

## Appendix A

# Training Topics for Youth Representation in Washington State

### **Legal Authority (Federal, State, Local) .....**

Statutes

Case Law

Regulations

Court Rules

Agency Policy

Rules of Professional Conduct

Revised Children’s Representation Standards .....

### **Legal Skills.....**

Investigation/Discovery

Familiarity Application of Safety Assessment Tools

Developmentally Appropriate Client Interviewing and legal counseling

Working with Interpreters and experts

Trauma-Informed Advocacy

Case planning

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Trial Skills should include:

Shelter Care

Fact Finding

Termination

Guardianship

Adoption

Motions Practice

Children/Youth-Centered Reports to Court and Declarations

Contested Reviews

Reinstatement of Parental Rights

Legal Writing

Filing of appeal/appellate process

**Areas of Legal Knowledge:**

Required for standards-based Representation:

The Child Protective Referral and Investigation Process

Dependency (Indian Child Welfare Act, Extended Foster Care, Specialized Services, etc.)

Education (Protections and laws for youth in care,)

Adoption, Relative Guardianships

**Required for Issue-Spotting & Possible Referral/Collaboration:**

Special Education, School Discipline, Truancy

Delinquency/criminal law/crossover youth

Custody, paternity, child support issues

Identity Theft Prevention and Recovery

Public Benefits (SSI, SSDI, TANF, DDA, SNAP)

Immigration

Housing

Mental and Medical Health services and access

**Social Science**.....

Infant, Child and Adolescent Development

Attachment

Harms of Family Separation

Poverty

Mental Health

Trauma/ACES/Generational Trauma

Substance Abuse/Misuse

Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Dynamics of Sibling Relationships

Intrafamily Violence

Secondary Traumatic Stress/Compassion Fatigue

Protective Factors/Strength-based advocacy/Building Resilience

Importance of Building Long Term Connections

**Cultural Humility:**

Implicit Bias

Cultural Identity Concepts and Practices

White Supremacy and Racism

LGBTQUIA+ Considerations

Culturally Responsive and Respectful Lawyering

Adultism

Youth-led Trainings such as Culture of Foster Care, and Nothing Without Us

Youth/Adult Partnerships and Advocacy