

**12 NCAC 09B .0235      BASIC TRAINING – JUVENILE COURT COUNSELORS AND CHIEF COURT COUNSELORS**

(a) The Juvenile Court Counselors and Chief Court Counselors training course shall consist of a minimum of 119 hours of classroom and practical skills instruction.

(b) Each basic training course for Juvenile Court Counselors shall include training in the following topic areas:

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| (1) | Juvenile Justice Common Core:   |           |
| (A) | Basic Individual Counseling Skills  | 5 hours   |
| (B) | Interpersonal Communication Skills  | 5 hours   |
| (C) | Working with Families   | 3 hours   |
| (D) | Characteristics of Delinquents  | 4 hours   |
| (E) | Staff and Juvenile Relationships: Maintaining Professional Boundaries                   | 4 hours   |
| (F) | Gang Awareness  | 2 hours   |
| (G) | Situational Awareness and Risk Assessment   | 4 hours   |
| (H) | Restraints, Controls, and Defensive Techniques  | 28 hours  |
| (I) | Mechanical Restraints   | 4 hours   |
| (J) | Youth Mental Health First-Aid   | 8 hours   |
| (K) | Think Trauma  | 8 hours   |
| (L) | Driver and Secure Transport Safety  | 4 hours   |
| (M) | Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) – Addressing RED within the Juvenile Justice System | 2 hours   |
| (N) | Verbal De-escalation for Juvenile Justice   | 2 hours   |
|     | Total Hours   | 83 hours  |
| (2) | Juvenile Court Counselor Specific:  |           |
| (A) | Statutory Responsibilities and Requirements of Juvenile Court Counselors                | 6 hours   |
| (B) | Juvenile Law  | 8 hours   |
| (C) | Intake, Supervision and Services  | 8 hours   |
| (D) | Risk and Needs Assessment   | 6 hours   |
| (E) | Report Writing and Documentation  | 8 hours   |
|     | Total Hours   | 36 hours  |
|     | Total Course Hours  | 119 hours |

(c) Upon completion of a Commission-certified training course for Juvenile Court Counselors and Chief Court Counselors, the Director of the school conducting the course shall notify the Commission of training completion by submitting a Report of Training Course Completion for each trainee. The Report of Training Course Completion, F-11, identifies the student, student's social security number, date of birth, employing agency, position, date of appointment, and course information, to include title of course, location course was conducted at, the dates the course began and ended, the hours the course was conducted, number of instructional contact hours, and name of certifying official regarding the successful completion of the training course.

(d) Employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention who have completed the minimum 119 hour training program accredited by the Commission pursuant to Rule .0236 of this Section after January 1, 2013 who transfer from a Juvenile Justice Officer position to a Juvenile Court Counselor position shall be required to complete only the portions of the course identified as specific to the duties and responsibilities of a Juvenile Court Counselor under Subparagraph (b)(2) of this Rule.

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