



◆ LEFCC ◆



Litigation & Evaluation involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court Cases IVAT Speciality Certification for Family Court Professionals

Litigation and Evaluation involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court Cases (LEFCC) is a grant subsidized innovative specialized training for legal professionals (family court lawyers, judges, GALs, etc.) and mental health professionals (expert witnesses, child custody evaluators, etc.) sponsored by the Professional Consortium on Abuse Allegations in Family Court. Certification at each site is limited to 50 individuals for all 3 days -25 attorneys/GALs and 25 mental health professionals/custody evaluators. Accepting applications on a first come, first served basis until capacity reached at each site. 50 Advocates, students, and others who do not want/need certification are invited to apply for the Friday session only or the Friday and Saturday sessions only.

◆ Program Highlights

The 30-hour certification program consists of 20 hours in-person training and 10 hours of online webinars. Faculty consultations and technical assistance available for those in the certification program.

- In-person training takes place over 2 1/2 days. Certification at each site is limited. **Advocates, students, and others who do not want/ need certification are invited to apply for the Friday or Friday & Saturday (Days1 & 2 only) sessions.**
- Continuing Legal Education (CLE) and Continuing Education (CE) Credits are available. The full program certification cost includes 10 hours online training. Continuing Education credit must be purchased separately for webinars and on-demand content.

◆ Advanced Training Criteria

- Requiring some previous experience and/or training in areas of domestic violence, child maltreatment and family law
- Registrants must attest to six hours of education and training on domestic violence and/or child maltreatment in the last five years

◆ Save the Date!

- **May 3rd – 5th, 2024 @ Dallas, Texas**
- **July 19th – 21st, 2024 @ Denver, Colorado**
- **September 27th – 29th, 2024 @ Rockville, Maryland**
- **October 18th – 20th, 2024 @ North Central, USA**

◆ Program Cost

- DAY 1 TRAINING ONLY, (NO CE/CLE'S) - \$75**
- DAY 1 TRAINING ONLY, WITH CLE/CE'S - \$100**
- DAYS 1 & 2 TRAINING ONLY, (NO CE/CLE'S) - \$130**
- DAYS 1 & 2 TRAINING ONLY, WITH CE/CLE'S - \$180**
- 3-DAY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NO CE/CLE'S) - \$200**
- 3-DAY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM WITH CE/CLE'S - \$300**

◆ Benefits of Certification

- Learn how to analyze, evaluate, litigate, and respond to cases involving allegations of child abuse and domestic violence.
- Improve your understanding of challenges that arise in child custody cases. Build capacity to utilize effective legal strategies, expert testimony, and custody evaluations in interactions among legal and mental health professionals.
- Join a network of trained attorneys, GALs, judges, mental health professionals, custody evaluators, and expert witnesses from around the country for referrals and consulting.

**APPLICATIONS FOR
2024 NOW OPEN**

Curious about our training or have questions?

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Program Highlights

In-person training takes place over 2.5 days and certification at each site is limited. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply.

Applications from individuals wishing to obtain certification (full program) OR attend the Day 1 or Day 1 & 2 training must be accepted to register for training. Enrollment is open until spots are filled in each category. Applicants to provide a personal statement describing their interest and commitment in the certification program and in attending the in-person and subsequent trainings. Decisions for admittance to training/certification is based on expertise, commitment, and personal statement - people who are actively working on these cases and committed to child safety.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) and Continuing Education Credits (CE) are available.

Applications for 2024 Now Open!



◆ Benefits

◆ Legal Professionals will:

- Effectively litigate contested child custody cases that have family violence/abuse allegations.
- Gain skills to combat theories/labels used to deflect or deny family violence/abuse allegations.
- Utilize litigation skills including interaction with experts, theory of the case, use of experts, and familiarity with the research and misconceptions in these cases.
- Work with and learn how to select appropriate child custody evaluators and experts in these cases.
- Collaborate with mental health professionals in the best interest of the child and to promote child safety.

◆ Mental health professionals will:

- Improve accuracy in evaluating contested child custody cases with allegations of family violence/abuse.
- Utilize appropriate techniques in conducting a child custody evaluation in contested cases.
- Write competent reports, testify effectively, and manage cross-examination.
- Be more capable to distinguish victims of family violence from offenders.
- Critically examine the research and any proposed labels or theories used to deny/deflect family violence/abuse allegations.
- Collaborate as experts with attorneys in the best interest of the child to promote child safety.

The Litigation and Evaluation Involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court Cases (LEFCC) is sponsored by the Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) to provide continuing education for professionals. Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) maintains responsibility for this continuing education program and its content. Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) is approved by the California Board of Registered Nurses to offer continuing education for nurses (CEP #13737). Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) is approved by the State Bar of California to offer Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) for attorneys (#11600). Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) is approved by the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP) to sponsor continuing education for certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors (Provider #1S-03-499-0223). Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 7385. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs. *** Please note that each State determines whether or not they will accept California Accreditations. Please contact your state board representative if you are not sure rather or not the program will qualify under your regulations.