

2020 Standard 5.20 and Family Code Section 3200.5 WebEx Training: Understanding the Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation (during COVID-19)©



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS DIVISION
CENTER FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN & THE COURTS

ACCESS TO VISITATION GRANT PROGRAM

<https://www.courts.ca.gov/cfcc-accesstovisitation.htm>

**LIVE VIRTUAL TRAINING
August 18 and August 19, 2020
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., each day**



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISED VISITATION SERVICE PROVIDERS (CASVSP); www.casvsp.org

**Judicial Council of California
Northern / Central Regional Office
Operations and Programs Division
Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Access to Visitation Grant Program
2850 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, California 95833**

Contact Information: Shelly La Botte, AV Grant Coordinator, e-mail at: shelly.labotte@jud.ca.gov

CASVSP Contact Information: Debbie Comstock, President, CASVSP at: info@casvsp.org

Agenda©

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is not a train-the-trainer training. Participants that attend the training are not approved or qualified to train on Standard 5.20 or Family Code section 3200.5 requirements by merely attending this training class. The two-day WebEx training requires completion of prerequisite requirements and activities for training education credit hours. The pre-requisite assignments are aligned with required subject areas under Family Code section 3200.5(e)(10)(A) and Family Code section 3200.5(C)–online training relating to child abuse reporting laws for mandated reporters. This training is sponsored in partnership with the California Association of Supervised Visitation Service Providers (CASVSP).

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

ROLE AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROFESSIONAL PROVIDER (6.0 hours)

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. | Overview of Agenda |
| 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | The Role of a Professional Provider <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Basic knowledge of family and juvenile law (1.0 hr.) |
| 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Break and Lunch (on your own) |

- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Role of the Professional Provider (cont.)
- Issues relating to domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse, and substance abuse (1.5 hour)
 - Screening, monitoring, and termination of visitation (1.5 hours)

Course Descriptions & Objectives—Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Legal Responsibilities and Role of the Professional Supervised Visitation Provider

Participants will learn about the required duties and legal obligations for a professional provider of supervised visitation, including role limitations; steps to consider for professional decision-making; and how to maintain professional neutrality objectivity. Additionally, the training will incorporate issues relating to domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse concerns. The training will also highlight specific provisions within California Family Code section 3200.5 and Standard 5.20 as it relates to the general role of a provider.

Participants will:

1. Understand the legislative intent behind Standard 5.20 and the applicability of various provisions within California Family Code section 3200.5 regarding the role/s of the professional provider;
2. Become familiar with and know the required legal responsibilities and obligations for a professional provider;
3. Describe the basic roles and limitations of a professional provider;
4. Be able to improve decision-making strategies in supervised visitation;
5. Basic knowledge of family and juvenile law; and
6. Implement tools and skills required for balancing professional neutrality.

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

KEY PROVISIONS OF STANDARD 5.20 AND FAMILY CODE SECTION 3200.5—SKILLS AND CONCEPTS FOR PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (6.0 hours)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Key Provisions of Standard 5.20 and Family Code section 3200.5:

Skills and Concepts

- Issues relating to domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse, and substance abuse (1.5 hours)
- Screening, monitoring, and termination of visitation (1.5 hours)

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Break and Lunch (on your own)

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Key Provisions of Standard 5.20 and Family Code section 3200.5: Skills and Concepts (cont.)

Course Descriptions & Objectives—Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Key Provisions of Standard 5.20 and Family Code section 3200.5—Skills and Concepts for Program Policies and Procedures

Through lecture and interactive activities Key Provisions of Standard 5.20—Skills and Concepts segment will cover key elements of Standard 5.20 and Family Code section 3200.5 for implementation of program policies and procedures. Discussion will include, but is not limited to the following:

- Safety and security procedures including terms and conditions for the visit
- Referral process (case acceptance and denial)
- Intake and orientation processes
- Conflict of interest (including the acceptance of gifts) and Confidentiality
- Safety considerations for cases of child abuse, sexual abuse and domestic violence
- Monitoring, suspension and termination of services
- Record-keeping procedures

Additionally, the training will incorporate issues relating to substance abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual abuse concerns.

Participants will:

1. Articulate the key elements of Standard 5.20 and Family Code section 3200.5;
2. Identify important safety protection considerations;
3. Identify safety screening and monitoring features to be included in program service delivery design to address safety and protection concerns, including in cases of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual abuse;
4. Learn key points in record-keeping procedures; and
5. Be able to implement best practice program policies and procedures that are consistent with Standard 5.20 and Family Code section 3200.5.

Professional Biography

Shelly La Botte, J.D., is the Access to Visitation Grant Coordinator for the State of California that provides state funding (federal funds) to the courts and their local community-based service provider to support noncustodial parents’ access to and visitation with their children through supervised visitation and exchange services, parent education, and group counseling services. Ms. La Botte has made numerous presentations on grant management, supervised visitation services, domestic violence, and development of standards of practice. Ms. La Botte works on various public policy initiatives and assists with the development of statewide standards of practice and Rules of Court related to supervised visitation services. Ms. La Botte was a member of the Office on Violence Against Women, National Steering Committee Safe Havens Project: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program, which served as a think tank for development of national standards of practice and served on the Supervised Visitation Network (SVN) Board of Directors for several years and co-chaired the SVN Standards and Guidelines Committee. Ms. La Botte provides technical assistance guidance and serves as a national, state, and local subject matter regarding implementation of model best practice supervised visitation programs for statewide courts and local community organizations. Ms. La Botte holds a Juris Doctorate degree.

Debbie Comstock MSW, CSW, has both her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Social Work with an emphasis on children, youth and families. Ms. Comstock has worked in clinical therapeutic practice as well as community organizing and program development. She has also worked in advocacy roles in East County for over 20 years including the development of co-located services for and families through family resource centers and co-located coordinated services for domestic violence victims and their families. Ms. Comstock currently serves as President for The California Association of Supervised Visitation Services Providers (CASVSP) including a consultant as domestic violence expert. She is a trained Domestic violence and sexual assault advocate and volunteered her time as a DVRT advocate in partnership with law enforcement. She is trained in the 52-week DVFRT treatment program. In addition, she has served as the Co-chair for the East County Domestic Violence Coalition, Chair of the Domestic Violence/ Child Abuse subcommittee, and Executive Team member of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council. Important to her work is her ongoing consultation with Child Protective Services as it relates to the reduction of trauma associated with child removal and impact of violence on children. Ms. Comstock is trained and certified on the Evidence Based Danger Assessment Tool and is advisory on the Lethality Assessment Protocol for Law Enforcement. She has provided an ongoing leadership role to the San Diego Trauma Informed Guide Team. As a leadership member of the San Diego Family Strengthening Network, she trains agencies and organizations on the National Standards for Family Strengthening Practice as well as trauma informed care and trauma informed clinical practice.

For Professional Providers of Supervised Visitation and Exchange Services and Family Court Services Professionals, this event will provide training applicable to the following categories and includes earned hours for completion of pre-requisite assignments:

- Up to 26.25 hours may be achieved for Professional Providers of Supervised Visitation for the August 18–19, 2020 WebEx training through the following: (1) Up to 12.0 hours from the two-day WebEx training; and (2) Up to 14.25 hours for completion of required prerequisite assignments for the two-day training.
 - Up to 12.0 hours toward initial or continuing education for court-connected child custody mediators, recommending counselors, and/or evaluators, or additional directors training, pursuant to requirements in California Rules of Court, rule 5.210. *Note: Additional education hours are available for completion of the pre-requisite assignments; however, this is on a case-by-case basis as determined by the attendee* for purpose of completion. Please contact Shelly La Botte at shelly.labotte@jud.ca.gov.
 - Up to 12.0 hours of continuing education pursuant to education requirements in California Rules of Court, rule 10.474 (for trial court employees only-with supervisor's approval), subject to the provisions of California Rules of Court, rule 10.481.
-

Acknowledgments

This training event is sponsored by the Judicial Council of California, Operations and Programs Division, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Access to Visitation Grant Program, in collaboration with the California Association of Supervised Visitation Service Providers (CASVSP). The registration fee is paid directly to CASVSP. The training is free for court personnel.

Disclaimer

This is not a train-the-trainer training. Participants that attend the training are not being approved or qualified to train on Standard 5.20 and Family Code section 3200.5 requirement merely by attending this training class. The training is designed to provide supervised visitation providers and multidisciplinary professionals with a statewide framework for comprehending, conceptualizing, and developing program policies and best practice requirements for the successful implementation of Standard 5.20 and Family Code section 3200.5.

The agenda for this training has been redesigned under COVID-19 pandemic to assist providers in meeting compliance requirements. Participants are individually responsible for ensuring they meet statutory training compliance requirements. **Participants should note that the WebEx Training does not cover all of the subject areas outlined under FC section 3200.5.** Additionally, the points of views expressed in this training by presenters and in associated training materials are those of the authors and presenters and do not necessarily represent the official positions or policies of the Judicial Council of California.

Accessibility

The Judicial Council of California supports the Americans With Disabilities Act, which promotes public accessibility for persons with disabilities. If you require special equipment or services, please contact Shelly La Botte, CFCC California's Access to Visitation Grant Program Coordinator email to shelly.labotte@jud.ca.gov.