Schneider

Jose Maciel/Daniel Schneider

Angelica Quintero/David Matz

Emily Hawkins/Christine Kamps

2:30 – 4:30

Brief Introduction of Presenters

2:30 – 2:35

Learning Circle 1

2:35 – 3:00

Learning Circle 2

3:05 – 3:30

Learning Circle 3

3:35 – 4:00

Learning Circle 4

4:05 – 4:30

Wednesday, October 24

Citizen Review Boards

CRB Megan Hassen/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.
- Know strategies for preparing to present in court and at the Citizen Review Board.
- Know how to present cases effectively in court and at the Citizen Review Board.

Preparing for and Presenting in Court

Daniel Schneider

10:00 – 12:00

Testifying

Dan Garris

1:00 – 4:15

- Know preparation strategies and skills necessary to testify effectively.

Reviewing and Responding to Court Orders

Daniel Schneider

4:15 – 4:30

Introduction to and Instructions for Simulations

Dan Garris

- Understand the importance of reviewing and responding to court orders and CRB recommendations.

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Thursday, October 25

Simulations: Direct and Cross Examination, Presenting the Case

Tim Boettcher/Shelly Field
Dan Garris

Group 1
9:00 – 12:30

Group 2
1:00 – 4:30

- 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
Jose Maciel

Group 1
1:30 – 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 26

Governor's Advocacy Office: Foster Care Ombudsman

Darin Mancuso/Zach Geringer
Daniel Schneider

9:00 – 10:10

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

Working with Juvenile Delinquency

Erik East/Joan Oliver
Daniel Schneider

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

11:30 – 12:00

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

Working with the Agency's Attorney

Daniel Schneider
Jose Maciel

1:00 – 1:30

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

Learning Assessment

Daniel Schneider
Kirstin O'Dell/Jeffrey Asprocolas
Jose Maciel

1:30 – 4:00