

2025 Online

Parenting Investigator/ Guardian ad Litem

Session Details

- Each online session requires separate registration in advance by attendees.
- To receive full credit, attendees must remain for the entire session and cameras must remain on for each session and will be monitored to receive credit.
- The sessions will not be recorded.



To qualify for this training, attendees must have completed the Initial Parenting Investigation Orientation training and be currently rostered. If you have any questions, contact Bryan Pechtl at (701) 328-4292 or via email at:

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The following live webinars/webcasts are each approved for 2.0 ND CLE credits 0.0 ethics:

Session 1:

Event #20250521NDCS
2025 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem
6-Hour Online Training
05/21/2025

Session 2:

Event #20250609NDCS
2025 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem
6-Hour Online Training
06/09/2025

Session 3:

Event #20250618NDCS
2025 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem
6-Hour Online Training
06/18/2025

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2025 Parenting Investigator/ Guardian ad Litem 6-hour Online Training

Online Zoom Sessions

May 21st

June 9th

June 18th

10:00 AM—12:00 PM C.S.T.

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SESSION INFORMATION

SCHEDULE

Jason Wahl, Medical Marijuana Director

Jason has been the Director of the Medical Marijuana Program since January 2018. He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and has over 29 years of experience with the state of North Dakota.

Dr. Ariana Meyers

Ariana D. Meyers joined the faculty at the University of North Dakota School of Law in 2018. She teaches Family Law to upper-level law students and directs the Family Law Clinical Practicum.

Additionally, she serves as the faculty advisor for the Canadian Law Student Society and co-advises both the Moot Court Board and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board. Previously, Professor Meyers taught Trial Advocacy and Reading, Writing, and Analytical Skills for the Bar Exam.

Professor Meyers' research focuses on the best interests of minor children in family law disputes.

Dr. Stephanie Tabashneck

Dr. Stephanie Tabashneck is a forensic psychologist and attorney in Cambridge, MA. She is a Senior Fellow in Law and Applied Neuroscience at the Center for Law, Brain and Behavior at Harvard Medical School and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy at Harvard Law School. She is the director of a neurolaw library affiliated with Harvard Medical School. She is on the Ethics Committee for the American Psychological Association and president-elect of the Massachusetts Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. She presents regionally and nationally on psychology and law topics. Recent publications include the book *Substance Use and Parenting: Best Practices for Family Court Practitioners*, a white paper on the *Science of Late Adolescence: A Guide for Judges, Attorneys, and Policy Makers*, and an article on the opioid crisis and family drug courts.

Session 1: Medical Marijuana—Jason Wahl

This session will provide a broad spectrum of information about medical marijuana in North Dakota, with specific time devoted to both an explanation of a minor, how minors apply and qualify, and the role of designated caregivers of minors using medical marijuana. Attendees will also learn that there have been some instances in which medical marijuana use has been brought up by parties during divorce proceedings.

Session 2: - Ariana Meyers, PhD.

Crafting effective parenting plans requires a careful balance between parental rights and the best interests of the child—especially when legal substances like medical marijuana or alcohol are involved. This presentation will provide practical strategies for drafting comprehensive parenting plans that address the use of legal substances. We will explore key legal considerations, judicial trends, and best practices to ensure that parenting agreements protect children's well-being while respecting parental autonomy. Attendees will gain insights into crafting enforceable provisions and handling disputes.

Session 3: Stephanie Tabashneck, PhD.

Dr. Tabashneck will discuss screening for substance use, how substance use and misuse impacts parenting, and how to craft science-based solutions that protect children, attachment, and children's relationships with their parents.

*All sessions will be held online via Zoom. Be sure to register for each session **in advance** individually by clicking the highlighted link below. There is **no** registration fee.*

Session 1
May 21, 2025
10:00 AM—12:00 PM CST

Topic: *Medical Marijuana in North Dakota*

Advance Zoom Registration Required. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Session 2
June 9, 2025
10:00 AM—12:00 PM CST

Topic: *Parenting Plans & Legal Substances: Balancing Parental Rights and the Best Interests of the Child*

Advance Zoom Registration Required. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Session 3
June 18, 2025
10:00 AM—12:00 PM CST

Topic: *Substance Use and Parenting Evaluations: A Neuroscience-Based Approach to Parenting Evaluations*

Advance Zoom Registration Required. Click [HERE](#) to register.
