



FLORIDA BAR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SECTION TRAINING CONSORTIUM **SUGGESTED CURRICULUM FOR CHILDREN'S ATTORNEYS**

1. Ethics of Representing Children

a. Trainings

- i. [Ethical Issues in Representing Children, Robin Rosenberg, Esq. \(April 2014\)](#)
- ii. [Ethics in Dependency Practice – Practice for GAL and AAL, David Silverstein, Esq. \(March 2011\)](#)
- iii. [Dependency Court: Ethical Considerations, Florida Bar Legal Needs of Child Subcommittee Panel \(2011\)](#)

b. Resources

- i. [Legal Ethics in Child Welfare Cases, Jennifer L. Renne, ABA Center on Children and the Law \(2004\)](#)
- ii. [Advocating for Very Young Children in Dependency Proceedings: The Hallmarks of Effective, Ethical Representation, Candice Maze, ABA Center on Children and the Law \(2010\)](#)

2. Representing Children in Florida

a. Training

- i. [Guidelines for Attorneys Representing Children in Abuse and Neglect Proceedings, Gerry Glynn, Esq. \(May 2014\)](#)

b. Resources

- i. [Florida Guidelines of Practice for Attorneys who Represent Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases](#)

c. Cases

- i. R.L.R. v. State, 116 So.3d 570 (Fla. 3d DCA 2013).

3. Interviewing Children/Children in Court

a. Training

- i. [Youth in Court, Robin Rosenberg and Florida Youth Shine \(2012\)](#)
- ii. [Child Hearsay, Charles W. Ehrhardt \(2011\)](#)
- iii. [Initial Client Interview, Jessica Rae, Esq., \(2013\)](#)
- iv. [Interviewing the Child Client, American Bar Association, Section of Litigation](#)

b. Resources

- i. [Attorneys For Children Guide to Interviewing Clients: Integrating Trauma Informed Care and Solution Focused Strategies, Karen A. Reitman \(2011\)](#)
- ii. [Child Interview Guide, Prepared by Harborview Center for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress and WA State Criminal Justice Training Commission \(Revised 8/06\).](#)
- iii. [Child Safety: A Guide for Judges and Attorneys, Theresa Roe Lund and Jennifer Renne, American Bar Association and ACTION for Child Protection, Inc. \(2009\)](#)

4. Overview of Dependency

a. Trainings

- i. [Dependency 101, Jessica Rae, Esq. \(April 2012\)](#)
- ii. [Representing Teens Aging Out of Foster Care, Jessica Rae, Esq. \(April 2014\)](#)
- iii. [Master Trust, Deborah Schroth \(2014\)](#)

b. Resources

- i. [Florida Courts, Dependency Benchbook \(2012\)](#)
- ii. [Florida Juvenile Law And Practice, 13th Edition](#)
- iii. [Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents, and State Agencies in Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Cases \(Duquette and Haralambie, Bradford Publishing 2010\)](#)
- iv. [The Hidden Powers of the Circuit Court Judge to Protect the Federal Rights of Florida’s Foster Children, Howard Talenfeld, Maria Elena Abate, & Tracey K. McPharlin \(2007\)](#)
- v. [ABA Section of Litigation, Children’s Rights Litigation Committee, Changing Lives: Lawyers Fighting for Children \(Lourdes M. Rosado, ed., 2014\)](#)
- vi. [Dependency at a Glance Checklist](#) Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (2014)
- vii. [Termination of Parental Rights Checklist](#) Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (2013)
- viii. [Case Plan Checklist](#), Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (2014)

- ix. [Normalcy Checklist](#), Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (2014)
- x. [Extending Foster Care Checklist](#), Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (2014)
- xi. [Practice Bulletin – Expediting Permanency](#) Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (2010)

5. Children in or at Risk of Being Placed in Skilled Nursing Homes

a. Resources

- i. [Children's Multidisciplinary Assessment Team \(CMAT\) Fact Sheet, Children's Medical Services](#)
- ii. [Children's Multidisciplinary Assessment Team \(CMAT\) Overview, Children's Medical Services](#)
- iii. [Children's Multidisciplinary Assessment Team, Children's Medical Services, Statewide Operational Plan \(2010\)](#)
- iv. [Medical Foster Care, Children's Medical Services, Statewide Operational Plan \(2005\)](#)
- v. [Florida Medicaid, Medical Foster Care Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, Agency for Health Care Administration](#)
- vi. [EPSDT Coverage Guide](#)

b. Cases

- i. A.R. ex rel. Root v. Dudek, --- F.Supp.2d ---- (S.D. Fla. 2014).

6. Psychotropic Medication

a. Trainings

- i. [Psychotropic Medication and Foster Care: Law and Advocacy, Robert Latham, Esq. \(February 2014\)](#)
- ii. [Overview of Psychotropic Medications for Children and Adolescents, Robin Rosenberg, Esq., Dr. Daniel Castellanos, Bernard Perlmutter, Esq. \(June 2010\)](#)

b. Resources

- i. [UF MedConsults \(1-866-453-2266\)](#)
- ii. [Psychotropic Medications and Children in Foster Care: Tips for Advocates and Judges, JoAnne Solchany, Ph.D., ARNP, ABA Center on Children and the Law, \(2011\)](#)
- iii. [Critical Think Rx](#)
- iv. [Guide on Psychotropic Meds for Youth in Foster Care \(2012\)](#)
- v. [Psychotropic Medication Checklist, Florida Guardian ad Litem Program \(2008\)](#)

7. Developmental Disability

a. Training

- i. [2014 Guardian ad Litem Disabilities Training Conference](#)
- ii. [Agency for Persons with Disabilities APD Application and Appellate Process, Bethanie Barber, Esq. & Ericka Garcia, Esq. \(May 2014\)](#)

- iii. [Accessing Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Resources, Kirsten Clanton, Esq., Nancy Wright, Esq., & Dr. Marion Landua-Figueroa \(May 2014\).](#)

8. Children Being Considered for Placement in a Residential Treatment Center (SIPP)

- a. Trainings
 - i. [Advocacy for Dependent Youth With Disabilities \(Bernard Perlmutter, February 2014\)](#)
- b. Resources
 - i. [Rights in a Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program \(SIPP\) for Children under 18, Disability Rights Florida](#)
 - ii. [Bazelon Center](#)
 - iii. [AHCA Map of SIPPs in Florida](#)
 - iv. [Florida Medicaid, Community Behavioral Health Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, AHCA \(2014\)](#)
- c. Cases
 - i. M.W. v. Davis, 756 So.2d 90 (2000)
 - ii. In Interest of L.W., 615 So.2d 834 (Fla. 4th DCA1993).

9. Victims of Human Trafficking

- a. Trainings
 - i. [Florida Center for Child Welfare, Sexual Exploitation of Children \(Human Trafficking\) web page](#)
- b. Resources
 - i. [Polaris Project](#)
 - ii. [Kristi House](#)
 - iii. [Shared Hope International](#)

Additional issues to consider when representing children pursuant to F.S. 39.01305.

For more resources or assistance with locating an expert in a specific area of the law, check out www.F4CF.org

- a. Americans with Disabilities Act
 - i. [ADA Basics](#)
 - ii. [Olmstead: Community Integration for Everyone](#)

- b. The Baker Act
 - i. [USF training](#)
- c. Immigration
 - i. [Undocumented Children and the Immigration System, Florida Bar Legal Needs of Children Subcommittee Panel \(2012\)](#)
- d. Education
 - i. [Special Education Law, Paolo Annino, Esq. \(September 2012\)](#)
 - ii. [Introduction to the Law of School Discipline: How to Protect Foster Children's Rights to an Education, Gerry Glynn \(2011\)](#)
 - iii. [Special Education Law, 2nd Edition, Peter W. D. Wright, Esq. and Pamela Darr Wright](#)
 - iv. [Learning Curves, Special Education Advocacy for Children in Foster Care, Kathleen McNaught, ABA \(2004\).](#)
- e. Health Care Advocates and [Advance Directives](#)
- f. [Master Trust Practice Bulletin](#), Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (2010)
- g. Special Need Trusts
- h. Disability Benefits
 - i. [Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income: Basics for Child Advocate Attorneys, Edward Dimayuga, Esq. \(May 2014\)](#)
 - ii. [What You Should Know Before You Apply for SSI Disability Benefits for a Child, Form SSA-1171-KIT \(02-2010\)](#)
- i. Guardianships
- j. Plenary Guardianships
 - i. [Guardianship: All You Need to Know, Elizabeth Hubbart, Desiree Marengo & Sharon Langer \(2014\)](#)
- k. Cross-over youth
 - i. [Crossover Youth Training, Rob Mason, Esq. \(2012\)](#) [Delinquency](#)
 - ii. [Crossover Youth Dependency, Education and Girls Checklists](#) Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (2014)
- l. Trauma Informed Care
 - i. [The National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint \(NCTIC\)](#)
 - ii. [National Child Trauma Stress Network](#)