

**STATUTORILY MANDATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING
FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROFESSIONALS**

STATE	STATUTE	STATUTORY LANGUAGE
Alaska	§18.66.310	The Department of Law and other prosecuting authorities in the state shall, in consultation with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, provide continuing education in domestic violence for prosecuting attorneys and other employees who have contact with persons involved in domestic violence. The continuing education required must include information on the following subjects: (1) the nature, extent, and causes of domestic violence; (2) procedures designed to promote the safety of the victim and other household members; (3) resources available to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence; and (4) the lethality of domestic violence.
Arizona	§ 25-323.02	The committee shall develop minimum training standards on domestic violence and child abuse issues for persons conducting an investigation or preparing a report concerning child custodial arrangements pursuant to § 25-406.
Arkansas	§ 20-82.206	The Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence section within the office of the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall have the authority and responsibility to educate Department of Human Services employees, among others, on issues, interventions, and other matters associated with child abuse, rape, and domestic violence.
California	§ 1816	An evaluator shall participate in a program of continuing instruction in domestic violence, including child abuse, as may be arranged and provided to that evaluator. An evaluator is a supervising or associate counselor, a mediator, a court-connected or private child custody evaluator, or a court-appointed investigator or evaluator.
Iowa	§ 236.17	The department, in cooperation with victim service providers, shall work with various professional organizations to encourage organizations to establish training programs for professionals who work in the area of domestic abuse prevention and services. Domestic abuse training may include, but is not limited to, the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The enforcement of both civil and criminal remedies in domestic abuse matters. 2. The nature, extent, and causes of domestic abuse. 3. The legal rights and remedies available to domestic abuse victims, including crime victim compensation. 4. Services available to domestic abuse victims and their children, including the domestic abuse telephone hotline.

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		<p>5. The mandatory arrest provisions of § 236.12, and other duties of peace officers pursuant to this chapter.</p> <p>6. Techniques for intervention in domestic abuse cases.</p>
Kentucky	§194A.550	<p>The secretary for health and family services shall promulgate administrative regulations under § 13A setting forth the requirements for initial training courses and continuing education courses for staff of agencies providing protective shelter services for victims of domestic violence. The components of the training shall include the dynamics of domestic violence, effects of domestic violence on adult and child victims, legal remedies for protection, lethality and risk issues, model protocols for addressing domestic violence, available community resources and victim services, and reporting requirements. The training shall be developed in consultation with legal, victim services, victim advocacy, and mental health professionals with an expertise in domestic violence.</p> <p>The secretary for health and family services shall develop an initial training course and continuing education courses for employees of the Department for Community Based Services concerning the dynamics of domestic violence.</p>
Minnesota	§ 626.559	<p>Any individual who seeks employment as a child protection worker must complete competency-based foundation training during their first six months of employment as a child protection worker. The program shall include the dynamics of child abuse and neglect within family systems and the appropriate methods for interviewing parents in the course of the assessment or investigation, including training in recognizing cases in which one of the parents is a victim of domestic abuse and in need of special legal or medical services.</p>
Pennsylvania	§ 635.7	<p>The Department shall establish minimum qualifications for program personnel, including required training in domestic violence.</p>
Texas	§ 107.0511	<p>An individual must complete at least eight hours of family violence dynamics training provided by a family violence service provider to be qualified to conduct a social study under this subchapter.</p>
Virginia	§ 63.2-1612	<p>It shall be the responsibility of the Department to establish minimum standards of training and provide educational programs to train workers in the fields of child and adult protective services in local departments and community based domestic violence</p>

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		programs funded by the Department to identify domestic violence and provide effective referrals for appropriate services.
Washington	§74.14B.010	The identification of domestic violence is critical in ensuring the safety of children in the child welfare system. As a result, ongoing domestic violence training and consultation shall be provided to children’s services caseworkers, including how to use the children’s administration’s practice guide to domestic violence.

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