HOW TO PROVIDE PROOF OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE TRAINING REQUIRED BY HB23-1178/CRS §14-10-127.5

1. CHILD AND FAMILY INVESTIGATORS & PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY EVALUATORS

- Starting January 1, 2024, CFIs and PREs must have completed the training requirements listed in C.R.S. § 14-10-127.5(5)(a) to accept new appointments and remain on the active rosters. CFIs and PREs that have not provided proof of training to SCAO will be listed as inactive until providing such proof.
- Starting October 1, 2023, CFIs may submit proof of training via the CFI website and PREs via the PRE website.
- The required training is separate from the ability of the CFI/PRE to "express an opinion relating to abuse, trauma, or the behaviors of victims and perpetrators of abuse and trauma." To express such opinion the CFI/PRE must meet the requirements of C.R.S. § 14-10-127.5(3)(d). The SCAO will not include any additional notations on the rosters for CFIs or PREs who are qualified to opine.

2. MEDIATORS

- C.R.S. § 14-10-127.5 does not require a specific number of hours of training on domestic violence and child abuse.
- Mediators must report any existing training on domestic violence and child abuse, and the number of hours completed, to the SCAO.
- Completed training can be reported by emailing proof to mediatortraining@judicial.state.co.us
- > Emails sent will receive an auto-response, which can be provided upon request as proof of reporting.

3. CHILD LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES

- Child Legal Representatives contracted with The Office of the Child's Representative ("OCR") are required to complete training in accordance with that contract.
- CLRs that do NOT contract with OCR must complete the training requirements listed in C.R.S. § 14-10-127.5(5)(a).
- ▶ JDF1320 (Order Appointing Legal Representative of the Child) has been amended. The Order now confirms that either (1) the CLR is contracted with OCR and, therefore, is not required to complete training or (2) the CLR is not contracted with OCR and, therefore, has provided proof of the required training and is eligible for appointment pursuant to CJD 04-05, Section III. Pursuant to CJD 04-05, eligibility for appointment is determined by the Chief Judge in the appointing judicial district, not by the SCAO.

4. SPECIAL MASTERS

- C.R.S. § 14-10-127.5 does not require a specific number of hours of training on domestic violence and child abuse.
- > Special Masters must report any existing training on domestic violence and child abuse, and the number of hours completed, to the SCAO.
- Completed training can be reported by emailing proof to specialmastertraining@judicial.state.co.us
- Emails sent will receive an auto-response, which can be provided upon request as proof of reporting.