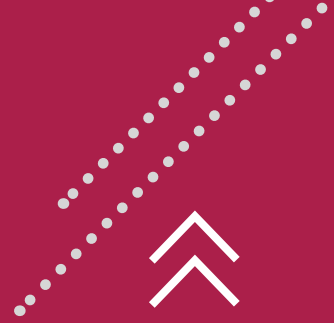


# Care and Protection Representing Parents



## Overview

The Care and Protection: Representing Parents training module aims to provide private lawyers with an overview of the stages in care and protection proceedings and its associated legislation and case law. This training module will prepare new panel lawyers working in care proceedings with its provision of specific and relevant knowledge of the legal issues and practical skills to use when working with and advocating for parents in care proceedings.

## Learning Outcomes

By completing this training module, participants will:

1. understand the vulnerabilities of parents within the care and protection jurisdiction
2. be equipped with skills and techniques to able to provide high quality representation to these vulnerable client
3. demonstrate an understanding of the various stages of a care and protection matter including interim orders, establishment, placement and the final orders able to be made by the Children's Court
4. have more confidence in both written and oral advocacy when representing parents in care and protection proceedings
5. be equipped with skills to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families are provided with high quality and culturally appropriate representation

## Course Content

### Video

- *Care and Protection: Representing Children*  
Presented by Gabrielle Cantrall (Solicitor, Legal Aid NSW) and Mark Whelan (Solicitor, Mark Whelan Solicitor)

### Podcasts

- *Restoration and Final Hearings*
- *Guardianship Orders, Parental Responsibility and Short-Term Care*
- *Evidence and Advocacy Basics*
- *Assessment Applications and Briefing an*
- *Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families*

### Webinars

- *Interstate Transfer of Care and Protection Orders and Proceedings*



## Required Reading

- Understanding the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principles as a framework for best practice, The Aboriginal Legal Service
- Practice Note No.2 Initiating Documents for Care Proceedings
- Practice Note No.3 Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Children's Court
- Practice Note No.5 Case Management in Care Proceedings
- Practice Note No.10 Parent Capacity Orders
- Practice Note No.13 Section 38 Care Plans
- DCJ and Teddy [2020] NSWChC 1
- DCJ and Jack and Jill [2020] NSWChC 3
- Director-General, DCJ V. Dessertaine and Ors [2003] NSWSC 972
- The Secretary of the DCJ and Fiona Farmer [2019] NSWChC 5
- Hackett (a pseudonym) v Secretary, DCJ [2020] NSWCA 83
- DFACS and the Steward Children [2019] NSWChC 1

## Useful Links

- [Best for Kids – Legal Aid NSW](#)
- [Children's Law News](#)
- [Children's Court of NSW: Practice Notes](#)
- [Department of Communities and Justice](#)
- [Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT](#)