

## **SOCIAL STUDY PROVIDER GUIDELINES**

- 1. MAINTAIN OFFICE WITHIN DENTON COUNTY**
- 2. MEET THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY Texas Family Code § 107.0511. SOCIAL STUDY EVALUATOR: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AS INDICATED BELOW:**

*(c) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules prescribing the minimum qualifications that an individual described by Subsection (b)(3) or (4) must possess in order to conduct a social study under this subchapter.*

*(d) To be qualified to conduct a social study under this subchapter, an individual must:*

*(1) have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in a human services field of study and a license to practice in this state as a social worker, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, or psychologist and:*

*(A) have two years of full-time experience or equivalent part-time experience under professional supervision during which the individual performed functions involving the evaluation of physical, intellectual, social, and psychological functioning and needs and the potential of the social and physical environment, both present and prospective, to meet those needs; and*

*(B) have participated in the performance of at least 10 court-ordered social studies under the supervision of an individual qualified under this section;*

*(2) meet the requirements of Subdivision (1)(A) and be practicing under the direct supervision of an individual qualified under this section in order to*

*complete at least 10 court-ordered social studies under supervision; or*

*(3) be employed by a domestic relations office, provided that the individual conducts social studies relating only to families ordered by a court to participate in social studies conducted by the office.*

*(e) If an individual meeting the requirements of this section is not available in the county served by the court, the court may authorize an individual determined by the court to be otherwise qualified to conduct the social study.*

*(f) In addition to the qualifications prescribed by this section, an individual must complete at least eight hours of family violence dynamics training provided by a family violence service provider to be qualified to conduct a social study under this subchapter.*

3. **ATTEND DENTON BAR ASSOCIATION TRAINING  
(DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)**
4. **RESUME AND FEE SCHEDULE**

**SUBMIT REQUEST AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION  
TO:**

**LARRY HARBOUR  
SR. DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR  
1450 E. MCKINNEY  
DENTON, TEXAS 76209**

**\*\* PLEASE SUBMIT UPDATES TO PROVIDER CONTACT  
INFORMATION AND FEES IN WRITTEN FORM.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING APPLYING  
TO GET ON THE DENTON COUNTY SOCIAL STUDY  
PROVIDERS LIST, PLEASE CONTACT LARRY HARBOUR  
AT 940-349-2303 OR SANDRA HARDY AT 940-349-2300.**