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!
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.

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

Reservations:

By phone:
1-888-421-1442; refer to the National Association of Counsel for Children Law Conference

Online:
https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=9466718

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- Special mention in the NACC e-Guardian
- Exhibit/Promotional space at the conference
- Recognition in the Conference Program
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Contact conference@naccchildlaw.org for details.
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.

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Pre-Conference

Sunday August 25, 2013

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


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.

FACULTY

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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 Asapatian, 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 Pettigiano, 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 Bobbie 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.

Click the R to register online.
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
Darice Good, JD, CWLS; Kirsten Widner, JD

5: Advocacy in Cases of Parental Incarceration
Don Bross, JD, Ph.D.; Jane Okrasinski, JD
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.

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 Multidisciplinary 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

Break

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 Vickery, 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.

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, Rya 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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Register at www.NACCchildlaw.org