



**Join us in Atlanta for the 36th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference**

**Strategies for Success: Enhancing Advocacy for Children, Youth and Families**

**Atlanta, GA • August 26-28, 2013**  
Pre-Conference August 25, 2013

Join the national community of child advocates this summer in Atlanta! At a time when children’s legal rights are being debated all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, your colleagues will be at the 36th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference to shape the future of children in our country’s legal systems. What you will hear, see and learn there can change your career and forever alter how you advocate for children and families.

**Bryan Stevenson**, the renowned attorney who argued before the U.S. Supreme Court against life without parole sentences for juveniles, is our not-to-be-missed keynote speaker. Workshop topics range from the school-to-prison-pipeline to practical trial skills to advocating for children with disabilities, selected from over 130 proposals received from prominent attorneys, judges, social workers and social science researchers across the country.

Legal advocacy for children is thriving. Build a better career for yourself as an advocate, and make this country a better place for children, youth and families — join us in Atlanta!

NACC envisions a justice system wherein every child has his/her voice heard with the assistance of well-trained, well-resourced independent lawyers resulting in the child’s rights being protected and needs being met.

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## The Conference

More than 36 years of experience has gone into developing this premiere three-day training, during which we will give you the most up to date knowledge and tools to advocate for your clients.

We know you have dedicated some of your practice to the representation of children and youth, parents, or the state in juvenile dependency, delinquency, or family law cases. This conference is the opportunity to come together with your fellow advocates to network and receive the most up-to-date resources available.

Due to the multidisciplinary nature of this work, we are bringing in professionals from the fields of medicine, mental health, social work, probation, law enforcement, and education, to both attend our conference and also serve as faculty.

The conference is comprised of Plenary Sessions and Breakout Sessions. Attendees are free to sign up for and attend any 1 of the 5 sessions offered during the Breakout Sessions. New this year, we will have the sessions broken out into 11 different categories.

For complete details, see the Conference section on our website at [www.naccchildlaw.org](http://www.naccchildlaw.org).



The High Museum of Art

## The Hotel

The NACC 36th National Conference will be held August 26-28, 2013 at the newly renovated Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Downtown Atlanta, GA.

This year the hotel is offering some great amenities to attendees:

- **free wifi in your hotel room**
- **take advantage of the conference room rate for up to three days prior to and following the conference.**

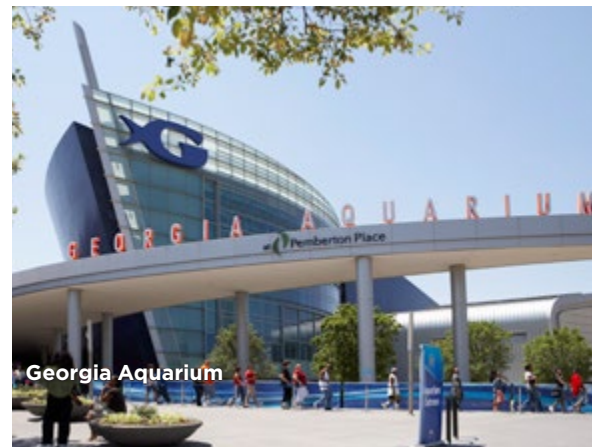
Room rate : Single \$125 / Double \$125

Cutoff Date : To receive the discounted room rate, reservations must be made by August 2, 2013

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# Continuing Legal Education Credits

NACC conferences are typically approved by the continuing education agencies in most jurisdictions and disciplines. A link to uniform certificates of attendance will be emailed post conference to all attendees. CLE Credit has been approved for the courses below.

## Pre-Conference Red Book Training

<b>Colorado</b>	General: 7.8	Ethics: 1.2
<b>California</b>	General: 6.5	Ethics: 1

## 3-Day Conference

<b>Colorado</b>	General: 24.3	Ethics: 1.8
<b>California</b>	General: 20.25	Ethics: 1.5



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# Pre-Conference

Sunday August 25, 2013

## Red Book Training 9:00am-4:30pm

The course will follow the 2nd Edition of the Red Book (**Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents, and State Agencies in Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Cases**, Duquette and Haralambie, Bradford Publishing 2010). The course covers the major dependency practice competency areas and prepares attendees for the NACC Child Welfare Attorney Certification Exam.

Separate registration required; \$250 fee includes lunch and a copy of the Red Book.

Approved for CLE, including ethics.

## CWLS Reception 5:00-6:30pm

Both experienced and newly certified Child Welfare Legal Specialists are invited to join us and get to know one another before the conference ramps up.



Centennial Olympic Park

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# PROGRAM

## Pre-Conference: Sunday, August 25, 2013 (See previous page for details)

9:00am-4:30pm **Red Book Training**

5:00-6:30pm **CWLS Afternoon Reception**

## Monday, August 26, 2013

8:30-8:45am **Welcome**

Justice P. Harris Hines, Supreme Court of Georgia;  
Kendall Marlowe, Executive Director, NACC

8:45-10:00am **Opening Plenary: Evidence Issues in  
Juvenile and Family Court Practice**

John E.B. Myers, JD, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

10:00-10:30am **Coffee Break**

10:30am-Noon **Breakout Session A**

**1 : Can We Just All  
Get Along? Including  
the Child's Voice  
in Custody and  
Visitation Mediation**  
Michelle Grasso,  
LMSW; Dawn Post, JD

**2 : Don't Just Sit  
There! Active  
Investigation  
and Advocacy for  
Child's Counsel**  
Nancy Aspaturian, JD

**3 : Medical-Legal  
Partner-ships: A  
Prescription for  
Improving Child and  
Family Well-Being**  
Sylvia Caley, JD, MBA,  
RN; Taylor Dudley, JD;  
Astrid Heger, MD;  
Robert Pettignano, MD;  
Amy Zimmerman, JD

**4 : Enhancing  
Attorney Advocacy for  
Well-Being Outcomes  
for Foster Children**  
Lori Duke, JD;  
Jenny Hinson, BA;  
Rob Hofmann, JD;  
Ian Spechler, JD

**5 : A Balancing Act:  
Legal Representation  
and Management  
Duties**  
Jenny Cheung  
Marino, JD; Phyllis  
Stricklan, JD

Noon-1:45pm **Lunch on Your Own OR Networking Lunch:  
Project Respect: A Process to Address the Commercial  
Sexual Exploitation of Children on a Statewide Basis**

Justice Bobbe Bridge; Terri Kimball, Center for Children & Youth Justice

Space is limited; registration required to attend; \$50 fee.

Identifying, engaging and serving commercially sexually exploited children and youth (CSEC), and treating them as victims, not criminals, is a challenge for many communities. This presentation will center on the creation of a victim-centered statewide protocol for exploited children in Washington State, so that the state, as a whole, is effectively addressing this issue.

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2:00-3:30pm

### Breakout Session B

**1: Advocating for Children with Disabilities: Perspectives from Delinquency, Dependency and Education Law**  
Emma Hetherington, JD; Linda Pace, JD; Aarti Sharma, JD; Katherine Terry, JD, CWLS

**2: Ethical Challenges for Children's Attorneys and Attorney GALs \*Ethics**  
Carol Casey, JD; Sheri Danz, JD; Michael Dsida, JD; Dianne Peterson, JD

**3: Parental Alienation in Child Custody Cases**  
Ken Lewis, Ph.D.

**4: The Importance of Fathers in Child Welfare**  
Rachel Ewing, JD; Phyllis Stricklan, MSN, LW

**5: What, Really, is in the Best Interest of the Child?**  
Don Bross, JD, Ph.D.; Jane Okrasinski, JD

3:30-4:00pm

### Break

4:00-5:30pm

### Plenary I: Transitioning to Adulthood Under the Extended Foster Care Provisions of the Fostering Connections Act

Mark Courtney, Ph.D., University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration; Leslie Heimov, JD, Children's Law Center of Los Angeles; Christopher Wu, JD, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

5:30-6:30pm

### Reception

Join your colleagues for a southern style welcome with appetizers and drinks. Network with experts from across the country.

## Tuesday, August 27, 2013

8:00-8:30am

### Everything You Never Knew to Ask About Starting an Affiliate

8:30-10:00am

### Plenary II: Keeping Kids in School and Out of Courts

Judge Steven Teske, Juvenile Court of Clayton County, Jonesboro, GA

10:00-10:30am

### Coffee Break

10:30am-Noon

### Breakout Session C

**1: Stopping the Negative Effect of Police Interaction with Youth Through Education and Advocacy**  
Cynthia Pong, JD

**2: All Together Now: Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists, Child Welfare Staff, and Court Teams**  
Joaniko Kohchi, MSW; Clayton Latimer, JD

**3: Effective Policy Advocacy in a Fiscally Conservative Era**  
Melissa Carter, JD; Karen Worthington, JD

**4: I Lost My Lawyer's Number: Practical and Low-cost Interventions to Assist the Populations Often Present in Family Court Cases**  
BB Liu, JD; Lauren McSwain, JD

**5: Advocacy in Cases of Parental Incarceration**  
Darice Good, JD, CWLS; Kirsten Widner, JD

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12:15-1:45pm

## Annual Luncheon: Changing the Narrative: Children in the Criminal Justice System

Bryan Stevenson, JD, Equal Justice Initiative Montgomery, AL



Mr. Stevenson is a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. Under his leadership, EJI recently won an historic ruling in the U.S. Supreme Court holding that mandatory life-without-parole sentences for all children 17 or younger are unconstitutional. Mr. Stevenson will discuss the dramatic change in the way children are now treated as adults and sent to adult prisons sometimes for life and the impact these policies have had on families, communities and the nation. Poverty, race, disability have become factors that have condemned children, families. Can we change the narrative that has created the problems and create more hopeful outcomes for kids and families?

Space is limited; registration required to attend; no additional fee.

2:00-3:30pm

### Breakout Session D

1: A View from the Bench

Hon. Bradley Boyd;  
Hon. Amy Pellman;  
Hon. Erik Pitchal

2: Working With Social Workers: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Child Advocacy

Kim Daulton, LICSW, LCSW-C; Tyra Moore, LICSW, LCSW-C; Alyssa Patzoldt, JD; Jess Sucherman, JD

3: Efficient & Effective: Colorado's Study of Multi-Disciplinary Law Offices

Amanda Donnelly, JD; Chris Henderson, JD; Lisa Langenderfer, MSW

4: Hearing Quality, Workload, and Case Outcomes in Juvenile Dependency Case

Alicia Summers, Ph.D.

5: Is There Really a Fundamental Right to Family Integrity?

Hon. Gerald Bruce

3:30-4:00pm

### Break

4:00-5:30pm

### Breakout Session E

1: Advocacy for Youth with Disabilities Transitioning from the Foster Care and Juvenile Justice Systems

Jennifer Pokempner, JD; Angie Schwartz, JD

2: Utilizing Psychological Evaluations in Delinquency Proceedings

Matthew Davies, Ph.D.; Pamela Vickrey, JD

3: The Special Needs of Adolescent Girls in the Child Welfare System

Karen Baynes-Dunning, JD; Karen Worthington, JD

4: Obtaining Social Security Benefits for Children and Parents Involved in Juvenile Court Proceedings

Diana Rugh Johnson, MS, JD; Joe Whitcomb, MS, JD

5: Psychotropic Medications—Too Much? Too Many? Too Young?: The Roles of the Attorney and Guardian Ad Litem

William Grimm, JD; Edward Opton, JD, Ph.D.; William Lawson, MD, Ph.D.

6:00-7:30pm

### Movie: From Place to Place

This documentary tells the story of children who grew up in America's foster care system, aged out and went on to help lead efforts to radically reform America's foster care system. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided for viewers.

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## Wednesday, August 28, 2013

8:00–9:00am

### Evaluating Attorney Representation in a Changing World

Janet Bledsoe, JD, LLM in Child Law; Renia Robinette, JD

9:15–10:45am

### Breakout Session F

**1:** Considerations for Representing Parents in Family Drug Courts

\*Ethics

Aurora Jones, JD

**2:** Cutting Ties or Preserving Family Connections through Open Adoption: Is Terminating Parental Rights and Closed Adoption Best for Our Kids?

Kathleen Cleary;  
Marcie Daniluke, Peer Mentor; Dylan Roy, JD

**3:** Partnering with Our Clients in Court: How Youth Participation makes us more Effective Lawyers

Justice Judith Kaye;  
Brett Pattison, JD;  
Shari Shink, JD;  
Trenny Stovall, JD

**4:** The Impact of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Laws on Youth and Constitutional Challenges to Limit Their Harmful Effects

Marsha Levick, JD;  
Nicole Pittman;  
Riya Saha Shah, JD

**5:** Trauma and Resilience: A New Look at Legal Advocacy for Youth in the Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice System

Jessica Feierman, JD;  
Lauren Fine, JD;  
Julian Ford, Ph.D

10:45–11:00am

### Break

11:00am–12:30pm

### Closing:

### FASD as a Mitigating Factor in Litigation and Sentencing ( Ethics )

Ira Chasnoff, MD, Children's Research Triangle Chicago, IL

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