Course Syllabus

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Course Description

This online Red Book Training Course is designed to assist you in preparing for the Child Welfare Law Specialist (CWLS) examination. It can also serve as an overall review of dependency competency areas. The course will consist of seven webinars delivered over a period of 12 weeks.

The material covered in the course is drawn from Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents, and State Agencies in Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Cases (3rd Edition). The course is intended to assist you in breaking the material down, focusing on important concepts, and guiding you through the material in the Red Book. This course will not cover every chapter. The instructor has made intentional decisions about what information to cover in the time that is allotted for the course. If a chapter is not covered, that does not mean that content from that chapter will not appear on the exam. Therefore, you should incorporate any chapters that are not covered into your self-study plans.

Important: Information given for each webinar session on the following page includes the section of the Red Book and corresponding chapters, and sections within each chapter, that will be covered. All sessions begin at 12:00pm Mountain Time. Please note that prior to each week it will be helpful if you have read the chapters and sections that will be covered. Most weeks, the webinar will be 1 hour long. However, sessions 2 and 7 will be 1.5 hours long in order to cover the material sufficiently. Also, please note that most sessions are every other week with the exception of sessions 5 and 6 which are consecutive weeks.
# Red Book Training Course

All sessions begin at 12:00pm Mountain Time

## SESSION 1
**Chapters Covered**  
**Sections**

**SEPTEMBER 18**  
**SESSION I**  
*The Context of Child Welfare Law*  
(1 hour)

1: The Context of Child Welfare Law  
1.1, 1.2, 1.3

2: Physical, Sexual, and Emotional Child Abuse and Neglect  
2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5

5: Investigative Interviewing of the Child  
5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5

6: Interviewing and Counseling Legal Clients Who Are Children  
6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5

7: Family Dynamics and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect  
7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7

8: Considering Culture in Child Abuse and Neglect Practice: Tips for Attorneys  
8.2, 8.3, 8.4

9: Secondary Trauma and Self-Care  
9.1, 9.2, 9.3

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## SESSION 2
**Chapters Covered**  
**Sections**

**OCTOBER 02**  
**SESSION II**  
*Legal Framework*  
(1.5 hours)

11: Federal Legislation Protecting Children and Providing for Their Well-Being  
11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6

12: U.S. Supreme Court Cases Regarding Child Welfare  
12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.7

13: The Indian Child Welfare Act  
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## SESSION 3
**Chapters Covered**  
**Sections**

**OCTOBER 16**  
**SESSION III**  
*The Child Welfare Legal Process, Ch. 14-20*  
(1 hour)

14: Child Protective Services Maltreatment Investigation/Assessment: An Overview for Attorneys  
14.5

15: Child Safety: What Judges and Lawyers Need to Know  
15.3, 15.5, 15.7, 15.9, 15.10

16: Due Process of Law and Child Protection  
16.2, 16.3, 16.5

17: A Child’s Journey Through the Child Welfare System  
17.2, 17.3, 17.4, 17.5, 17.6, 17.7, 17.8, 17.9, 17.10, 17.11, 17.12, 17.13

19: Interstate and International Issues  
19.2, 19.3, 19.4

20: Confidentiality  
20.2, 20.3

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## SESSION 4
**Chapters Covered**  
**Sections**

**OCTOBER 30**  
**SESSION III, CONT'D**  
*The Child Welfare Legal Process, Ch. 21-28*  
(1 hour)

21: Collateral Proceedings  
21.3, 21.4, 21.5, 21.6

22.2, 22.3

24: Advocating for Educational Success for Children in Foster Care  
24.2, 24.3, 24.4

25: Foster Youth: Transitioning from Foster Care into Self-Sufficient Adulthood  
25.2, 25.3, 25.5

27: Establishing Legal Permanence for the Child  
27.2, 27.4, 27.5, 27.9

28: Child Welfare Appellate Advocacy  
28.2, 28.4, 28.5

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## SESSION 5
**Chapters Covered**  
**Sections**

**NOVEMBER 13**  
**SESSION IV**  
*The Role and Duties of Legal Counsel*  
(1 hour)

29.2, 29.3, 29.4

30: Representing Parents in Child Welfare Cases  
30.2, 30.7

31: Representing Children and Youth  
31.2, 31.3, 31.4, 31.5, 31.6

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## SESSION 6
**Chapters Covered**  
**Sections**

**NOVEMBER 20**  
**SESSION V**  
*Courtroom Advocacy*  
(1 hour)

32: Children in Court  
32.2, 32.3, 32.4, 32.5, 32.6

33: Special Evidentiary Issues  
33.2, 33.3

34: Trial Advocacy  
34.1, 34.2, 34.3, 34.7, 34.8, 34.10

35: System and Policy Advocacy  
35.2, 35.3, 35.4, 35.5, 35.6, 35.8

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## SESSION 7
**DECEMBER 04**  
**Review**  
(1.5 hours)

Prior to this session, you should have answered all of the practice questions (multiple choice and essay) and have your answers ready to review.

During this review session, we will focus on test-taking strategies for multiple choice questions and essay questions. We will also go over the answers to the practice multiple choice questions and provide the rubric and model answers for the practice essays.