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AFCC's Online Training Program



Advanced Issues for Family Law and Dispute Resolution Professionals

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mental health, and dispute resolution professionals.*

January 17-January 19, 2023

Topics Include:

Child Sexual Abuse
Substance Use/Misuse
Forgiveness Interventions with Parent-Child
Contact Problems
Intimate Partner Violence
Interviewing Children
Trauma and Resilience

Training Team

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improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict.**

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This program addresses the challenges often associated with the most intractable family disputes, including intimate partner violence, parent-child contact problems (including parental alienation) and forgiveness interventions, child interviews, child abuse/neglect, and substance use/misuse. The program includes new content, and updates to familiar topics.

Presenters will examine how to address difficult challenges, including: the dynamics of intimate partner violence in parenting time disputes; the continuum for parent-child contact problems (including affinity, alignment, realistic estrangement, and parental alienation); effectively integrating child interviews and the voice of the child; and providing virtual services in a variety of contexts. Presenters will share the latest and most relevant research, while examining the many controversies related to these issues from multiple perspectives.

This online training program takes place in two segments per day, two hours each. Registration includes access to recordings of all training program sessions.

Learning Objectives

Participants in this training will be able to:

- Identify four ways that abuse allegations arise during family law cases.
- Distinguish between reliable and unreliable assessments of allegations.
- Apply information about how children disclose sexual abuse.
- Formulate three action steps to utilize when working on cases involving families with substance use concerns.
- Identify three components of an addiction-sensitive parenting plan.
- Describe the continuum of parent-child contact problems.
- Identify differences between decisional forgiveness and emotional forgiveness.
- Review strategies to increase forgiveness in parent-child contact problem dynamics.
- Explore the SAFeR approach to child custody decision making in cases involving intimate partner violence.
- Compare ways that practitioners in various family law roles implement the SAFeR method.
- Use developmentally appropriate questions in child interviews.
- Apply a continuum of suggestiveness of questions in child interviews.
- Ask children about specific topics relevant to family law cases.
- Distinguish trauma from ordinary, challenging life events.
- Review strategies for helping clients develop coping skills and build resiliency.

Agenda

	Vancouver	Chicago	New York	Dublin	Barcelona	Tel Aviv
January 17						
Child Sexual Abuse	8am-10am	10am-12pm	11am-1pm	4pm-6pm	5pm-7pm	6pm-8pm
Substance Use/Misuse	11am-1pm	1pm-3pm	2pm-4pm	7pm-9pm	8pm-10pm	9pm-11pm
January 18						
Forgiveness Interventions with Parent-Child Contact	8am-10am	10am-12pm	11am-1pm	4pm-6pm	5pm-7pm	6pm-8pm
Intimate Partner Violence	11am-1pm	1pm-3pm	2pm-4pm	7pm-9pm	8pm-10pm	9pm-11pm
January 19						
Child Interviews	8am-10am	10am-12pm	11am-1pm	4pm-6pm	5pm-7pm	6pm-8pm
Trauma and Resilience	11am-1pm	1pm-3pm	2pm-4pm	7pm-9pm	8pm-10pm	9pm-11pm

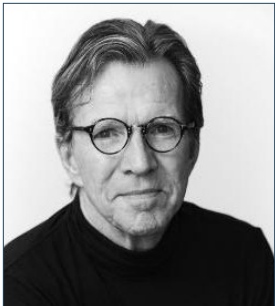
Training Team



Chioma Ajoku, JD, PhD, ABPP, is a private practitioner in New York State and the owner of Forensic Psych Solutions. The focus of her practice is forensic evaluations and child/adolescent therapy. Dr. Ajoku graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College with a BA in Psychological and Brain Sciences. She then obtained a dual degree, MA/JD (psychology/law), from Duke University and Duke University School of Law, and was admitted to the NYS Bar. She subsequently obtained her PhD in Clinical Psychology from the CUNY Graduate Center via the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Additionally, Dr. Ajoku completed her clinical internship year at Rutgers University in Piscataway as the Adolescent Forensic Track intern. Afterward, she completed a Child and Family Forensic Postdoctoral Fellowship at William James College. Dr. Ajoku is licensed to practice psychology in New York State. Currently, she serves on the Mental Health Professionals Certification Committee for the First and Second Judicial Departments of New York. She also serves on the AFCC Continuing Education Committee, the AFCC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and the board of AFCC-NY.



Mindy F. Mitnick, EdM, MA, is a Licensed Psychologist specializing in complex custody evaluations and cases with child abuse allegations. She provides training on the use of expert witnesses in child abuse and divorce cases, effective interviewing techniques with children, interventions in high-conflict divorce, and the impact of psychological trauma. She served on the AFCC task force that developed the *2019 Guidelines for Parenting Coordination*, the AFCC Task Force on Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapy and was co-chair of the Minnesota Child-Focused Parenting Time Guide Working Group. She is the immediate Past President of AFCC.



John A. Moran, PhD, is a licensed forensic/clinical psychologist with 35 years of experience serving as a court-appointed expert. He is on the Board of Directors of Overcoming Barriers, Inc., (OCB) and served as clinical director of three OCB residential family camps. He organizes multi-day intensive interventions for families responding to parent child contact problems. He is the author of two books—*Overcoming the Coparenting Trap: Essential Skills When a Child Resists a Parent*, and *Overcoming the Alienation Crisis: 33 Coparenting Solutions*. He has authored articles and chapters for professional publications and provides training to behavioral health professionals, attorneys and judges at local, regional, and national conferences. He is a former past president of the Arizona Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.



Stephanie Tabashneck, PsyD, JD, is a psychologist and attorney in Boston. Her practice areas include forensic psychological assessment, substance use issues, child custody, and criminal forensic evaluations. Dr. Tabashneck presents regionally and nationally on psychology and law topics, including at events organized by the American Bar Association, the Federal Judicial Center, the American Psychiatric Association, the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the Massachusetts Trial Courts, and the New York Office of Attorneys for Children.



Nancy Ver Steegh, JD, is a professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law where she teaches courses on family law, domestic violence, and mediation. Her scholarship explores domestic violence in the context of child-related decision making and the implications for dispute resolution processes. She was a consultant to the Battered Women's Justice Project on the development of the SAFeR system. She serves on the editorial board of the *Family Court Review* and is a former president of AFCC.

General Information

What's Included?

The registration fee includes live attendance to the program, access to the program materials including recordings and handouts from the presentation, and a certificate of attendance. Each attendee's certificate will reflect the hours viewed live only.

Note: If you are unable to attend live, recordings of the training programs will be available at a reduced price following the completion of the training programs. Continuing education credit is available only for programs attended live. For information, please contact AFCC at afcc@afccnet.org or 608-664-3750.

What Equipment Do I Need?

AFCC recommends using a desktop or laptop computer to take full advantage of Zoom's capabilities. This will provide a better viewing experience and will permit access to features not available on the Zoom app on tablets and smart phones. A stable internet connection is imperative for the best viewing experience. If you lose internet service, you may call into the training (call in numbers will be included in your confirmation email) and follow the slides that are available in advance of each program. If you need assistance, please call the AFCC office at 608-664-3750.

A Zoom account is not required if you are simply joining Zoom as a participant. It may, however, be simpler to sign on if you have an account. Please note that you must sign on from your own Zoom account. If you use a Zoom account that is registered in someone else's name, your attendance will not be recorded and AFCC will not be able to issue you a certificate of attendance. To insure you receive proper credit, use a Zoom account associated with the same email address you use for your AFCC profile. You can sign up for a free Zoom account at zoom.us/signup.

Continuing Education Credits

The Advanced Issues for Family Law and Dispute Resolution Professionals training program is eligible for 12 hours of continuing education for psychologists. AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC is recognized by the New York Education Department's State Board for Psychology as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists #PSY-0190. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program and its content. AFCC will make application for continuing education credits for social workers through the National Association of Social Workers. A certificate of attendance will be provided to all attendees. Attendees may use the AFCC Certificate of Attendance to verify attendance and apply for continuing education in their jurisdiction. Each attendee's certificate will reflect the training hours viewed live only. Other professionals may opt to apply for continuing education credits in their discipline in their jurisdiction by providing their certificate of attendance, the brochure, and any training materials directly to their accrediting body.

Cancellation Policy

Transfer of registration to another person may be made once, at any time without a fee. All requests for refunds must be made in writing. Written notice of cancellation received by fax, sent, and confirmed by email or postmarked by January 3, 2023, will be issued a full refund minus a \$75 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after January 3, 2023. AFCC reserves the right to cancel any training or substitute any presenter should circumstances beyond our control arise.

Time Zones

While it is not possible to schedule all sessions for daylight hours in all countries, recordings will be made available for purchase after the program has concluded. Please contact AFCC at afcc@afccnet.org for further information. The certificate of attendance will only include time logged while attending the initial live sessions.

More Information

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\$235

\$400

\$ _____

\$ _____

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