

Dependency Law and Skills Interactive Training Course

Interactive Training & Skills-Based Course for ICWA Advocates

2 ½ Day Course:

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Materials and

References: ICWA Advocate Guide

Dependency Law and Skills Program Handbook

TOPIC AGENDA

- I. BRIEF OVERVIEW
 - a. DEMYSTIFYING THE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY SYSTEM
 - i. Child Welfare Generally
 - ii. Overview of Resources
 - iii. Governing Laws
 - iv. Court System
 - b. OVERVIEW OF ICWA
- II. ROLE OF ICWA ADVOCATE
- III. PRE-DETENTION INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION
- IV. ADVOCATE'S ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
 - a. INTERVENTION
 - b. REQUESTS TO TRANSFER
 - c. REQUEST TO CHANGE VENUE
 - d. REQUESTS TO INVALIDATE
 - e. PETITION FOR "MODIFICATION" OR "CHANGE OF ORDER" REQUEST
 - f. RESTRAINING ORDERS
- V. KEY AREAS OF ADVOCATE PARTICIPATION
 - a. NOTICE AND INQUIRY
 - b. TRIBAL RESOLUTION/FULL FAITH AND CREDIT
 - c. QUALIFIED INDIAN EXPERT WITNESS
 - d. ACTIVE EFFORTS
 - e. PLACEMENT
 - f. PERMANENCY PLANNING
 - i. TRIBAL CUSTOMARY ADOPTION
 - ii. GUARDIANSHIP
 - iii. FOSTER CARE
- VI. STAGES OF DEPENDENCY – WHAT TO LOOK FOR
- VII. PREPARING FOR HEARING
 - a. Case Analysis and Development of a Position
 - b. Discovery and Rights to Case Records
 - c. Continuances
 - d. Pre-Trial Resolution
 - e. Court Filings
 - f. Preparing Evidence For Contested Hearing
- VIII. PARTICIPATING IN HEARING
 - a. Discovery
 - b. Handling of Documentary Evidence
 - c. Facing Objections
 - d. Making A Record
 - e. Findings and Orders

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