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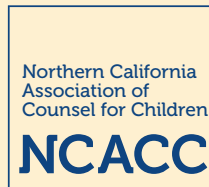
38th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference

August 25-27, 2015
Pre-Conference August 24

Hyatt Regency Monterey
Monterey, California

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Conference Program

PRE-CONFERENCE : Monday, Aug 24

7:30am-4:30pm **Registration Desk Open**
REGENCY FOYER

8:30am-4:30pm **Red Book Training**
SPYGLASS **Brooke Silverthorne, JD**

3:00-4:30pm **Pre-Conference Breakout Session**
BIG SUR **Using Data to Enhance System Improvement and Community Collaboration in Child Protection Cases**
Heather Dorsey, MA
Sophia Gatowski, PhD
Hon. Michael Kick

5:00-6:30pm **CWLS Private Reception**
REGENCY 1 & 2

6:30-8:00pm **Board of Directors Private Reception**
OAK TREE TERRACE

CONFERENCE : Tuesday, Aug 25

7:00am-5:00pm **Registration Desk Open**
REGENCY FOYER

7:00-8:00am **Continental Breakfast**
REGENCY FOYER

8:00-8:15am **Welcome**
REGENCY GRAND BALLROOM **Kendall Marlowe,**
Executive Director, NACC

8:15-9:30am **Opening Plenary :**
REGENCY GRAND BALLROOM **100 Years/100 Tips: Great Moments Giving Rise to Great Tips**
Frank P. Cervone, Executive Director, Support Center for Child Advocates
Tony DeMarco, Founder, Children's Law Center of Massachusetts, Lynn MA and Clinical Instructor, Boston College School of Law
Robert L. Listenbee, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington DC and former Chief, Juvenile Unit, Defender Association of Philadelphia
Shari Shink, Founder, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center
Four leaders in child advocacy with more than a century of combined practice and policy work offer historical perspective, practical tips and inspiration for a new generation of advocates.

9:30-10:00am **Coffee Break**
REGENCY FOYER

10:00-11:30am
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PEBBLE

GROVE

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BEACH

11:30am-1:30pm

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1:30-3:00pm

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SPYGLASS 1 & 2

Breakout Session A

- 1: Building an Education Rights Holder (ERH) Program with No Budget**
Marianne Barongan, JD; Michelle Lustig, MSW, Ed.D, PPSC; Christina Riehl, JD
- 2: Learning How To Adequately Cross-Examine a Social Worker**
Berta Atkinson, JD, CWLS; Sarah Bear, JD; Judith Klein, JD; Mary Livingstone, JD
- 3: CyberDelinquency: Sexting, Cyberbullying and Juvenile Justice**
Ken Harris, JD; Sara Ward, MSW
- 4: Empowering Youth Through Quality Transition Planning**
Keri Flynn, BS; Gerard Glynn, JD, MS, LLM; Amanda Reineck, MSW
- 5: Improving Therapeutic Outcomes for Foster Children by Improving Confidentiality of Mental Health**
Frank Davis, Psy.D; Rebecca Gudeman, JD; Robert Waring, JD, CWLS
- 6: Representing the Wishes of a Child-Client Amidst a Sexual Abuse**
Lorraine Augustini, JD, CWLS; Susan Esquilin, PhD, ABPP

Lunch on Your Own OR Networking Lunch :

Plan of Action: Creating Quality Attorney Representation Programs for Children & Parents

Cathy Krebs, Committee Director, ABA Section of Litigation, Children's Rights Committee

Renia Robinette, Director, Dependency-Neglect Attorney Ad Litem Program

This luncheon will begin with a networking activities for attendees. A workshop will follow after lunch with small group discussions to share ideas and develop specific action steps for creating quality attorney representation programs for children and parents.

SEPARATE REGISTRATION AND \$50 FEE FOR ATTENDEES AND GUESTS

SPACE IS LIMITED; VISIT REGISTRATION DESK

Breakout Session B

- 1: Everyone I Know Hits Their Kids: Cultural Competence in Custody and Visitation Cases**
Michelle Grasso, LMSW; BB Liu, JD; Lauren McSwain, JD; Dawn Post, JD
- 2: Collaborating Across Systems to Ensure the Educational Success of Students in Foster Care**
Michelle Lustig, MSW, Ed.D, PPSC; Tilisha Martin, MSW, JD, CWLS, MJM; Candi Mayes, JD, CWLS, MJM
- 3: Protecting the Rights of Youth in Group Homes through Prevention and Advocacy**
Amanda King, JD; Damon King, JD; Rhea Yo, JD

- PEBBLE** **4: Psychotropic Medications and Foster Youth: What We Know, What We Need to Study and How We Can Improve**
Andrew Cain, JD, CWLS;
Ahsan Shaikh, JD MS
- BEACH** **5: Representing and Advocating for Youth In Residential and Correctional Facilities**
Sue Burrell, JD; Jessica Feierman, JD;
Marsha Levick, JD

3:00-3:30pm **Break**
REGENCY FOYER

- 3:30-5:00pm **Breakout Session C**
BEACH **1: Advocacy Strategies for Addressing the Needs of Youth in Residential Treatment: From Admission to Discharge**
Sarah Flohre, JD, MPH; Ryan Kool, MSW;
Kate Stanford, JD

- GROVE** **2: Foster & Adoptive Parent's Right to Be Heard: Exploring the Nature of and Working With the Holder of This Important Right**
Irene Clements, CDA; Christopher Church, JD, MS; Judge Thomas Hammond, JD

- BIG SUR** **3: Innovative Approaches to Cross-Over, Dual Status and Multi-System Youth**
Neha Desai, JD; Robert Schwartz, JD;
Patrick Tondreau, JD

- PACIFIC** **4: Sibling Relationships – The Real Permanent Connection**
Brain Brinkerhoff, MPA; Laurie Clark, JD;
Joseph Hamlar, MSW; Erin Stremming, MSW; Linda Weinerman, JD

- SPYGLASS 1 & 2** **5: The Tangled Web of Custody of Children of Same-Sex Parents**
Ann Haralambie, JD, CWLS

- PEBBLE** **6: Teens with Trauma: What We Don't Know Might Hurt Them**
Janet Albert, JD; Jessica Kurtz, JD;
Jennifer Masi, JD; Tyra Moore, MSW

5:00-6:00pm **Opening Reception**
GARDEN TERRACE COURTYARD Join your colleagues for a California style welcome with appetizers and cocktails. Network with experts from across the country.

CONFERENCE : Wednesday, Aug 26

7:30am-5:00pm **Registration Desk Open**
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7:30-8:30am **Continental Breakfast**
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- 8:30-10:00am **Breakout Session D**
BIG SUR **1: Coordinating Education and Mental Health Advocacy for System-Involved Youth**
Rachel Stein, JD

- SPYGLASS 1 & 2** **2: Peer Advocacy in Child Welfare Practice**
Sabine Chery, LMSW; Brenda Dabney, JD, CWLS; Mikisha Deason, BSW;
Lindsay Elliott, JD, MSW

- PACIFIC & GROVE** **3: Psychotropic Medications : Chemical Restraints or Treatment? Ensuring the Safety and Well-Being of Foster Children and Juvenile Justice Youth**
Karen De Sa, BA; William Grimm, JD

- BEACH** **4: Recommended Practices for Serving Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Cases**
Currey Cook, JD; Rhodes Perry, MPA

- PEBBLE** **5: The Alienated Child : How Children Contribute to Divorce Conflict**
De Kirkpatrick, PhD; John Parker III, JD

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

- 10:30am-Noon **Breakout Session E**
PACIFIC & GROVE **1: Child Trafficking and the Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice System**
Stephanie Richard, JD

- SPYGLASS 1 & 2** **2: Eliminating the Consequences of a Juvenile Record : Expungement and Deregistration**
Kim Dvorchak, JD; Dafna Gozani, JD;
Elise Logemann, JD

- BIG SUR** **3: Providing Services to Families Impacted by Intellectual Disability and Other Mental Health Conditions**
Nora Chung, MSW; Amanda Kennedy, JD;
Nathan Thomas, MSW

- BEACH** **4: Taking the Fifth, While Losing the Baby**
Paul DeQuattro, JD, CWLS

- PEBBLE** **5: The Voice of a Child : Techniques Used in Assessing Parental Capacity**
Jane Pearl, JD, PhD, MA; Dawn Post, JD;
Karen Simmons, JD; Tracey Tronolone, LCSW

Noon-1:20pm **Annual Luncheon**
REGENCY GRAND BALLROOM **Featuring Keynote Speaker Xavier McElrath-Bey**



When Xavier was 13 years old he was arrested, charged and later convicted to serve 25 years in prison for his involvement in a gang-related first degree murder. After 13 years in prison he came out with a remorseful heart, a bachelor degree in Social Science from Roosevelt University and a mission to advocate for poor, disadvantaged and at-risk youth. Today, Xavier is a Youth Justice Advocate with the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth. He speaks nationwide to heads of organizations, government officials, legislators, juvenile justice practitioners and other stakeholders about the importance of age-appropriate and trauma-informed alternatives to the extreme sentencing of America's youth. He is a co-founder of the Incarcerated Children's Advocacy Network (ICAN), a national network of formerly incarcerated youth who are committed to creating a fairer and humane justice system for all children. Don't miss his inspirational story.

LUNCHEON IS FREE FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND BUT HAVE NOT REGISTERED, VISIT THE REGISTRATION DESK ASAP. SPACE IS LIMITED.

1:30-3:00pm PACIFIC & GROVE	Breakout Session F 1: Every Kid Needs a Family : Strategies for Improving Child Welfare Policy and Practice Gina Davis, BA; Karina Jimenez Lewis, MSW
PEBBLE	2: How to Derail the Imbalance of Power & Control in Domestic Violence Divorce and Custody Cases Laurie Clark, JD; Margaret Coyne, JD; Stephanie Suzanne, JD
BIG SUR	3: The Dream Team : Attorneys, Pediatricians, and Mental Health Assessors Working Together to Prevent and Mitigate Systemic Trauma and Adversity Catherine Deridder, MD, FAAP; Jessica Richards, MS, MSW, LCSW
BEACH	4: TOTALLY CROSSED OUT: A Roundtable Discussion on Practice Strategies and Policy Solutions to Make You Want to JUMP, JUMP on Behalf of Crossover/Dually-Involved Youth Debra Avenmarg, JD; Roger Chan, JD; Carolyn Levenberg, JD, CWLS, MSW; Ruby Marquez, JD
SPYGLASS 1 & 2	5: Using Quality Service Reviews to Improve Child Welfare Systems Alexandra Citrin, MSW, MPP; Gayle Samuels, MSW

3:00-3:30pm
REGENCY FOYER
Break

3:30-5:00pm PACIFIC & GROVE	Breakout Session G 1: Advanced Interviewing Techniques: Handling Sensitive Issues with Child Clients Nanette Schrandt, MSW ; Meredith Sopher, JD, CWLS
SPYGLASS 1 & 2	2: African American Tribal Sovereignty: The Importance of Competent Legal Counsel When Protecting Due Process Rights of Families in the Child Welfare System. Stephanie Ledesma, JD, CWLS
BIG SUR	3: Reasonable Efforts: Relevance for Children's Attorneys Leonard Edwards, JD
BEACH	4: Reinstating Parental Rights: Is it working? Meredith Schalick, JD, MS
PEBBLE	5: What does Ferguson have to do with Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare? Cynthia Harcourt, JD

5:00pm
Offsite Activity : Dinner Shuttle to Downtown Monterey or Cannery Row
FULL; WAITLIST AVAILABLE

5:00pm
REGENCY GRAND BALLROOM
Onsite Activity : Movie Night : Tough Love
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Thursday, August 27, 2015

7:00am-12:30pm
REGENCY FOYER
Registration Desk Open

7:00-8:00am
REGENCY FOYER
Continental Breakfast

8:00-9:00am
REGENCY GRAND BALLROOM
Early Morning Session :
How Has the Baby Girl Case Changed the ICWA Legal Landscape? How Does it Affect Your Practice?
Tracy Mills, JD, CWLS
Martha Pierce, JD, CWLS
How has state law interpreted the Baby Girl case? This session will give you tools to help your client.

9:15-10:45am
BEACH
Breakout Session H
1: An Empirical Profile of Children's Lawyers in Two States and Implications for Practice
Donald Duquette, JD;
Britany Orlebeke, MPP

PACIFIC & GROVE
2: Best Interests v. Parental Rights: How to Investigate, Litigate, and Negotiate Competing Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights Cases
Jessie Forsythe, JD; Kristen Pisani-Jacques, JD; Jess Sucherman, JD

BIG SUR
3: Federal Law and Policy and Its Implication on Child Welfare Proceedings Involving Immigrant Families
Carla Carter, JD; Andrew Lorenzen-Strait, JD; Kevonne Small, JD, PhD; Elizabeth Thornton, JD

PEBBLE
4: Moment to Moment: Teens Growing Up with FASDs
Ira Chasnoff, MD; Carole Hurley, JD

SPYGLASS 1 & 2
5: Practical Tools for Promoting a More Civil Approach to Law
Tim Jaasko-Fisher, JD, MA; Paula Lustbader, JD; Andrew Yost, JD, MA

10:45-11:00am
REGENCY FOYER
Break

11:00am-12:30pm
REGENCY GRAND BALLROOM
Closing Plenary:
Systemic Child Advocacy Roundup
Kendall Marlowe, Executive Director, NACC
Ira Lustbader, Litigation Director, Children's Rights
Lourdes Rosado, Associate Director, Juvenile Law Center
Casey Trupin, Coordinating Attorney,

Children and Youth Project, Columbia
Legal Services

Leecia Welch, Senior Attorney,
National Center for Youth Law

This national panel of leading systemic reform advocates will provide a round-up of efforts across the country over the past year, both litigation and non-litigation, to change child welfare, juvenile justice and juvenile court systems

so they are more accountable to the very kids and families they exist to help. The discussion will be moderated by NACC Executive Director Kendall Marlowe and is designed to spark interest in NACC members getting involved in systemic advocacy in their own jurisdictions.

12:30 Adjourn

Breakout Session Descriptions

PRE-CONF

Using Data to Enhance System Improvement and Community Collaboration in Child Protection Cases

In 2009, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts implemented the Child Protection Data Courts Project to collect child protection performance measures. This session provides examples of collaborative projects developed by court stakeholders and state-wide judicial and attorney initiatives addressing key data findings and best practices.

SESSION A

1: Building an Education Rights Holder (ERH) Program with No Budget

If you have youth on your caseload who need an education rights holder, or a parent on your caseload who doesn't know what to do to protect their child's educational rights, then attend this session to learn how to build a local ERH program.

2: Learning How to Adequately Cross-Examine a Social Worker

This session will give you tools to prepare for and actually cross-examine a social worker.

3: CyberDelinquency : Sexting, Cyberbullying and Juvenile Justice

This presentation will address and explore the legal and holistic effect of digital media on children's behaviors, parents' concerns, and states' reactions. Not only will it discuss the legal ramifications and impact of digital media with children, but it will also discuss methods and best practices for handling these issues.

4: Empowering Youth Through Quality Transition Planning

Fostering Connections Act mandates transition planning for older foster youth. These plans should be youth driven.

5: Improving Therapeutic Outcomes for Foster Children by Improving Confidentiality of Mental Health

This presentation will offer best practices designed to minimize threats to child patients' privacy in sharing mental health information, and thus improve therapeutic outcomes for foster children.

6: Representing the Wishes of a Child-Client Amidst a Sexual Abuse Allegation

When child victims disclose sexual abuse allegations, they typically are not prepared for the consequences. In the face of the family disruption required by child protective services and the criminal cases brought by prosecutors, a small but significant proportion of these youngsters recant their allegations.

SESSION B

1: Everyone I Know Hits Their Kids: Cultural Competence in Custody and Visitation Cases

A parent's cultural background often permeates all aspects of his/her parenting, including views on privacy, sleeping arrangements, attitudes towards medical care / education, treatment of stepchildren, use of corporal punishment, etc. Given the continued influx of immigrants, it is necessary for attorneys to be mindful of the importance of cultural competence. This workshop aims to provide practice tips about what to do when confronted with cases that involve cultures with which the participants have limited familiarity.

2: Collaborating Across Systems to Ensure the Educational Success of Students in Foster Care

Cross system collaboration has been an effective mechanism for increasing all stakeholders abilities to focus on the education of children and youth in foster care. This workshop will provide concrete examples of how this has been accomplished as well as the obstacles that were overcome.

3: Protecting the Rights of Youth in Group Homes through Prevention and Advocacy

Research has indicated poorer outcomes for children and youth in group homes. Instead, it is in children's best interest to live in their communities in home-based family care. Even when congregate care is necessary, group home placements should be time-limited, the rights of children in group homes must be protected, and advocates for children need to ensure that their individual needs are being met within any existing group home program.

4: Psychotropic Medications and Foster Youth: What We Know, What We Need to Study and How We Can Improve

Despite the growing national attention on the use of psychotropic medication in the treatment of foster youth, the role of the child advocate in the development of mental health treatment plans often goes without being underscored. A child psychiatrist and attorney will provide an overview of medications, discuss how medications play a role, often oversized, in treatment of foster youth and provide tips on how to engage youth in the creation and implementation of their treatment plans.

5: Representing and Advocating for Youth In Residential and Correctional Facilities

This workshop is designed for lawyers and advocates whose clients face or experience institutional placement in the juvenile justice system. Participants will learn how to address abusive institutional practices, at the institutional, administrative and judicial level. Materials and resources will be provided.

SESSION C **1: Advocacy Strategies for Addressing the Needs of Youth in Residential Treatment : From Admission to Discharge**

This session is intended for practitioners working with youth (or the families of youth) who are at risk of needing residential treatment, are in residential treatment, or are being discharged from residential treatment. The discussion will focus on common issues practitioners may encounter when working with youth in residential treatment, and advocacy strategies to ensure that youth's needs are met so that their educational and therapeutic process is helped and not hindered by their placement in residential treatment facilities. Participants will learn concrete ways to advocate for their client's needs when residential treatment is being considered, during a youth's residential treatment, and in preparation for discharge.

2: Foster & Adoptive Parent's Right to Be Heard : Exploring the Nature of and Working With the Holder of this Important Right

Foster and adoptive parents have a legal right to be notified of and participate in legal proceedings involving the children in their care. This session will explore the nature of that right, and provide tips for attorneys and judges on engaging foster and adoptive parents in the legal process.

3: Innovative Approaches to Cross-Over, Dual Status and Multi-System Youth

The session will address cross-over, dual status and multi-system youth through discussions of draft ABA Standards, Santa Clara (CA) County's dual status court, and commercially sexually exploited youth.

4: Sibling Relationships – The Real Permanent Connection

Understanding sibling relationships and preserving them at every step of the case.

5: The Tangled Web of Custody of Children of Same-Sex Parents

This session will discuss the cutting edge law of parent-child relationships, custody, and visitation rights regarding the children of same-sex parents.

6: Teens with Trauma: What We Don't Know Might Hurt Them

This session will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the effects of traumatic experiences on youth, including why a teen's trauma history is important in order to develop more focused legal advocacy and findings. This session will include interactive case examples and tangible tools for participants to explore these issues further.

SESSION D **1: Coordinating Education and Mental Health Advocacy for System-Involved Youth**

This workshop will provide an overview of system-involved youths' rights regarding education and mental health care under IDEA, EPSDT and other laws, how education and mental health issues interact, and practical skills and strategies for implementing and enforcing these rights in the context of dependency and delinquency cases.

2: Peer Advocacy in Child Welfare Practice

Children's Law Center of California and New York City Administration for Children's Services has been utilizing the expertise of former foster youth as peer advocates and mentors for their emancipating youth, and have created several innovative strategies for maximizing success of this at-risk population. Learn about ways to guide and assist foster youth as they navigate out of the foster system and empower other youth to become advocates.

3: Psychotropic Medications : Chemical Restraints or Treatment? Ensuring the Safety and Well-Being of Foster Children and Juvenile Justice Youth

Psychotropic drugs are administered to more than a quarter of foster children in the U.S. This session, which begins with a documentary about California's foster children, is a call to action that will equip participants with the tools to ask questions and effect reforms in their own states.

4: Recommended Practices for Serving Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Cases

Transgender and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) youth are overrepresented in child welfare and juvenile justice systems, but often their social, psychological, and medical needs are not met. For professionals working with TGNC youth, cultural competency can only be achieved through understanding. Participants will learn about the rights of TGNC youth and best practices to better serve this population.

5: The Alienated Child : How Children Contribute to Divorce Conflict

This presentation will provide attendees with a greater understanding of child alienation in family law.

SESSION E **1: Child Trafficking and the Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice System**

Identifying and providing specialized legal services to child trafficking victims in the child welfare and juvenile justice system.

2: Eliminating the Consequences of a Juvenile Record : Expungement and Deregistration

A presentation on the consequences of having a juvenile record and/or being on the sex offender registry; the availability of expungement and deregistration, what you can do for individual clients to avoid these consequences; and the larger policy changes that can eliminate barriers caused by juvenile records and registries.

3: Providing Services to Families Impacted by Intellectual Disability and Other Mental Health Conditions

Providing services to parents with intellectual disability and other mental health conditions that impair cognition presents unique challenges. A team of social workers and attorneys will address how these issues impact children and families, assessment of risk, case planning, and how to avoid cookie cutter approaches in order to serve them best.

4: Taking the Fifth, While Losing the Baby

Examines 10 to 12 state appellate cases that affirmed trial court orders adverse to parents who claimed inability to explain injuries. The parents were not penalized for asserting the privilege, but merely suffered the consequence of unsuccessful treatment.

5: The Voice of a Child : Techniques Used in Assessing Parental Capacity

Because children are unique and express themselves in both verbal and non-verbal ways, understanding how they feel about where they want to live and with whom they feel safe can be difficult. Particularly challenging is evaluating parental strengths and challenges in the context of parental capacity during the throes of the stress of litigation, which may be difficult to reconcile with the child's stated position. Through a moderated panel learn about how attorneys for children provide a voice in high conflict situations and serve not only as litigators but counselors, particularly in situations where parental capacity is at issue.

SESSION F **1: Every Kid Needs a Family : Strategies for Improving Child Welfare Policy and Practice**

Participants will screen a short film featuring young people and learn about the latest research that confirms what we have intuitively known all along: children do best in families. Policy and case-level strategies for helping children achieve better outcomes through ensuring that all kids grow up in families will be highlighted and discussed through peer consultation.

2: How to Derail the Imbalance of Power & Control in Domestic Violence Divorce and Custody Cases

Derailing the effects of domestic violence in divorce and custody cases. Helping to stop and heal the victimization and trauma from domestic violence in families in transition.

3: The Dream Team : Attorneys, Pediatricians, and Mental Health Assessors Working Together to Prevent and Mitigate Systemic Trauma and Adversity

The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACE), identifying and addressing trauma in foster children ages 0-3 and looking to the experts to help you prevent and mitigate systemic trauma.

4: TOTALLY CROSSED OUT : A Roundtable Discussion on Practice Strategies and Policy Solutions to Make You Want to JUMP, JUMP on Behalf of Crossover/Dually-involved Youth

Crossover Youth are children and youth involved in both child welfare and juvenile justice systems whose high disproportionate rate, significant trauma needs, and complex legal histories present unique opportunities and challenges to attorneys and judges in both systems. In this roundtable, we will explore trauma-informed approaches to working with juvenile justice partners and our youth, recognizing key stages of advocacy for foster youth making contact with the juvenile justice system, and identifying legislative and policy solutions that can work across different types of jurisdictions.

5: Using Quality Service Reviews to Improve Child Welfare Systems

In this session, facilitators will introduce participants to the QSR tool, share a year of QSR data from a jurisdiction and how it is being used to drive system reform and practice improvements. Additionally, participants will engage in a facilitated discussion about what they believe such data looks like in their jurisdiction and how they may be able to use CFSR and QSR data to drive improvements and practice both the individual case and system levels.

SESSION G **1: Advanced Interviewing Techniques : Handling Sensitive Issues with Child Clients**

An interdisciplinary team will discuss how to deal with sensitive and potentially uncomfortable issues when meeting with child clients.

2: African American Tribal Sovereignty : The Importance of Competent Legal Counsel When Protecting Due Process Rights of Families in the Child Welfare System.

The purpose of the lecture is to engage participants in an intellectual conversation about reasons why and how a "competent" attorney can and should protect the constitutional rights of impoverished families by challenging the use of current "majority ideals" such as "reasonable efforts" as defined by the upper class and the traditional Anglo-Saxon nuclear family structure vs. that of tribal, extended-family ideals, etc. In addition, this session will focus on the important, irreplaceable role that the "competent" attorney plays in defending the rights of their clients.

3: Reasonable Efforts: Relevance for Children's Attorneys

What reasonable efforts issues should be raised and when they should be raised.

4: Reinstating Parental Rights : Is It Working?

Learn about statutory approaches to reinstating parental rights, and what stakeholders report on whether this is a viable permanency option for some families.

5: What does Ferguson have to do with Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare?

An overview of Ferguson 2014 as it relates to juvenile records confidentiality, and disproportionate minority contacts and considerations in the child welfare and juvenile justice system.

SESSION H **1: An Empirical Profile of Children's Lawyers in Two States and Implications for Practice**

Who are the lawyers representing children? How are they organized? What implications does this have for child representation?

2: Best Interests v. Parental Rights : How to Investigate, Litigate, and Negotiate Competing Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights Cases

This session will focus on how to analyze, investigate, and litigate competing adoption and termination of parental rights (TPR) cases, largely from the perspective of the child advocate, through panel discussion, case examples, group discussion, and hypothetical interactive exercises. Participants will explore case law and social science regarding a parent's right to choose a caregiver for her child, with an eye towards balancing competing considerations of best interests and parental rights. The session will also explore how to maintain the child's key relationships after permanency is achieved, through informal and/or formal mechanisms.

3: Federal Law and Policy and Its Implication on Child Welfare Proceedings Involving Immigrant Families

The intersection of child welfare and immigration is considered one of the most challenging issues facing practitioners today. This presentation will increase understanding among participants of the federal immigration enforcement system and how to child welfare practitioners can work with federal immigration authorities to help clients access child welfare court hearings, services, and visitation. In addition this presentation will provide an overview of the mandates of federal civil rights laws, enabling child welfare attorneys to better serve immigrant families and children involved in the child welfare system.

4: Moment to Moment : Teens Growing Up with FASDs

Moment to Moment: Teens Growing Up With FASDs explores the lives of four adolescents with FASDs and the implications that prenatal alcohol exposure has for child welfare and the juvenile and criminal court systems.

5: Practical Tools for Promoting a More Civil Approach to Law

This is an interactive workshop designed to help professionals explore civility in the legal system and how it relates to the codes of ethical conduct for various professionals who work there. Together, we will discuss the costs of incivility and the benefits of civility with a focus on identifying attitudes, behaviors, and skills that embody civility and promote a child centered approach to transformative lawyering on behalf of child clients resulting in a more just child welfare legal system.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & LOGISTICS

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- A sign in form will be available at the registration desk each day.
- California Attendees must sign in each day and receive their paper certificates of attendance.
- All other conference attendees must sign in once and will receive an electronic certificate of attendance.

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Pre-Conference Red Book Training

CO: General: 8 Ethics: 1.2

CA: General: 6.5 Ethics: 1

3 Day Conference

CO: General: 22 Ethics: 3

CA: General: 21.25 Ethics: 2

Internet Access & Wi-Fi

- For the first time ever Wi-Fi will be available for all conference attendees throughout the meeting rooms. Login Information is below.

Network Name: **Conference Center**

Password: **hyatt2015**

Conference Badges

These must be worn at all times while attending the conference sessions and breaks. You will not be admitted to sessions, breaks, lunches or the reception without your badge. Please do not lose your badge as we do not have replacements available.

Did you sign up for the Dinner Shuttle?

Please visit the registration desk if you wish to cancel. There are nearly 100 people on the waitlist.

Questions?

If you have additional questions please visit the registration table. It is open from 7:30am to 4:30pm each day.

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