TRAINING DEPARTMENT

COURSE CATALOG

FY 2027

Who We Are

The CPCS Training Department develops and delivers comprehensive, practice-driven education for staff and private assigned counsel across all areas of public defense. Through a team of experienced practice area trainers in – Criminal Defense, Children and Family Law, Youth Advocacy, and Mental Health Litigation, the Department provides rigorous substantive instruction alongside advanced skills training that reflects the realities of modern indigent defense practice. Our programming is informed by evolving law, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the needs of the clients we serve, and is designed to meet the highest standards of excellence in public defense training nationwide.

In addition to core practice-area offerings, the Department leads agency-wide training initiatives in areas such as Appellate and Post-Trial advocacy; emerging adult representation; Forensic Services; holistic defense; trial strategy; leadership, management, and professional development; and wellness. These integrated training pathways equip attorneys not only with technical legal proficiency, but with the strategic, collaborative, and management competencies required for effective client-centered advocacy. By investing in continuous professional development, the Training Department strengthens the quality, consistency, and impact of representation provided by CPCS staff and private counsel statewide.

Don't see a training topic offered? Please direct any training suggestions to cpcs_training@publiccounsel.net.

Contact Us

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CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Certification Trainings

New Lawyer Training (NLT)/ Zealous Advocacy Fall 2026

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: September 10 - October 8, 2026

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

New Lawyer Training (NLT)/ Fall 2026 Staff Day

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: October 27, 2026

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff only

New Lawyer Training (NLT)/ Zealous Advocacy Spring 2027

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: March 2027

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

Non-Certification Trainings

Taming the Mountain: Organizinig Massive Discovery for Trial

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: July 2026

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Defense Strategies for Managing Body Worn Camera Evidence

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: July 2026

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Limits on State and Local Law Enforcement Collaboration and Information Sharing with ICE

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: September 11, 2026

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

A New Bail Factor in District, Boston Municipal, and Juvenile Courts

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: September 23, 2026

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Detainee Rights and Attorney Access; Prohibitions on ICE Courthouse Arrests

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: October 1, 2026 (*Repeat session:* October 14, 2026)

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

New Lawyer Bringback #2 Fall 2026 (Mock Trials)

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: October 29, 2026 & November 6, 2026

Intended Audience:
CPCS Staff

CLEs: N/A

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For details about PDD Certification programs please email: **kmunichiello@publiccounsel.net**

CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Non-Certification Trainings

Hidden Penalties: What Attorneys Need to Know About the Collateral Consequences of Criminal Cases

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: November 12, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

New Lawyer Bringback #1 Fall 2026 (Suppression and Evidence)

Delivery: Hybrid (Asycronous, Live In-Person, and Live Remote)

Date Offered: November *16-19, 2026 (Session one) and December 1-4, 2026 (Session two)*

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: TBD

Static-99R Training and Certification for Staff and Bar AdvocatesPresented by SAARNA Certified Trainer, Alexandre D'Amour

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: February 4-5, 2027

Intended Audience: Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Superior Court Training June 2027 (Boston/Holyoke)

Delivery: Hybrid (Asycronous, Live In-Person, and Live Remote)

Date Offered: June 1, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

New Lawyer Bringback #1 Spring 2027 (Suppression and Evidence)

Delivery: Hybrid (Asycronous, Live In-Person, and Live Remote)

Date Offered: Spring 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

New Lawyer Bringback #2 Spring 2027 (Mock Trials)

Delivery: Hybrid (Asycronous, Live In-Person, and Live Remote)

Date Offered: Spring 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff

Bar Advocate Program Training on SSEs

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Jury Skills 3 Part Series

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

MTS ID 3 Part Series

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

SDP Certification Training

Delivery: Hybrid (Asycronous, Live In-Person, and Live Remote)

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRAINING

Non-Certification Trainings

SORB Certfication Training

Delivery: Hybrid (Asycronous, Live In-Person, and Live Remote)

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Virtual SSE Training on Defense-Oriented Advocacy

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW TRAINING

Certification Trainings

Trial Panel Certification Training Fall 2026

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Live In-Person/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: September 10,14, 17, 22, 24, 28 and October 1, 7, 14, 27-29, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

Child Requiring Assistance (CRA) Certification Training

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: November 4, 9, 16, 2026

Intended Audience: Private Counsel

Preparing for Trial Training Winter 2026

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: December 2, 7, 10, 14, 17, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

Guardianship in Probate Court for Current CAFL Lawyers

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: January 20 & 27, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

Preparing for Trial Training Spring 2027

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: June 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8

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For details about Certification programs please email: **CAFLTraining@publiccounsel.net**

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW TRAINING

Non-Certification Trainings

Family Treatment Court: Bristol Couny

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: August 25, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

Training on Medical Treatment Decisions for Children in DCF Custody

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: November 10 & 17, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 3 per session

DCF's Structured Decision Making Tools

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Ocotber 20, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Avanced Immigration Issues for Mentors and Supervisors (3 sessions)

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: October 26 and November 3- 4, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

Spotting Issues after the 72

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Live In-Person/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: February 11, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 3

After the 72: Nuts and Bolts

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: February 25 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 3

CAFL Racial Justice Drop In Series

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: Spring 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 2 per session

Case Prep for Advanced Trial Skills

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

March Madness Motions in Limine

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 2, 10, 16, 24, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1 per session

Advanced Trial Skills

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: April 5, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

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For details about CAFL Certification programs please email: **CAFLTraining@publiccounsel.net**

MENTAL HEALTH LITIGATION DIVISION

Certification Trainings

MHLD Civil Commitment Certification Session 1-6

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: September 10, 15, 17, 22, 25, October 2, 2026

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8 (annual CLEs satisfied)

MHLD Civil Commitment Certification - Mock Trials

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: October 13, 16, 19, 2026

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

Commitment Certification Bring Back

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: January 2027

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 3

MHLD Guardianship Certification

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: February-March 2027

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 8 (annual CLEs satisfied)

MHLD Guardianship Certification - Mock Trials

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 2027

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

MHLD Accelerated Certification & Mock Trials

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: May & June 2026

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

Non-Certification Trainings

RED ("Race, Equity & Diversity") Talk Lunch & Learn

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Ongoing. Last Day of each month unless conflict

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Train the Trainer: MHLD RCs & Mentors

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: August 4 or 11, 2026, 1 pm-3pm

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

Lunch and Learn: Representing Clients with Dual Diagnosis

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Ongoing. Last Day of each month unless conflict

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1.5

Trial and Appeals Workshop: Day 1

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: November 16, 2026

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 5

MENTAL HEALTH LITIGATION DIVISION

Non-Certification Trainings

Trial and Appeals Workshop: Day 2

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: December 7, 2026

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 3

Lunch and Learn: Litigating Less Restrictive Alternatives

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: April 2027

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

Framing the Narrative: Race in Mental Health Litigation

Delivery: Hybrid - Asynchronous/ Remote/ Combination

Date Offered: May 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 2027

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 4

MHLD Spring Conference 2027

Delivery: Live In-person

Date Offered: Winter 2027

Intended Audience: MHLD Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Emerging Adults: Using the Brain Science to Litigate Commitment and Guardianship cases

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Spring 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

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For details about Mental Health Certification programs please email **edunne@publiccounsel.net**

YOUTH ADVOCACY DIVISION

Non-Certification Trainings

DYS: An Overview and Refresher

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: January 14, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Promoting Empowerment, Agency, and Boundaries: Navigating Relationships in Representing Youth

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: February 11, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Electronic Surveillance of Youth

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Annual Y.O. Summit: Investigating Sex Offenses; Handling Electronic Evidence; Adolescent Brain Development Experts

Delivery: Hybrid (Live remote and Live In-person)

Date Offered: May 13, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Defending Kids Charged with Murder Series

Delivery: *To be announced*

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Know Your Audience: Persuasive Delinquency Practice In Child Welfare Centered Courts

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Reducing Length of Stay in Suffolk County

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

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Contact YAD Training, **YADTraining@publiccounsel.net**, to sign up for The Monthly YAD Training Newsletter.

Agency-Wide Training
Appellate and Post-Trial Training

Juvenile Appellate Certification: Day 1

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: October 5, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Juvenile Appellate Certification: Day 2

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: October 12, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Misconduct Symposium: Day 1

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: October 22, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Misconduct Symposium: Day 2

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: October 23, 2026

Intended Audience: Staff and Bar Advocates

CLEs: *To be announced*

Mental Health Appeals Certification

Delivery: Hybrid (Asycronous, Live In-Person, and Live Remote)

Date Offered: October 29, 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

A Day in A Life: The Lived Experience of an Imprisoned Client & Resources

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: January 4, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

CAFL Appeals Certification

Delivery: Hybrid (Asycronous, Live In-Person, and Live Remote)

Date Offered: January 5, 19, 21, 26, 28, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Issue Spotting Series: Full schedule

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: February 23, 2027; March 16, 2027; April 13, 2027; May 18, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Writing the Persuade: Session 1

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: February 3, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Writing the Persuade: Session 2

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: February 4, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Advanced Legal Writing Workshop - CAFL Appeals

Delivery: Hybrid (Asycronous, Live In-Person, and Live Remote)

Date Offered: April 14, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Oral Argument Workshop

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: May 12, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: *To be announced*

Agency-Wide Training
Appellate and Post-Trial

Beyond the Verdict: Post-Conviction Attorneys
Delivery: Live In-Person
Date Offered: June 15, 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel
CLEs: *To be announced*

Ineffective Assistance Counsel - CAFL Appeals
Delivery: Live Remote
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel
CLEs: *To be announced*

Medical Parole Training
Delivery: To be announced
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel
CLEs: *To be announced*

PDD Appeals Professional Development Series
Delivery: To be announced
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel
CLEs: *To be announced*

SDP/SORB Appellate Practice Series
Delivery: To be announced
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel
CLEs: *To be announced*

Train-the-Trainer: Appellate
Delivery: To be announced
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel
CLEs: *To be announced*

Medical Parole Training
Delivery: To be announced
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel
CLEs: *To be announced*

PDD Appeals Professional Development Series
Delivery: Live In-Person
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel
CLEs: *To be announced*

Agency-Wide Training
Emerging Adult

Emerging Adults: Using the Science of Adolescence to Litigate Commitment and Guardianship Cases
Delivery: Live Remote
Date Offered: June 25, 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private
CLEs: *To be announced*

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For more information about CPCS Forensics Services, please visit:
www.publiccounsel.net/train/boston-training-for

Agency-Wide Training
Forensic Services

DNA Then & Now	
Delivery: Live In-Person	
Date Offered: December 3, 2026	
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private	**CLEs:** *To be announced*

Competency and Liberty: AZ, RD, SW	
Delivery: Live Remote	
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*	
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private	**CLEs:** *To be announced*

FPS #1	
Delivery: Live Remote	
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*	
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private	**CLEs:** *To be announced*

FPS #2	
Delivery: Live Remote	
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*	
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private	**CLEs:** *To be announced*

Forensic Issues in Alleged Child Physical Abuse Cases	
Delivery: Live Remote	
Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*	
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private	**CLEs:** *To be announced*

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www.publiccounsel.net/train/boston-training-for

Agency-Wide Training
Management, Leadership, and Professional Development

Admin Skills Professional Development Day
Delivery: Live In-person
Date Offered: Spring 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Admin Skills Lunch and Learn Series
Delivery: Live Remote
Date Offered: November 2026; Winter & Spring 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Managers and Directors Meetings
Delivery: Live In-person
Date Offered: December 2026 and June 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

CPCS Town Halls
Delivery: Live Remote
Date Offered: December 2026 and June 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Summer Intern Training-Summer 2026
Delivery: Live Remote
Date Offered: July 2026
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Summer Intern Training Summer 2027
Delivery: Live Remote
Date Offered: June-July 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

New Attorney Training and Orientation Fall 2026
Delivery: Live In-person
Date Offered: September 2026
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

New Attorney Training and Orientation Spring 2027
Delivery: Live In-person
Date Offered: March 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Mentor Training
Delivery: Live Remote
Date Offered: Winter 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Speaker Series
Delivery: Live Remote
Date Offered: Spring 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Advanced Management Training
Delivery: Live In-person
Date Offered: Spring 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Management Training (Managers and Directors)
Delivery: Live In-person
Date Offered: Spring 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Management Training (Supervisors)
Delivery: Live In-person
Date Offered: Spring 2027
Intended Audience: CPCS Staff only

Agency-Wide Training
Wellness

Mindfulness Training Series

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: Fall & Winter 2026

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 1

LCL Training with Dr. Tracey Meyers

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: March 29, 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private Counsel

CLEs: 2

LCL Workshop with Dr. Shawn Healy

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: June 2027

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 2

Regional Wellness Chats

Delivery: Live In-Person

Date Offered: Quarterly around the state - September (western), December (Metroboston), March (northern), June (southern)

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 1 per session

Billing for Wellness

Delivery: Live Remote

Date Offered: *Date and time to be announced*

Intended Audience: CPCS Staff and Private

CLEs: 1

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