



*The Office of the Child's Representative presents*

**ADVOCACY SKILLS BOOTCAMP**

February 27 – 28, 2012  
 University of Northern Colorado  
 Greeley, Colorado

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

8:15 – 9a.m.	<b>Registration (continental breakfast provided)</b>
9 – 9:10a.m.	<b>OPENING COMMENTS</b> Linda Weinerman, J.D., Executive Director, Office of the Child's Representative  Welcome and overview
9:10 - 10a.m.	<b>KEYNOTE SESSION</b> Skeet Johnson, JD, Guardian ad Litem
10 – 10:15a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:15 – 10:30a.m.	<b>LECTURE: Setting the Stage: Temporary Custody Hearing/Detention Hearings and Overcoming the Challenge of Limited Information</b> Linda Weinerman, J.D., Executive Director, Office of the Child's Representative
10:30 – 12p.m.	<b>LECTURE, DEMONSTRATION AND GUIDED DISCUSSION: Cross Examination</b> Jenna Reulbach, J.D., Attorney and Counselor at Law, Law Office of Jenna Reulbach
12-1p.m.	<b>Lunch Provided</b>
1-1:30p.m.	<b>BRAINSTORMING: Contested Placement. How do you Advocate given the Contested Placement Scenario?</b> Linda Weinerman and Dorothy Macias, OCR Staff  How do you advocate? Who's your witness? Motions? How to keep kids in same placement and alternatives to visitation? What about school stability issues?
1:30-2:15p.m.	<b>PRACTICE: Prepare Direct of hostile witness + Break (light refreshments provided)</b>
2:15-3:30p.m.	<b>SMALL GROUP PRACTICE #1: Direct of hostile witness</b>
3:30-3:45p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:45-4p.m.	<b>DEBRIEF</b> OCR Staff  Strategy regarding other witnesses Approaches to visitation
4 - 5p.m.	<b>LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION: Direct of a Witness</b> Stephanie Villafuerte, Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center  What's an effective direct? Theory of a direct In D&N cases, who would you call as a witness
HOMEWORK	Prepare your Direct of the Expert based on the treatment plan (use the expert report, CV, court report, physician's report) AND/OR Prepare your closing oral argument

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

8:15 – 9a.m.	<b>Registration (continental breakfast provided)</b>
9 – 10a.m.	<b>LECTURE: What do you do with a Treatment Plan that you know will not work?</b> Jeff Timlin, JD, Guardian ad Litem  Advocacy outside of the courtroom Motions - Mother treatment plan and Father's right to a treatment plan Who's your witness? Appropriateness/prioritizing what's included in a treatment plan Eliminating stock treatment plans Advocating for meaningfully devised, strength-based plans
10 – 10:30a.m.	<b>LECTURE AND GUIDED DISCUSSION: Types of Experts and Evaluations</b> Dorothy Macias, Legislative Liaison and Staff Attorney, Office of the Child's Representative
10:30 – 10:45a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:45 – 12p.m.	<b>SMALL GROUP PRACTICE #2: Direct Examination and Contested Amended Permanency Planning Hearing</b>
12 – 1p.m.	<b>Lunch Provided</b>
1 – 2:30p.m.	<b>LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION: Objections</b> Alison Bettenberg, J.D., Bettenberg, Sharshel & Maguire, LLC Tracy Maguire, J.D., Bettenberg, Sharshel & Maguire, LLC  Objections and preserving the record Discussion on a legal "toolbox"
2:30 – 2:45p.m.	<b>Break</b>
2:45 – 3:15p.m.	<b>REVIEW COURT REPORT AND PREPARE: Direct Examination and Sibling Attachment Experts</b>
3:15-3:30p.m.	<b>Break / Final Changes to Oral Arguments</b>
3:30-4:30p.m.	<b>SMALL GROUP PRACTICE #3: Effective Oral Arguments around Treatment Plans/Contested Permanency Planning Hearings</b>
4:30 - 4:45p.m.	<b>DEBRIEF</b>