

NACC Virtual Training Series

HIGH-QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN CASES INVOLVING INFANTS & TODDLERS

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**Wednesdays,
Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20**

1:30 to 3:00PM MT
3:30 to 5:00PM ET

This training series is \$175 per person for members and groups; \$225 for nonmembers. Registrants will receive access to all four live webinars and their recordings for six months, and all session materials.

For group registration, contact Daniel Trujillo, Daniel.Trujillo@NACCchildlaw.org.

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NACC is pleased to announce our new and expanded Infants & Toddlers series. This comprehensive four-session series is tailored for attorneys for the agency, children, or parents, as well as judges and social workers in infant and toddler cases.

Dive deep into the nuances of providing high-quality legal representation in cases involving our youngest and most vulnerable clients. From compassionate advocacy and understanding the unique harms faced by infants and toddlers to navigating the removal decision and fostering collaboration for families, each session is designed to equip you with the specialized knowledge and skills needed to effectively advocate for these young individuals.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your practice and make a meaningful impact in the lives of infants and toddlers. **Register now to secure your spot in this essential series.** All registrants also receive electronic access to last year's recordings and materials from the High-Quality Legal Representation for Infants and Toddlers Training Series.

OCT 30, 2024 | **SESSION 1 | COMPASSIONATE ADVOCACY IN INFANT & TODDLER CASES**

- The Importance of Cultural Humility for Attorneys in Infant & Toddler Cases
- Trauma-Informed Representation
- Engaging with Infants & Toddlers
- Personal/Peer Care and Compassion for Attorneys in Infant & Toddler Cases

NOV 6, 2024 | **SESSION 2 | UNDERSTANDING THE HARM IN INFANT & TODDLER CASES**

- Developmental Considerations in Cases of Suspected Maltreatment
- Poverty vs Neglect in Cases Involving Infants & Toddlers
- Intimate Partner Violence in Homes with Infants & Toddlers
- Infant & Toddler Substance Exposure Cases
- Expert Witnesses in Infant & Toddler Cases

NOV 13, 2024 | **SESSION 3 | ADVOCACY AROUND THE REMOVAL DECISION**

- Trauma of Removal on the Child, Parent, Siblings, and Kin
- Early Advocacy
- Reasonable Efforts Advocacy
- Bonding/Attachment Considerations with Birth Family

NOV 20, 2024 | **SESSION 4 | COLLABORATION FOR FAMILIES WITH INFANTS & TODDLERS**

- Case Plan Advocacy
- Placement Advocacy
- Family Time Advocacy
- Well-Being Advocacy
- Collaboration with Resource Families
- Family Treatment Court Models

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PRESENTERS

SHANNON FELDER, JD, CWLS NACC TRAINING DIRECTOR

Shannon Felder joined NACC as the Training Director in February 2024. Shannon works to ensure legal professionals have the resources they need to provide high-quality representation of children, parents, and agencies, and manages NACC's training department. Shannon previously served as a Managing Attorney for the South Carolina Department of Social Services for ten years. Shannon became involved in the child welfare legal system serving as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem for CASA while in law school. Shannon earned her law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law where she was a Carolina Legal Scholar, member of the South Carolina Law Review and President of the Black Law Students Association. Shannon is certified by NACC as a Child Welfare Law Specialist. Shannon is also a member of the South Carolina Bar Children's Law Committee and the South Carolina Black Lawyer's Association.

JOSEPHINE VANDERHORST, MFP, JD, CWLS NACC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY

Josephine C. Vanderhorst, MFP, JD, CWLS, joined the NACC in 2024, bringing eight years of dedicated experience in child welfare. Holding a bachelor's degree in psychology from Tuskegee University, a master's degree in forensic psychology from Argosy University, and a JD from Tulane University Law School, she approaches advocacy with a holistic perspective. This multidisciplinary foundation enhances her ability to understand and address the complex needs of children and families within the child welfare system. Josephine's journey began in 2015 at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, becoming managing attorney in 2020, where she doubled the unit's size and created a transformative multidisciplinary program, hiring the first peer advocate at a children's representation program in Louisiana and a social worker to provide comprehensive support.

CLE INFO

CALIFORNIA (60-Minute Hour)

This participatory activity has been accredited by the State Bar of California for a maximum of **6 hours** of general credit. Live and on-demand viewing are both participatory activities since NACC confirms duration of attendance. Attorneys must [sign in for CLE](#) after completion of the course. Credits will be reported within 60 days of completion.

COLORADO (50-Minute Hour)

Course IDs: 850267 (live) and 850269 (on-demand)

This course is approved by the Colorado Board of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education for a maximum of **7.2 units** of general credit. Attorneys must [sign in for CLE](#) after completion of the course. Colorado is a self-report state. Report credits at <https://cletrack.coloradosupremecourt.com>.

ALL OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Attorneys in all other jurisdictions must seek CLE accreditation individually if desired. Attendees are welcome to [fill out the attendance form](#) for personal recordkeeping – you will receive a copy of your attendance form via email after submission – but NACC will not report CLE credits on your behalf and you will need to independently seek accreditation.

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