
December 6 (1:00-5:30 ET) and 7 (1:00-4:30 ET) 2022

Learning Objectives:

Session 1. Overview of Court Systems and Social Work Roles Interfacing With Court Systems
1) Identify the various forms of court-related activities in which forensic social workers participate
2) Explain the importance of the interface of social workers in the court systems especially those involving minor children
3) Describe at least 2 limitations to court-related work by social work professionals, and how social work expectations can be managed as regards court-related interaction

Session 2. The Call to Court
1) Differentiate core agency policies of hos services versus human services
2) Describe professional responsibility with regard to court subpoenas
3) Explain the ethical relationship of social workers to minor clients and their families and how this relationship is impacted by court-ordered testimony

Session 3. Preparation, Preparation, Preparation
1) Identify the various components of research and information gathering in the forensic social work profession
3) List the different types of mitigation reports filed in court and their purpose

Session 4. Forensic Documentation
1) Describe core considerations when drafting a mitigation report to courts
2) Identify key components of a forensic report in response to a juvenile court
3) Identify strategies for report writing in compliance with NASW Code of Ethics

Session 5. Testifying
1) Identify the various types of subpoenas from court systems
2) Describe criteria involved in serving as an expert witness
3) Identify strategies for testifying in court and overcoming challenges by defense attorneys

Session 6. Mock Court
1) Identify at least 2 key considerations when delivering court testimony
2) Describe criteria involved in serving as an expert witness
3) Identify strategies for testifying in court and overcoming challenges by defense attorneys

