



Archived Webinars Support Child Welfare Practice in NC

The NC Division of Social Services regularly sponsors 90-minute webinars to enhance child welfare practice. Recordings of many of these events, as well as supplementary handouts and follow-up documents are available here: <http://fcrp.unc.edu/webinars.asp>. If you haven't already, pay a visit to this site. Webinar recordings and the documents that go with them provide a wealth of useful practice information, as the examples below illustrate.

Examples of Questions Answered in Recorded Webinars (and accompanying documents)

The Top 10 Issues in Adoption Review & Indexing (December 2012)

- Is there a list of places to check for locating fathers? How often have fathers actually been located via publication?
- What is the expected timeline of adoptions from petition to post-decree?

Documentation (December 2014)

- What is the best way to incorporate emails into documentation?
- What is the Attorney General's position on drug screens? Is it true we can't require parents to take drug screens?

Building a Foundation for Success in Court (June 2013)

- Can you offer tips for writing court reports? Is there a required format for the reports DSS agencies should use?
- What if DSS has a different recommendation than the GAL?

Quality Case Reviews (April 2014)

- What is a quality case review?
- What benefits are there to implementing an agency quality case review process?

ADHD: Medication and Treatment Considerations (November 2013)

- Is it true half of the medications children in foster care use aren't FDA-approved?
- I have a child with ADHD. The school says his behaviors are not a reason for continuing his Individualized Education Plan, so they have dropped it. Can they do that?

Engaging Families Affected by Domestic Violence (February 2014)

- What is domestic violence? What isn't?
- What are the qualifications for an approved batterer intervention program? How do these programs differ from anger management programs?
- Where can I find resources to help parents understand the effects of domestic violence on their children?

Promoting Normalcy for Youth and Children in Foster Care (November 2015)

- What is the reasonable and prudent parent standard?
- Does the standard affect things like kids getting haircuts?

Concurrent Planning and Making Medical Decisions (February 2016)

- Can DSS consent to immunizations for a child in foster care? What about psychotropic medications?
- When are reunification efforts not required?
- Is concurrent planning required?