

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

1. The Child Welfare Professional will be able to identify 10 reasons why malpractice litigation occurs in Child Welfare practice.
2. The Child Welfare Professional will know 14 terms and definitions associated with liability and risk management in Child Welfare Services.
3. The Child Welfare Professional will know 4 legal elements that must be present in order for malpractice litigation to occur.
4. The Child Welfare Professional will know some common malpractice risks associated with intake services, during ongoing services, and at termination of services.
5. The Child Welfare Professional will know 3 factors which are usually present when vicarious liability malpractice in supervision occurs.
6. The Child Welfare Professional will know the background of 5 court cases which have set legal precedents for civil and criminal liability of child welfare workers.
7. The Child Welfare Professional will know 3 reasons why criminal prosecutions of child welfare workers has increased.
8. The Child Welfare Professional will review the history of 5 court cases in which criminal prosecutions of child welfare professionals has occurred.
9. The Child Welfare Professional will know 12 reasons why vicarious liability in supervision occurs.
10. The Child Welfare Professional will be able to identify at least 3 actions an employee can take to reduce the risk of malpractice litigation.
11. The Child Welfare Professional will know 7 characteristics of potentially violent people.
12. The Child Welfare Professional will know 3 legal criteria which are examined when there are allegations of malpractice negligence in cases of suicide.
13. The Child Welfare Professional will know 10 groups of people at highest risk for suicide.
14. The Child Welfare Professional will identify 7 risk factors on the PA Model Risk Assessment which may be the best predictors of violence.
15. The Child Welfare Professional will know a minimum of 22 questions to ask clients for gathering information to complete the Risk Assessment.

16. The Child Welfare Professional will know possible warning signs of suicide, including depressive symptoms, verbal warnings, and behavioral warnings.
17. The Child Welfare Professional will know relevant sections of the NASW Code of Ethics, the Child Protective Services Law, various Department of Public Welfare Regulations, and Children, Youth & Families Bulletins related to privacy and confidentiality of information.
18. The Child Welfare Professional will know 7 circumstances when confidentiality should be breached intentionally.
19. The Child Welfare Professional will know 12 circumstances when confidentiality may be breached unintentionally.
20. The Child Welfare Professional will know at least 4 actions agencies can take to reduce the chance of malpractice litigation.
21. The Child Welfare Professional will know 3 primary reasons why record-keeping and documentation is viewed as irrelevant by child welfare employees.
22. The Child Welfare Professional will know the core set of 10 items needed in records for effective risk management against malpractice.
23. The Child Welfare Professional will know the difference between occurrence and claims-made malpractice insurance policies.
24. The Child Welfare Professional will develop an action plan that identifies at least 5 actions they can take to reduce their own risk of malpractice litigation.