

# NACC Red Book Training Course

## Course Syllabus

MAY 12 – JUN 23, 2021

### Instructor

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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 weekly webinars.

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 are on Wednesdays, beginning at 3:00pm 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.



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# Schedule

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SESSION 1	Chapters Covered	Sections
<b>MAY 12</b> <b>SECTION I</b> <b>The Context of Child Welfare Law</b> (1 hour)	<b>1:</b> The Context of Child Welfare Law	1.1, 1.2, 1.3
	<b>2:</b> Physical, Sexual, and Emotional Child Abuse and Neglect	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5
	<b>5:</b> Investigative Interviewing of the Child	5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
	<b>6:</b> Interviewing and Counseling Legal Clients Who Are Children	6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5
	<b>7:</b> Family Dynamics and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect	7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7
	<b>8:</b> Considering Culture in Child Abuse and Neglect Practice: Tips for Attorneys	8.2, 8.3, 8.4
	<b>9:</b> Secondary Trauma and Self-Care	9.1, 9.2, 9.3
SESSION 2	Chapters Covered	Sections
<b>MAY 19</b> <b>SECTION II</b> <b>Legal Framework</b> (1.5 hours)	<b>11:</b> Federal Legislation Protecting Children and Providing for Their Well-Being	11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6
	<b>12:</b> U.S. Supreme Court Cases Regarding Child Welfare	12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.7
	<b>13:</b> The Indian Child Welfare Act	13.3
SESSION 3	Chapters Covered	Sections
<b>MAY 26</b> <b>SECTION III</b> <b>The Child Welfare Legal Process, Ch. 14-20</b> (1 hour)	<b>14:</b> Child Protective Services Maltreatment Investigation/Assessment: An Overview for Attorneys	14.5
	<b>15:</b> Child Safety: What Judges and Lawyers Need to Know	15.3, 15.5, 15.7, 15.9, 15.10
	<b>16:</b> Due Process of Law and Child Protection	16.2, 16.3, 16.5
	<b>17:</b> 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
	<b>19:</b> Interstate and International Issues	19.2, 19.3, 19.4
<b>20:</b> Confidentiality	20.2, 20.3	
SESSION 4	Chapters Covered	Sections
<b>JUN 02</b> <b>SECTION III, CONT'D</b> <b>The Child Welfare Legal Process, Ch. 21-28</b> (1 hour)	<b>21:</b> Collateral Proceedings	21.3, 21.4, 21.5, 21.6
	<b>22:</b> Immigration Issues – Representing Children Who Are Not United States Citizens	22.2, 22.3
	<b>24:</b> Advocating for Educational Success for Children in Foster Care	24.2, 24.3, 24.4
	<b>25:</b> Foster Youth: Transitioning from Foster Care into Self-Sufficient Adulthood	25.2, 25.3, 25.5
	<b>27:</b> Establishing Legal Permanence for the Child	27.2, 27.4, 27.5, 27.9
	<b>28:</b> Child Welfare Appellate Advocacy	28.2, 28.4, 28.5
SESSION 5	Chapters Covered	Sections
<b>JUN 09</b> <b>SECTION IV</b> <b>The Role and Duties of Legal Counsel</b> (1 hour)	<b>29:</b> Agency Representation in Child Welfare Proceedings	29.2, 29.3, 29.4
	<b>30:</b> Representing Parents in Child Welfare Cases	30.2, 30.7
	<b>31:</b> Representing Children and Youth	31.2, 31.3, 31.4, 31.5, 31.6
SESSION 6	Chapters Covered	Sections
<b>JUN 16</b> <b>SECTION V</b> <b>Courtroom Advocacy</b> (1 hour)	<b>32:</b> Children in Court	32.2, 32.3, 32.4, 32.5, 32.6
	<b>33:</b> Special Evidentiary Issues	33.2, 33.3
	<b>34:</b> Trial Advocacy	34.1, 34.2, 34.3, 34.7, 34.8, 34.10
	<b>35:</b> System and Policy Advocacy	35.2, 35.3, 35.4, 35.5, 35.6, 35.8
SESSION 7	<b>Prior to this session, you should have answered all of the practice questions (multiple choice and essay) and have your answers ready to review.</b> 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.	
<b>JUN 23</b> <b>Review</b> (1.5 hours)		