



# JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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

## **ACCESS TO VISITATION GRANT PROGRAM**

### **2022 Standard 5.20 and Family Code Section 3200.5 Training: Understanding the Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation (under COVID-19)©**

#### **Course Description & Learning Objectives**

Family Code section 3201 provides that “any supervised visitation maintained or imposed by the court shall be administered in accordance with the California Standards of Judicial Administration recommended by the Judicial Council.” Standard 5.20 of the California Standards of Judicial Administration (*Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation*) define these standards of practice including the duties and obligations for providers of supervised visitation and exchange services in the state of California. The standards seek to ensure the safety and welfare of everyone involved in the visitation process.

The 2022 Standard 5.20 and Family Code section 3200.5 training will be offered virtually while under the COVID-19 pandemic. The training provides multidisciplinary professionals with a framework for comprehending, conceptualizing, and developing best practices and policies and procedures for successful implementation of the Standard 5.20 requirements. The training offers participants specific strategies and approaches for understanding the provider’s role and responsibility (including limitations and legal obligations), as well as tools and skills required for professional decision-making, safety and security screening and monitoring, safety planning for visits / exchanges, differentiating between intake and orientation processes, and applying fact-based documentation for the purpose of the supervised visitation and/or exchange report. Additionally, the training provides concrete and direct implications for the daily work of professional providers of supervised visitation, court-connected staff, attorneys, and community-based agencies that make referrals and orders for supervised visitation and exchange services. The training is designed to enhance the competency and skills abilities of the provider, ensure high-quality service delivery, and provider accountability for best practices relating to the operation and administration of supervised visitation and exchange services.

#### **Participants will:**

- Understand required duties and obligations as a professional provider;
- Identify key requirements and concepts of Standard 5.20;
- Learn steps to consider for decision-making process;
- Develop strategies for balancing neutrality and understanding ethical dilemmas;
- Know documentation practices and approaches for writing the visitation report; and
- Recognize key features of best practices for program policies and procedures.

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The course agenda© for this training has been approved as corresponding to subject areas specified in Family Code section 3200.5. The views expressed in this training are those of the trainer/s and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the Judicial Council of California. Questions may be sent to [shelly.labotte@jud.ca.gov](mailto:shelly.labotte@jud.ca.gov).