

# AFCC ONLINE TRAINING

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Dear Massimo,

AFCC's online training program on conducting child custody evaluations is back! Join us for this in-depth learning experience.

- Conducted online by a team of leading practitioners and trainers.
- Takes place in two segments per day, two hours each, over two weeks. [View the schedule](#).
- Earn up to 24 hours of continuing education credit. ([Learn more](#).)
- **Registration includes access to recordings of all training program sessions.\***

A flyer for the AFCC Online Training Program. At the top is the AFCC logo. Below it, the text reads "AFCC's Online Training Program!" followed by "Sponsored by SOBERLINK and Our Family Wizard". The main title is "The Fundamentals of Conducting Child Custody Evaluations", with a subtitle "A 24-hour online training program for professionals interested in child custody evaluations" and dates "March 15-17 and March 21-23, 2022". Below this is the "Training Team" list: Robert H. Swartz, PhD, ABPP; April Harris-Dine, PhD; Carl R. Rappaport, PhD, ABPP; and Arnold T. Shierwald, PhD. At the bottom, a small line of text states: "AFCC is the premier interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict."

## The Fundamentals of Conducting Child Custody Evaluations March 15-17 and March 21-23, 2022

Participants will learn the difference between a forensic role and clinical role, how to review court orders and determine which information should be obtained, strategies for interviewing adults and children, how to assess coparenting issues, how to develop and test multiple hypotheses, and how to craft recommendations.

[Register Now!](#)

\* Continuing education credit is available only for programs attended live.

## Training Team


Learn more about the stellar training team! This group includes frequent AFCC conference presenters, two former AFCC presidents, and a member of AFCC's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

**Read more** about their experience with conducting child custody evaluations and other areas of expertise.


### The training team includes:

- Robin Deutsch, PhD, ABPP
- April Harris-Britt, PhD
- Sol R. Rappaport, PhD, ABPP
- Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD

### Training Team




**Dr. Robin Deutsch, PhD, ABPP** Former President of AFCC (2008), is a Board Certified psychologist (Couples and Family) who provides consultative, mediation, parenting coordination and expert witness services. She developed and was the director of the Center of Excellence for Children, Families and the Law at the William James College where she developed the Certificate for Child and Family Forensic Issues and currently a Professor of Clinical Psychology. Previously, she was an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology at Harvard Medical School and Director of Training and Forensic Services in the Children and the Law Program at Massachusetts General Hospital. She has trained and supervised more than 10 postdoctoral fellows to conduct child custody evaluations. She has published extensively on issues related to co-parenting after divorce, high conflict divorce, parent-child contact problems, parenting plans, and parenting coordinator and teaches on these topics internationally. Dr. Deutsch served on the AFCC Task Force for Guidelines for Learning Style/Partner Violence and the AFCC Task Force for Court-Ordered Therapy. She currently serves as Chair of the American Psychological Association (APA) working group to Review Scientific Literature Regarding High Conflict Family Relationships with Child Involvement, and President of the American Board of Couples and Family Psychology (ABCFFP).



**April Harris-Britt, PhD**, is a licensed psychologist and parent coordinator who conducts child and adult psychological evaluations, child custody evaluations, child guardian ad litem evaluations, and parental competency evaluations. Dr. Harris-Britt provides training to mental health professionals, attorneys, and judges and has presented at numerous conferences regarding services for families engaged in high conflict custody disputes. She is currently a member of the Board for the Center for Cooperative Parenting, APA Advanced Consulting Committee, APA Working Group to Review Scientific Literature for High Conflict Family Relationships, AFCC Task Force on Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluations, and AFCC Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.



**Sol R. Rappaport, PhD, ABPP**, is a Board Certified psychologist in Clinical Psychology and Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology. He has been appointed in over 300 custody evaluations and has testified throughout the United States. Dr. Rappaport's medical practice includes consulting with attorneys for the purpose of work product review, case evaluation and expert witness testimony. Dr. Rappaport has presented nationally on custody relocation, alienation, intimate partner violence, and other psychological testing, and other topics to various organizations, including the ABA, AACC, AFCC, and several state bar associations. Dr. Rappaport has published in the area of divorce, child abuse, psychological testing, gatekeeping, and custody evaluations, as well as other topics.



**Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD**, is a licensed psychologist who specializes in child clinical psychology and high conflict families. He is recognized nationally as an expert in the areas of custody evaluations and family mediation. In addition to his forensic and clinical practice, Dr. Shienvold has consulted to public and private agencies, testified at a multitude of professional conferences and schools, and published papers on these topics. Dr. Shienvold is a former President of AFCC, the Academy of Family Therapists, and the Association for Conflict Resolution. He served on the first AFCC Task Force on Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluations and is chair of the current task force.

## Take the Next Step: *Advanced Training in Child Custody*

Even after you have completed the AFCC training program, there is more to learn about conducting child custody evaluations. AFCC has designed a supplemental session with professionals like you in mind!

This in-person, interactive program is being offered as a pre-conference institute at the 59th Annual Conference in Chicago. Look for ***Advanced Training in Child Custody Evaluation*** (pre-conference institute #2) in the [conference program brochure](#). This institute is designed for those who have attended AFCC's child custody evaluation online training program or similar training.

