

Bridging the Gap

Between Caseworkers and Attorneys in Child Welfare
Law

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Objectives



Facilitate group discussion regarding unique issues prevalent in the prosecution of child welfare case.



Provide practical solutions to address common pitfalls



Focus on the unique attorney-client relationship that exists between attorneys prosecuting these cases and DSS staff.

The Problem(s)



Training



When?



Where?



How?



Who?

The issues occur before we get to Court...

Common Pitfalls in Child Welfare cases

- Reasonable efforts
- Imminent risk
- Relative Resources

The issue with case notes is...

- Proximity
- Bias
- Goals
- Strengths

Actually, the issues happen a little earlier than that...



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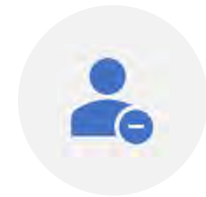
7 DAY SAFETY
ASSESSMENT



CASE NOTES



RECALL



TURNOVER

Re-Training



“Law School Lite”

Petitions

Hearing types

Standard

Evidence



Practical training

Testimony

Cross examination



Questions?