

**Domestic Violence** training's primary goal is to equip child welfare professionals with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to effectively address and respond to cases involving domestic violence, with a focus on protecting the well-being and safety of children. It should encompass a comprehensive curriculum that educates child welfare professionals about the dynamics of domestic violence, its impact on children and families, and how to effectively intervene in such cases.

### **Proposed Objectives**

1. **Understanding Domestic Violence:** Provide child welfare professionals with a deep understanding of what domestic violence is, including its various forms (physical, emotional, sexual, financial, etc.), and the power dynamics involved.
2. **Effects on Children:** Educate professionals about the detrimental impact domestic violence can have on children, both in the short and long term, including emotional, psychological, and physical consequences.
3. **Assessment and Screening:** Train professionals on how to recognize signs of domestic violence within families, conduct appropriate screenings, and assess the level of risk to children and parents.
4. **Safety Planning:** Teach professionals how to develop safety plans for children and parents in situations of ongoing domestic violence, emphasizing immediate safety measures.
5. **Collaboration:** Promote collaboration between child welfare agencies, law enforcement, domestic violence service providers, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure a coordinated response to cases involving domestic violence.
6. **Legal Framework:** Familiarize child welfare professionals with the legal aspects, including reporting requirements, restraining orders, custody issues, and child protection laws relevant to domestic violence cases.
7. **Trauma-Informed Care:** Train professionals in trauma-informed care practices to understand and respond to the trauma experienced by children and victims of domestic violence.
8. **Documentation and Case Management:** Provide guidance on proper documentation of domestic violence cases, case planning, and ongoing monitoring of families in crisis.
9. **Ethical Considerations:** Discuss ethical dilemmas and considerations in cases of domestic violence, such as balancing child safety with family preservation.