

# Florida Child Welfare Case Manager Certification Practice Exam (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

**Remember:** successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## **1. Start with a Diagnostic Review**

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## **2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions**

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.**

## **3. Learn from the Explanations**

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## **4. Track Your Progress**

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## **5. Simulate the Real Exam**

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## **6. Repeat and Review**

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

## Questions

- 1. What does a shelter petition require to be provided to all parties?**
  - A. Background check and home study**
  - B. Medical documentation**
  - C. Evidence types**
  - D. Finance and alignment information**
- 2. What does a 'Specific' outcome in SMART outcomes refer to?**
  - A. Outline feasible actions only**
  - B. Includes a timeline**
  - C. Who, what, where, when, why, how**
  - D. Based on evidence only**
- 3. What does the second judicial review hearing determine for the child?**
  - A. Educational progress**
  - B. Medical care decisions**
  - C. Permanency**
  - D. Behavioral support needs**
- 4. The standard of proof at this hearing is 'probable cause'**
  - A. Termination of Parental Rights Advisory**
  - B. Adjudicatory**
  - C. Arraignment**
  - D. Shelter**
- 5. Which statement is best for gathering needed info before a case plan is written?**
  - A. What are your goals for the future?**
  - B. What do you think led to why our agency is involved? What have you tried?**
  - C. What are your financial needs?**
  - D. How can we best support you?**

6. The CM must take an \_\_\_\_\_ role in Safety management.
- A. Observational
  - B. Indirect
  - C. Passive
  - D. Active
7. Which event directly follows an arraignment and shelter review if denial occurs?
- A. Adjudicatory hearing
  - B. Initial JR
  - C. Dispositional hearing
  - D. Permanency hearing
8. Which of the following is NOT listed as a type of trauma?
- A. Early childhood
  - B. Physical abuse
  - C. Nutritional neglect
  - D. Complex or toxic shock
9. When a 12-year-old child is determined missing, within how many hours must law enforcement be notified?
- A. 2 hours
  - B. 4 hours
  - C. 24 hours
  - D. 48 hours
10. What is the frequency of Judicial Reviews (JR) after the initial review?
- A. Every 6 months
  - B. Every 12 months
  - C. Every 90 days
  - D. Every 30 days



## **Answers**

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1. A
2. C
3. C
4. D
5. B
6. D
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. A

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What does a shelter petition require to be provided to all parties?**

- A. Background check and home study**
- B. Medical documentation**
- C. Evidence types**
- D. Finance and alignment information**

A shelter petition requires both a background check and a home study to be provided to all parties involved. While medical documentation and finance and alignment information may be pertinent to some situations, they are not necessary for a shelter petition. Evidence types are also not explicitly required for a shelter petition, as they may vary depending on the specific details of the case. Therefore, option A is the most accurate and comprehensive answer out of the choices provided.

**2. What does a 'Specific' outcome in SMART outcomes refer to?**

- A. Outline feasible actions only**
- B. Includes a timeline**
- C. Who, what, where, when, why, how**
- D. Based on evidence only**

A 'Specific' outcomes in SMART outcomes refer to more than just outlining feasible actions. While having realistic and actionable steps is important, specific outcomes also refer to the details of who will be responsible, what needs to be accomplished, where and when it will take place, and why it is important. B: Including a timeline is an important aspect of setting SMART outcomes, but it is not the only component. Specific outcomes also require clarity on other aspects such as responsibility and purpose. D: 'Specific' outcomes should be based on evidence, but this alone does not fulfill the criteria of a SMART outcome. Specificity also takes into account the details and context of the outcome.

**3. What does the second judicial review hearing determine for the child?**

- A. Educational progress**
- B. Medical care decisions**
- C. Permanency**
- D. Behavioral support needs**

The second judicial review hearing is conducted to determine the permanency plans for a child under court supervision. This involves reviewing and evaluating the progress made towards achieving a permanent placement for the child. The other options may also be discussed in this hearing, but they are not the primary focus. Educational progress may be mentioned as part of the child's overall well-being, but it is not the main decision made during the second judicial review hearing. Similarly, medical care decisions and behavioral support needs may be addressed, but they are not the main focus of this hearing.

4. The standard of proof at this hearing is 'probable cause'

A. Termination of Parental Rights Advisory

B. Adjudicatory

C. Arraignment

D. Shelter

At this hearing, the standard of proof is "probable cause" which means that there is enough evidence to suggest that a crime has been committed. Options A, B, and C are all legal terms that do not relate to the standard of proof, which is why they are incorrect. "Termination of Parental Rights Advisory" refers to the process of terminating parental rights, "adjudicatory" refers to the stage of the criminal justice system where a judge determines if the defendant is guilty or not, and "arraignment" is when the defendant is formally charged with a crime. Option D, "shelter," does not relate to the legal context of the question and is therefore incorrect.

5. Which statement is best for gathering needed info before a case plan is written?

A. What are your goals for the future?

B. What do you think led to why our agency is involved? What have you tried?

C. What are your financial needs?

D. How can we best support you?

It is important to gather all necessary information before creating a case plan, especially when dealing with individuals who are seeking assistance from an agency. Option A only focuses on one aspect of an individual's life and may not provide a well-rounded understanding of their situation. Option C may not be relevant to the individual's needs or may not fully capture the extent of their financial struggles. Option D is also too broad and may not provide specific details needed for effective case planning. Option B, on the other hand, asks about possible reasons for the agency's involvement and what actions have already been taken, which can provide valuable insights and help develop a more comprehensive and tailored approach to address the individual's needs.

6. The CM must take an \_\_\_\_\_ role in Safety management.

A. Observational

B. Indirect

C. Passive

D. Active

The correct answer is Active. An active role in safety management means that the CM is directly involved and engaged in overseeing and ensuring the safety of the project or operation. This includes actively monitoring, implementing and enforcing safety protocols, as well as taking quick action to address any safety concerns. The other options, such as observational, indirect, and passive, all suggest a more hands-off or distant approach to safety management, which may not be as effective in promoting and maintaining a safe working environment.

**7. Which event directly follows an arraignment and shelter review if denial occurs?**

- A. Adjudicatory hearing**
- B. Initial JR**
- C. Dispositional hearing**
- D. Permanency hearing**

An adjudicatory hearing is the next step after an arraignment and shelter review if denial occurs. An adjudicatory hearing involves a review of the evidence and arguments presented by both parties to determine if the child is in need of supervision or neglect. Option B, Initial JR, would typically occur before an arraignment and shelter review, and involves a review of the case to determine if it should proceed to court. Option C, Dispositional hearing, typically occurs after an adjudicatory hearing if the child is found to be in need of supervision or neglect. Option D, Permanency hearing, typically occurs much later in the court process and deals with the long-term plans for the child's placement and welfare.

**8. Which of the following is NOT listed as a type of trauma?**

- A. Early childhood**
- B. Physical abuse**
- C. Nutritional neglect**
- D. Complex or toxic shock**

Trauma can be defined as an emotional, psychological, or physical response to an event that is deeply distressing or disturbing. It can result in lasting negative effects on a person's mental and emotional well-being. Types of trauma can include early childhood experiences, physical abuse, and complex or toxic shock. These experiences can have long-lasting effects on an individual's mental health. However, nutritional neglect is not typically considered a type of trauma. Nutritional neglect may lead to physical and health consequences, but it does not fall under the definition of trauma.

**9. When a 12-year-old child is determined missing, within how many hours must law enforcement be notified?**

- A. 2 hours**
- B. 4 hours**
- C. 24 hours**
- D. 48 hours**

When minor children are reported missing, the situation is considered urgent and law enforcement must act quickly in order to ensure their safety. Therefore, it is important for law enforcement to be notified as soon as possible, with the requirement being within 4 hours of the child being determined missing. Option A, 2 hours, may seem like a reasonable time frame, but it may not allow enough time for the child to be found if they are in immediate danger. Option C, 24 hours, is too far out and could delay the search for the child, potentially putting their safety at risk. Option D, 48 hours, is too long and may not allow for a timely response that could result in a successful recovery of the child. Therefore, option B is the best choice as it provides a reasonable and urgent time frame for law enforcement to be notified.

**10. What is the frequency of Judicial Reviews (JR) after the initial review?**

- A. Every 6 months**
- B. Every 12 months**
- C. Every 90 days**
- D. Every 30 days**

There are a few factors that influence the frequency of judicial reviews. Typically, after the initial review, judicial reviews occur every 6 months. This is because it allows for enough time to pass for any changes or updates to be made, based on the outcome of the initial review. Quarterly reviews (every 90 days) may be too frequent and may not give enough time for significant changes to be implemented. Monthly reviews (every 30 days) may be too frequent and may not be an efficient use of time and resources. Annual reviews (every 12 months) may be too infrequent and may not allow for timely adjustments to be made. Therefore, the most reasonable and effective frequency for judicial reviews after the initial review is every 6 months.

## Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

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**We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!**