

Judicial Education Curriculum Proposals:
SB-331 & Alternative Balanced Curriculum

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Child Abuse

SB-331 Proposal	Alternative Proposal
(A) Child sexual abuse	(A) Child Physical Abuse DSM-5 V995.54
(B) Physical abuse.	(B) Child Sexual Abuse DSM-5 V995.53
(C) Emotional abuse.	(C) Child Neglect DSM-5 V995.52
	(D) Child Psychological Abuse DSM-5V995.51

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Psychological Control

SB-331 Proposal	Alternative Proposal
(D) Coercive Control	(E) Psychological Control

From Cui et al: "Specifically, psychological control has historically been defined as psychologically and emotionally manipulative techniques or parental behaviors that are not responsive to children's psychological and emotional needs. Psychologically controlling parents create a coercive, unpredictable, or negative emotional climate in the family, which serves as one of the ways the family context influences children's emotion regulation. (Cui et al, 2014)

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Potential Bias

SB-331 Proposal	Alternative Proposal
(E) Implicit and explicit bias, including biases relating to parents with disabilities.	(F) Implicit and explicit bias, including bias associated with culture, gender, religion, sexual orientation and identify, and parents with disabilities.

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Trauma

SB-331 Proposal	Alternative Proposal
(F) Trauma.	(G) The difference between trauma and complex trauma, including the trans-generational transmission of trauma.

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Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

SB-331 Proposal	Alternative Proposal
(G) Long- and short-term impacts of domestic violence and child abuse on children.	(H) Identifying IPV and the associations of IPV to child abuse concerns following divorce, including identifying false allegations of IPV designed to manipulate the court's decisions.

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IPV Cycle of Violence

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(H) Victim and perpetrator behavioral patterns and relationship dynamics within the cycle of violence.	(I) Victim and perpetrator behavioral patterns and relationship dynamics within the cycle of violence, and spousal psychological abuse using children as weapons.

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Narcissistic-Borderline-Dark Personality Pathology

SB-331 Proposal	Alternative Proposal
none	Symptom patterns of narcissistic, borderline, and dark personality pathology, including child and spousal abuse risks, the potential development of persecutory delusions, and the creation of false pathology in the child to manipulate the court's decisions for secondary gain.

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Family Systems Constructs

SB-331 Proposal	Alternative Proposal
none	The features of family systems and family conflict, including triangulation, cross-generational coalitions, emotional cutoffs, inverted hierarchies, and enmeshment.

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Attachment System & Attachment Pathology

SB-331 Proposal	Alternative Proposal
none	Description of the attachment system in children and symptom features of attachment pathology, including child development research regarding the breach-and-repair sequence and the resolution of attachment pathology.

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Pilot Program for Family Courts:
California

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- Principle Investigator: Stanford Forensic Psychiatry
Satellite So Cal Site: UCLA – Pepperdine – Alliant
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- Diagnostic Assessment Protocol Development
- Lead site: Stanford – UCLA
- Treatment Protocol Development
- Pepperdine – Alliant universities
 - Teams from: DBT (Linehan), EFT (Johnson & Tronick), IFS (Schwartz)
- Legal Protocol Development
- Stanford – UCLA – Pepperdine Law Schools

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Court-involved Custody Conflict
Recommended Treatment Protocol Integration

Dialectic Behavior Therapy (DBT):
Linehan, University of Washington

Personality disorder pathology & child abuse

Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT):
Johnson & Tronick, ICEEFT

Attachment pathology – breach-and-repair

Internal Family Systems therapy (IFS):
Schwartz, IFS Institute

Family systems; integration of self-authenticity

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Dr. Childress Consultation Expertise:

- Court-involved child custody conflict
Ten years in the family court – books, presentations
- Child abuse & complex trauma
Clinical Director – treatment for children in foster care
- Attachment pathology
Early Childhood Mental Health – breach-and-repair
- Diagnostic assessment of delusional thought disorders
12 year of training at UCLA schizophrenia project – BPRS
- Assessment Protocol Development
DOJ-FEMA project for assessment of juvenile firesetting
- Family systems therapy
Bowenian – Structural – Strategic – Humanistic - Internal

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Relevant Research – Dark Personalities

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Clemente M, Padilla-Racero D, Espinosa P. (2020). The Dark Triad and the Detection of Parental Judicial Manipulators. Development of a Judicial Manipulation Scale. *International Journal of Environmental Research in Public Health*. 2020. doi: 10.3390/ijerph17082843. PMID: 32326146; PMCID: PMC7216058.

Greenham, M.L & Childress, C.A. (2022). Dark Personalities and Induced Delusional Disorder, Part II: The Research Gap Underlying a Crisis in the Family and Domestic Violence Courts. *ResearchGate*. DOI:[10.13140/RG.2.2.16477.90084/2](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.16477.90084/2)

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