

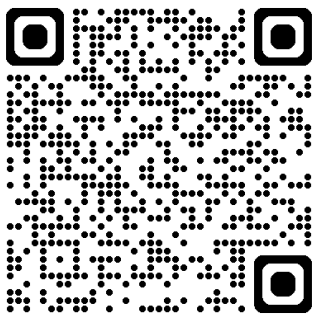
Child Welfare System

Survivors and their children involved in the child welfare system face an elevated risk level. With a history of supporting separation of partners when domestic violence is a factor, survivors involved with the child welfare system can have to make one of the hardest decisions of their lives: leaving their abusive partner or risk losing their children.

Below are resources from TCFV and national partners curated to support survivors involved with child welfare, promote accountability for the abusive partner, and focus on the protective factors of the survivor parent.

Domestic Violence Advocate Resources	Survivor Resources	Child Welfare Staff Resources
<p>When you're supporting a child welfare-involved survivor and their children, you can provide more support when you understand the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Child Welfare System. See the resources below for tools to promote their privacy rights, recognizing their protective factors and strengths, and support safety around parenting.</p>	<p>Having an open child welfare case can be overwhelming and make an already stressful situation feel like too much. These resources are designed to help survivors understand how to navigate the child welfare system and what your rights are, identify and speak about parenting strengths, and how to support changing relationships with their children.</p>	<p>When working with survivors of domestic violence, child welfare system staff should be mindful that parents who use violence are seeking control of their partner and family, and systems involvement threatens that control. As child welfare staff charged with the critical job of keeping children safe, there are things you can be aware that can help increase safety for the survivor and their children. These resources can point you in the right direction to keep these children safer.</p>

<p>Safe & Together Perpetrator and Survivor Mapping Handout</p> <p>Department of Family and Protective Services 'DFPS' Glossary</p> <p>Advocates- Child Protective Services Tip Sheet</p> <p>National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Confidentiality Institute: Privacy in HIPAA, VAWA, FVPSA, and VOCA</p> <p>Safe & Together: Advocate's Guide to Understanding Survivor Parenting Strengths</p> <p>A Salvo y Juntos: Guía del defensor para entender las fortalezas de los padres sobrevivientes</p> <p>An toàn & Đoàn kết: Hướng Dẫn Của Luật Sư Tìm Hiểu Về Những Điểm Mạnh Làm Cha Mẹ Của Nạn Nhân.</p>	<p>National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody (RCDV – CPC) 10 Ways to Find Help with Your Case</p> <p>NCJFCJ RCDV CPC: 10 Things to know About Family Court</p> <p>DFPS – What Happens to My Child</p> <p>Survivor Rights when CPS is Involved</p> <p>Derechos delos sobrevivientes cuando interviene el CPS</p>	<p>Safe & Together Perpetrator and Survivor Mapping Handout</p> <p>NCJFCJ: Checklist to Promote Perpetrator Accountability in CPS Cases</p> <p>SB 434 Recommendations for Child Welfare and Domestic Violence</p> <p>DFPS' Domestic Violence Resource Guide</p>
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Want to learn more about survivors, their children, and how the child welfare system can better support survivors? Scan the QR Code or click here:

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Child Custody Mediators

This **three module online training series**, developed over the first half of 2020, meets the requirement for child custody mediation professionals to have a minimum of four hours of family violence dynamics training developed in consultation with a statewide family violence advocacy organization per the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter [154.052](#).

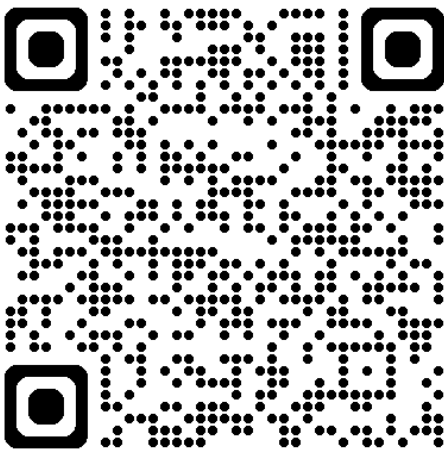
These training hours may also go towards the eight hours of family violence dynamics training required for other Texas child custody professionals, including parenting coordinators (TEXFAM 153.610), parenting facilitators (TEXFAM 153.6101) and child custody evaluators (TEXFAM 107.04).

This content is available free of charge exclusively to TCFV members. You MUST be a member to access the training. CLE/CEU credits, including Ethics credit, are offered with each module.

[Child Custody Mediator Training 2020: Module 1](#)

[Child Custody Mediator Training 2020: Module 2](#)

[Child Custody Mediator Training 2020: Module 3](#)



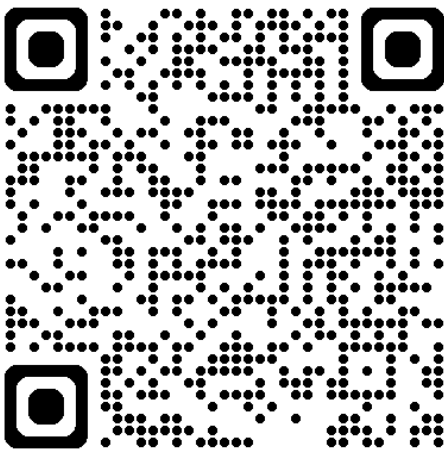
To learn more about how to meet this training requirement and how to better serve survivors and their children in custody mediations, scan the QR code or click here:

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This initiative provides a safe space for parents to access legal and financial resources, ensuring the well-being of their children without compromising their safety. The Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division seeks to provide information and assist parents to navigate the child support process safely and with confidence.

The Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division and the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) established a collaboration in 2008 to bring awareness to survivors and advocates concerning the child support process.



To learn more about how to increase your safety during the child support process, scan the QR code or click here:

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