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Videos from the University of Washington explore youth advocacy, parenting intervention strategies

Four new videos from UW School of Law's Court Improvement Training Academy now available for free

SEATTLE — Several new programs from the University of Washington School of Law's [Court Improvement Training Academy](#) (CITA) offer insight into youth advocacy and child welfare issues.

CITA partnered with the Washington Defender Association to create the new series "[Issues for Youth Advocates and the Systems in which They Work.](#)"

The series includes "[Adolescent Brain Development](#)," an overview of the topic by Dr. Fran Lexcen, forensic examiner at Child Study and Treatment Center. "[Representing Youth](#)" is a discussion of how to be an ethical and effective advocate for youth led by UW School of Law Associate Dean Lisa Kelly. Tracee Parker of the Safe Havens Visitation Center explores the impact of domestic violence on youth and, in particular, how those issues might be addressed in the context of a visitation center in "[Impact of Domestic Violence on Youth.](#)"

CITA also teamed up with Partners for Our Children, the Foster Care Assessment Program at the Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress and the University of Washington School of Social Work to create "[Parenting Interventions in Child Welfare: Creating a Continuum of Care.](#)" Lucy Berliner, director of the Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress, and Byron Manering, executive director of the Brigid Collins Family Support Center, discuss evidence-based interventions for behavioral issues.

The Court Improvement Training Academy is funded with Federal Court Improvement Training Grant money through a contract with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts. Videos on these topics can be seen on UWTV through Puget Sound cable channel 27 and at [uwtv.org](#), [iTunes U](#) and [YouTube](#).

Visit [uwcita.org](#) to learn about upcoming training opportunities and for more videos, PowerPoint presentations, handouts and other information created by experts featured in these new videos as well as other state and national experts.

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