

**Workshop Descriptions –
Full Program Agenda to be added soon**



**Equal Access to Justice for Children and Families:
The Legacies of Clarence Earl Gideon and Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**December 2-4, 2013
Anaheim, California**

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A. Fundamental Rights and Liberty Interests: Protecting the Constitutional Rights of Families Involved in Juvenile Dependency Proceedings

This workshop will focus on the constitutional issues in juvenile dependency proceedings. Parents and children have certain constitutional protections in these cases, including due process and equal protection. The panel will review hypothetical case scenarios that will allow participants to identify the constitutional issues and participants will be provided relevant case law to address these issues in court.

Hon. Marguerite Downing, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Ms. Tilisha Martin, *Attorney, Dependency Legal Group*

Ms. Marymichael Miatovich, *Attorney, AOC Center for Children, Families & the Courts*

Mr. Mark Wasacz, *Attorney, Wasacz, Hilley & Fullerton*

B. Justice for All: A Culturally Responsive Approach to Practice and System Changes Involving Community and Tribal Partners

This workshop will explore the fundamental relationship between meaningful involvement of community and tribal partners and the successful implementation of a child and family practice model designed to address systemic barriers and reduce long term foster care for the most impacted families.

Hon. Joyce Hinrichs, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt*

Hon. Michael Nash, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Ms. Karen Gunderson, *Chief, Child and Youth Permanency Branch, California Department of Social Services*

C. Incompetent to Stand Trial: Now What?

This workshop will focus on some of the procedural and ethical issues for juvenile justice professionals involved with juvenile competency litigation. An experienced panel will discuss with the audience protocols for restoring competency, ethical and procedural dilemmas for informal resolutions vs. competency litigation as well as those concerning the detention of juveniles who have been found incompetent. This session is eligible for .5 hour of MCLE ethics credit.

Ms. Megan N. Gallow, *Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender*

Mr. Rick Lewkowitz, *Supervising Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento County District Attorney*

Ms. Carolee Matias, *LCSW, Psychiatric Social Worker, Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender*

Ms. Carrie Zoller, *Supervising Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

D. Community Collaboration to Support the Educational Success of Foster Youth

Children and youth living in foster care face many challenges in their paths to educational success. During this session, panelists representing Santa Cruz County's juvenile dependency court, education agency, and the

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National Center for Youth Law will examine these challenges and discuss efforts currently underway through the county's FosterEd Initiative. Panelists and participants will strategize about how to increase inter-agency collaboration and ensure that children in care have the adult support they need to succeed in school.

Hon. Denine Guy, *Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Cruz*

Ms. Kim Corneille, *Foster Youth Education Liaison, National Center for Youth Law / Santa Cruz County Office of Education*

Mr. Michael Paynter, *Foster Youth Services Coordinator and Program Manager of Student Services Division, Santa Cruz County Office of Education*

E. Civil Gideon and Child Custody Cases

Three pilot programs in California are providing representation in child custody matters where one side of the case is represented and one of the parties is asking for sole custody. Each program has a different structure and different hypotheses about the best way to handle these cases and provide services. Each is working closely with their local court to identify appropriate cases and provide a variety of services to ensure best outcomes for the families. This workshop will discuss the implementation of these pilots and early lessons learned including outreach and effective use of pro bono counsel.

Hon. Maureen Hallahan, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego*

Hon. Earl Johnson (Ret.), *Associate Justice, Second District Court of Appeal; Chair, Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Implementation Committee*

Mr. Javier Bastides, *Attorney, Justice and Diversity Center, San Francisco*

Ms. Brandy Davis, *Managing Attorney, Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice*

Ms. Kris Jacobs, *Managing Attorney, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc.*

Mr. Lee Morhar, *Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Stephanie Shadowens, MFT, *Supervising Family Court Services Specialist, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

F. Family Court Services Child Custody Mediation: Implementing a Multi-Tiered Approach

Over the last year and a half, Fresno Superior Court undertook an effort to reconsider how family law child custody mediation services were being delivered in light of resource constraints and the needs of the families and the court. This workshop will include Judge Kimberly Nystrom-Geist, Supervising Family Law Judge and Ms. Cheryl Scott, Director, Family Court Services, presenting on the background for the new approach, the process the court went through to implement its current procedures, and the results of the changes. The session will be informed additionally with statewide perspectives on the topic provided by Ms. Julia Weber, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts.

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Hon. Kimberly Nystrom-Geist, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Fresno*

Ms. Cheryl Scott, *Director, Family Court Services, Superior Court of California, County of Fresno*

Ms. Julia Weber, *Supervising Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

G. Implementing SB 1064, The Reuniting Immigrant Families Act: Immigrant Youth and Families involved in the Family and Juvenile Court Systems

On September 30, 2012, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law SB 1064: The Reuniting Immigrant Families Act. SB 1064 addresses the problems encountered when immigration enforcement and the child welfare system intersect by prioritizing keeping children with their families and out of the public child welfare system whenever possible, and ensures that separated families receive appropriate care and due process. This panel will discuss what lawyers for children and parents and county agencies in dependency cases need to know and do to effectively implement the law's provisions in individual cases. In addition, we will discuss how to harmonize the new ICE Parental Directive with the legal authority granted in SB 1064.

Mr. Howard Davidson, *Director, American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law*

Ms. Kristen Jackson, *Senior Staff Attorney – Immigrants' Rights Project, Public Counsel*

Mr. Erin Quinn, *Staff Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)*

H. Teen Jurors End Hate: How the LA Superior Court SHADES Program Combats Hate & Bullying Among Youth

In addition to Judge Wesley, the panelists will include 2 teen jurors, 1 community organization representative, 1 judge mentor, and 1 minor who has been on trial. This panel will discuss their experiences in advancing the role of the Superior Court in tackling the social tragedy of hate and bullying among today's youth.

Hon. David Wesley, *Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Mr. Camilo Cruz, *Community Relations Administrator, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

I. Youth Violence in the Home: Building Respectful Family Relationships

Youth violence against parents, grandparents, and other care providers is an increasing problem in juvenile court. How can the juvenile court intervene in these cases in a way that protects victims, youth, and families and improves outcomes? This workshop will explore the limited research on this issue, identify ways in which the issue arises in court proceedings, and discuss possible successful interventions.

Hon. Donna Groman, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Ms. Lily Anderson, MSW, *Step-Up Program, King County Department of Judicial Administration*

Mr. Gregory Routt, M.A., *Coordinator, Step-Up Program, King County Department of Judicial Administration*

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J. Racial Impact Statements: How to Use the RIS as a Tool to Eliminate Disparities and Disproportionality

Racial Impact Statements have increasingly been used as a tool to address bias in decision-making in the criminal justice system; several states (e.g., Iowa, Oregon, Connecticut, etc.) have passed Racial Impact Statement legislation as a mechanism to address unintended consequences of policies and initiatives and to reduce disparate and disproportionate treatment and outcomes for racial and ethnic populations. In 2012, the California State Interagency Team for Children and Youth (SIT) adopted a Racial Impact Statement developed by its Workgroup to Eliminate Disparities and Disproportionality (WGEDD) in an effort to work towards a climate of fairness and equity with respect to disparate and disproportionate treatment and outcomes across California's state systems. This session will provide an overview of the Racial Impact Statement as an intervention tool to reduce disparities and disproportionality; describe how the RIS has been used across the nation and in California; and engage participants in a discussion about how the RIS tool can be further applied across systems to bolster fairness and equity across our California communities.

Ms. Shalinee Hunter, *Field Representative/DMC Coordinator, California Board of State and Community Corrections*

Mr. Michael Roosevelt, *Senior Court Services Analyst, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Autumn Valerio, *Program Coordinator, California Institute for Mental Health*

Dr. Rita Cameron Wedding, *Professor; Chair, Department of Women's Studies, California State University, Sacramento*

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 2: MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 3:30–5:00 P.M.

A. Revisiting Visitation Practices as They Apply to and Inform Reasonable Efforts: A Case for Progressive Visitation

Martin Luther King’s call of “justice for all” challenges us to use one of the most critical reasonable effort services to its fullest capacity. Progressive Visitation supports permanency decisions that are based on the parent improving skills related to the substantiated maltreatment; it is evidence based and trauma informed, leading to more families reuniting in less time. Additionally, Progressive Visitation keeps children safely connected with all members of their family, their culture, and their community. Through a sample case scenario the step-by-step process will be demonstrated and discussed, so that participants will gain insight into how the court and agency can progressively move from highly restricted initial visits to a safe transition home. A judicial officer will discuss visitation challenges and the information required in report writing to enable well-informed decisions that balance reasonable efforts, a child’s developmental needs, and safety concerns.

Hon. Steven Basha, *Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo*

Hon. Patricia Bresee (Ret.), *Consultant/Trainer/Retired Juvenile Court Commissioner*

Ms. Rose Marie Wentz, *Consultant and Trainer, Training for Change*

B. Navigating Ethical Issues Attorneys Face in Juvenile Dependency Cases

This workshop, designed specifically to provide specialty ethics hours for all attorneys who handle juvenile dependency cases, will explore three of the most common dilemmas that all counsel in dependency cases frequently face. The panel will guide participants through dilemmas relating to: 1) client communication; 2) the impact of the various roles of the social services agency; and 3) collateral consequences for the children and families who come into the juvenile dependency system.

Mr. David Meyers, *Chief Operating Officer, Dependency Legal Services*

Mr. John Passalacqua, *Chief Executive Officer, Dependency Legal Services*

Ms. Jennifer Williams, *Administrative Hearing Officer, San Francisco Human Services Agency*

C. Juvenile Justice Reform: Where Are We Now?

Juvenile Justice reform over the past 10 years has been significant, but where do we go from here? This workshop will explore where we have been and where we need to go to improve our delinquency system. Issues addressed will include realignment both at the state and local level, adult court adjudications, and alternatives to the status quo.

Hon. Kurt Kumli, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara*

Mr. Matthew Golde, *Assistant District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney*

Ms. Kathleen Howard, *Executive Director, California Board of State and Community Corrections*

Ms. Linda Penner, *Chair, California Board of State and Community Corrections*

Mr. David Steinhart, *Director, Commonweal Juvenile Justice Program*

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D. Top 10 Drug Court Best Practices and Five Best Practice Standards: What the Research Tell Us and How It Relates to the New Best Practice Standards

This presentation will outline the process undertaken to develop five critical practice standards to obtain successful outcomes in Drug Courts, and the structure and empirical support for these standards.

Hon. Stephen Manley, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara*

Dr. Douglas Marlowe, *Chief of Science, Law and Policy, National Association of Drug Court Professionals*

E. Understanding Diagnosis: DSM-V and the Nexus Between Parent Deficiencies and Parent-Child Interactions

Often custody evaluations focus on allegations of parenting deficiencies and mental health diagnoses. This session examines the connection between allegation-based evaluations and parenting skills; how depression, substance abuse, domestic violence, personality disorders and other concerning behaviors may or may not adversely impact parent-child interactions. Research on the harmful impact of parenting deficiencies is examined in reference to the three parenting skills—nurturing, teaching and co-parenting, as well as the ability of parents to support their children despite these challenges.

Ms. Joyce Goldman, MFT, *Family and Dependency Court Mediator, Superior Court of California, County of Orange*

Cindy Van Schooten, PhD, MFT, *Director of Family Court Services, Superior Court of California, County of Tehama*

Dr. David Weinstock, *Psychologist, Forensic Counseling & Evaluations*

F. Continuing the Mandate to Mediate

(Workshop limited to court-connected child custody mediators/recommending counselors and limited to 20 participants)

This workshop is designed for court-connected child custody mediators/recommending counselors and is to be a discussion between professionals about the work we do as mediators and our mandate as defined by Family Code 3180 (b). Our discussion will be guided by the questions we as mediators are facing in light of the changes in our work environment. What do my best efforts look like today? How do I meet the needs of the Court and our mandate as mediators with less and less time to work with families?

Ms. Patricia Foster, *Family Court Services Director (Ret.), Superior Court of California, County of Tulare;*
Volunteer, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Ms. Stephanie Shadowens, MFT, *Supervising Family Court Services Specialist, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

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G. Parenting and Child Development in LGBT Families: Understanding the Impact of Context, Culture, and the Courts

How does parent sexual orientation affect child development and family lives? What changes may result from recent Supreme Court decisions on DOMA and Proposition 8? Drawing from thirty years of research on LGBT families, the panel will discuss common questions emerging from family and juvenile cases, addressing classic questions of parenting and child well-being in the context of community, cultural, and policy issues relevant to sexual orientation and family lives.

Dr. Charlotte Patterson, *Professor, University of Virginia*

Dr. Charlene Depner, *Assistant Director, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Nancy Taylor, *Manager, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Carrie Zoller, *Supervising Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

H. Turning Trafficking Victims Into Survivors

This session will provide resources for judges, social workers, community advocates, and attorneys to identify and help victims of sex trafficking in California. Judge Elizabeth Lee, chair of the juvenile working group of the California Collaborative Justice Advisory Committee, will provide a brief introduction to the topic and the panel, and panelists will discuss their work with victims of sex trafficking and how stakeholders can assist trafficking victims in their capacity. Although several types of trafficking occur in California, this panel will focus on sex trafficking.

Hon. Elizabeth Lee, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo*

Hon. Catherine Pratt, *Commissioner, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Hon. Leland Yee, *District 8, California State Senate*

Dr. Amy Bacharach, *Senior Research Analyst, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Betty Ann Boeving, *Community Advocate and Founder, Bay Area Antitrafficking Coalition*

Ms. Denicia Cromier, *Social Worker, San Mateo County Department of Children & Family Services*

Ms. Carissa Phelps, *Author, Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time; Chief Executive Officer, Runaway Girl, FPC*

I. Youth Courts: Creating Positive Alternatives to the Traditional Juvenile Justice System

Current Youth Court program directors will provide participants information on the variety of start-up and implementation methods for one of the fastest growing alternatives to the traditional juvenile justice system. The session will provide an overview from each director's youth court and allow ample opportunity for Q&A and group discussion.

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Ms. Jo Ann Allen, *Director, Santa Cruz County Teen Peer Court*

Ms. Karen Green, *Coordinator, Placer County Peer Court*

Ms. Sacha Marini, *Director, Humboldt Youth Court - Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods*

Mr. Mark Reddick, *Coordinator, Riverside Police Department Youth Court*

Ms. Toni Stone, *Executive Director, East Palo Alto Youth Court*

J. How to Complete Over 1,400 Complicated Cases a Year with Two FTE's: The Story of Technology and Partnership

This workshop will review how the program was developed and is operated, will discuss the applicability of the lessons to other legal issues and other jurisdictions, and will give examples of how other organizations across the country are using similar tools to meet the growing demand for legal assistance. Please see the article that we just published in the June issue of the Clearinghouse Review about Bet Tzedek's Conservatorship Clinic:

<http://povertylaw.org/communication/advocacy-stories/bertenthal>

Mr. Philip Bertenthal, *Directing Attorney, California Rural Legal Assistance – Santa Maria*

Ms. Bonnie Rose Hough, *Managing Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Mr. Josh Passman, *Staff Attorney, Self-Help Clinic Coordinator, Bet Tzedek Legal Services*

K. Judicial Ethics in Juvenile and Family Court (2 hour session)

Working through a series of juvenile and family court scenarios, participants will discuss ethical issues, unintended bias, and fairness. This course satisfies the 2-hour Qualifying Judicial Ethics elective requirement for judicial officers.

Hon. Leonard P. Edwards (Ret.), *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara; Volunteer Mentor Judge, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Hon. Shawna Schwarz, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara*

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 3: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 9:00–10:30 A.M.

A. Child Welfare & Foster Youth Services Collaboration: Innovations in Screening and Monitoring Practices to Improve Outcomes for Students in Foster Care

Fresno, Sacramento and Orange Counties are participating in the Education Equals Partnership, an intensive collaboration between child welfare, foster youth services, the courts, and early childhood and higher education to implement a newly developed thriving scale screening tool to identify foster youth educational strengths and assets. Session participants will engage in dialogue about the collaborative process to develop a thriving education screening tool that leverages a foster student's strengths and needs and the teaming strategies that will accompany the development of education plans and monitoring systems to help a foster student realize his or her full potential.

Ms. Michelle Francois, *Associate Director of Child Welfare, Stuart Foundation*

Ms. Tricia Gonzalez, *Program Manager, Department of Social Services, Fresno County*

Ms. Trish Kennedy, *Director, Sacramento County Office of Education*

1 youth presenter pending

B. Reentry Courts – Evidence Based Sentencing with Real Funding Behind It!

Reentry Courts are proven programs that assist local government and the local community in avoiding overcrowded jails and the early release of incarcerated offenders. These programs provide the necessary structure and treatment and services to keep offenders engaged in pro social treatment and activities rather than repeated incarceration. The importance of addressing family issues, including reunifying and strengthening family relationships, addressing child support issues, and participating in child welfare and family law proceedings will be considered within the reentry court model. These Collaborative Courts address critical needs for offenders and their families and are a promising program for new funding.

Hon. Stephen Manley, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara*

Hon. Richard Vlavianos, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin*

C. Exploring Options: Parental Mental Health Issues in Dependency Court

It is not uncommon for judicial officers and others to suspect that a parent being seen in court may have a previously undiagnosed/untreated mental health condition. This session is designed to help identify clues that a parent may have an undiagnosed/untreated mental illness and to identify strategies for responding to situations where evaluation and treatment is appropriate and needed.

Hon. Shawna Schwarz, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara*

Dr. Ian Russ, *Visiting Faculty, California State University-Northridge, Marriage and Family Therapy*

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D. Rights, Responsibility and Respect: Building Mutual Respect between Teens and Law Enforcement and How Teen Courts Can Play an Active Role

(Youth-oriented workshop open to youth and adult participants)

Listen to a candid discussion by youth panelists who are involved in peer court on how to interact effectively with law enforcement, neighborhood watch, and other adults in the community from the perspective of being respectful and responsive, and how those groups can, in turn, effectively and respectfully interact with youth. Youth panelists will discuss how peer courts can take an active role in strengthening their relationship between youth and law enforcement, and other adults in the community with the goal of supporting a healthy and fair dynamic between youth and adults. The panel will also include an attorney from the Children's Rights Project who will discuss your rights as a juvenile, and a Riverside police officer who is also the coordinator of the Riverside youth court. The session will be facilitated by a judge who was formerly a police officer and detective and has extensive experience working with youth.

Hon. Scott Gordon, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Ms. Keisha Como, *Student-Member, Antelope Valley Community Youth Court*

Ms. Ruth Cusick, *Staff Attorney, Children's Rights Project, Public Counsel Law Center*

Mr. Hart Fogel, *Student-Member, Marin County Youth Court*

Mr. Mark Reddick, *Riverside Youth Court Coordinator, and Police Officer, Riverside*

E. Understanding Victim Services in California

A 2012 study offered the first statewide look at California's 59 Victim/Witness Assistance Centers tasked with providing services to crime victims – the first comprehensive study of its kind. Notwithstanding California's robust set of constitutional protections for victims, among other findings, the report identifies significant disparities in service provision and a lack of adequate financial support to consistently deliver minimal rights and services mandated by law. A follow up report polling crime victims statewide also revealed striking information about who crime survivors really are, their unmet needs, and what they actually want to see change about the California criminal justice system.

Ms. Heather Warnken, *Legal Policy Associate, Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law & Social Policy*

F. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Programs and Judicial Ethics

This presentation will use a series of interactive scenarios to explore what judicial officers can do for and with CASA programs within the boundaries of judicial ethics and what CASA programs should and should not ask of juvenile court judicial officers.

Hon. Leonard P. Edwards (Ret.), *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara; Volunteer Mentor Judge, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Mr. Michael Piraino, *Chief Executive Officer, National CASA Association*

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G. The DSM-V: Understanding the New Revisions to Diagnostic Criteria

This course will provide an overview of the history of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM), recent changes to diagnostic categories from DSM-4TR, and implications for mental health clinicians and human services professionals. Through discussion of the criteria for various disorders, this course will also provide some understanding of what to expect from people diagnosed with mental health disorders.

M.K. Gustinella, PsyD, *Mediator/Investigator, Superior Court of California, County of Orange*

Melyssa MacQuarrie, PsyD, *Supervising Court Mediator, Superior Court of California, County of Orange*

Cindy Van Schooten, PhD, *Director of Family Court Services, Superior Court of California, County of Tehama*

H. Gideon’s Promise: Making it Real in California Juvenile Justice

The anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright* provides an opportunity for our system to step back to see where we have been and where we still need to go. This session will celebrate the successes of the past 50 years in assuring that youth in California juvenile delinquency cases are represented by counsel, as well as the areas in which we still face challenges in assuring competent, effective counsel. We will talk about current efforts to improve representation through legislation, advocacy, and professional development. The session will also address the importance of holistic representation and expanding the competencies of juvenile defenders to meet the many needs of youth as they move through the delinquency system.

Ms. Sue Burrell, *Staff Attorney, Youth Law Center*

Ms. Patti Lee, *Managing Attorney Juvenile Unit, Office of the San Francisco Public Defender*

Mr. Robert Schwartz, *Executive Director, Juvenile Law Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

I. Emerging Practices to Address the Needs of Latino Children in the Child Welfare System

This presentation will address the current efforts being made in California to address the unique needs of Latino children and families involved in the child welfare system. The session will provide information on emerging and promising practices that have been identified across California to ensure culturally competent service provision to Latino children and families. We will also review the most current data on Latino children and examine indicators that can be used by child welfare and legal professionals to better understand and address the needs of these children.

Ms. Sylvia Deporto, *Deputy Director, Family & Children’s Services, Human Services Agency of San Francisco*

Dr. Alan Dettlaff, *Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago Jane Addams College of Social Work*

Dr. Barbara Needell, *Research Specialist, Center for Social Services Research, University of California at Berkeley*

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J. Dependency Legal Update

This session summarizes new case law relevant to dependency and provides an overview of significant appellate and Supreme Court cases.

Hon. Jacqueline Lewis, *Commissioner, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Hon. Anthony Trendacosta, *Commissioner, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

K. Training, Supervising, and Mentoring Self-Help Center Volunteers: Making the Most of Service in a Self Help Center

This session will cover best practices in effective training, supervising and mentoring of self help center volunteers to maximize productivity and retention while creating a valuable service experience for volunteers. Presenters will explain what makes effective volunteers, share training tools, provide insights on maximizing retention, and offer advice for effective supervision. The session will provide information helpful to staff currently overseeing volunteers as well as those considering expanding their volunteer base.

Ms. Jenifer Kalish, *Los Angeles JusticeCorps Program Director, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Ms. Martha Wright, *Senior Court Services Analyst, AOC Court Operations Special Services Office*

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A. Reinstatement of Parental Rights in Juvenile Dependency Cases

This presentation will focus on the reunification of legal orphans with their biological parents pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section [366.26\(i\)\(3\)](#). The presenters will engage in an in depth discussion of law, process, and success stories, including the pros and cons of reinstatement. Perspectives of parents, minors, the social worker, and court appointed counsel will also be shared.

Hon. Brian McCabe, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Merced*

Ms. Sheri Damon, *Deputy County Counsel, County of Merced*

Ms. Baljit Gill, *Program Administrator, Merced County Human Services Agency*

Ms. Theresa Klein, *Court Appointed Counsel, County of San Luis Obispo*

B. The Katie A. Settlement and the CWS Core Practice Model: How System of Care Practice is California's Best Chance Yet to Deliver Family-Centered and Integrated Children's Services

For nearly 30 years, advocates and authorities across the state have called for better integration and collaboration by and between child serving agencies and their partners. The latest call is driven by both the recently settled "Katie A." litigation and pending Child Welfare Core Practice Model implementation. This presentation will highlight how these latest opportunities will help state and county partners to finally act on Little Hoover and Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations, and create the long sought for family centered, strength based, and integrated service system. Recommendations to the state about how to implement basic integrated practices and policy will be presented.

Mr. David Coughran, *Program Manager, Placer County Probation Department*

Mr. Sean Ferguson, *Probation Manager, Placer County Probation Department*

Mr. Richard Knecht, *Director, Children's System of Care, Placer County Health and Human Services*

C. Delinquency Legal Update

This workshop provides a review of new cases and legislation affecting delinquency law and policy.

Hon. Kurt Kumli, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara*

Ms. LaRon Hogg Haught, *Deputy District Attorney, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office*

D. Overcoming Obstacles to Educational Progress for Foster Youth: Tools for High-Stakes Collaboration

Children and youth in foster care consistently fall behind their peers in school. Recent efforts to support educational progress for foster youth have emphasized collaboration among the courts, local agencies and service providers, and foster youth themselves. Come learn about the importance of supporting educational progress, discuss recent initiatives to provide tools for overcoming obstacles to collaboration and educational progress, and hear success stories from a former foster youth who beat the odds to achieve his dreams.

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Hon. Jerilyn L. Borack, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento*

Ms. Maya Cooper, *Attorney and Policy Manager, National Center for Youth Law, FosterEd Initiative*

Mr. Dee Hankins, *Foster Care Alumnus*

Ms. Ann Quirk, *Attorney, Children’s Law Center of California, Sacramento*

Mr. Corby Sturges, *Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

E. Will Grandma Get Lost In Probate Court? Improving Support for Kinship Caregivers Seeking Legal Guardianship

Using interactive exercises and brief panel presentations, this session will challenge and empower participants to improve supports for kinship caregivers seeking legal guardianship as an alternative pathway to stability and child-wellbeing outside the dependency system. The session will cover barriers faced by pro se guardianship petitioners; explore innovative models (self-help clinics, workshops, assisted use of online forms, etc.) used in various counties to address these barriers; demonstrate how to use a court self-assessment tool and how to access self-help center resources on the AOC's website; and discuss issues concerning "kinship diversion" (referral of kinship caregivers to probate guardianship as an alternative to dependency).

Ms. Martha Matthews, *Directing Attorney, Children's Rights Project, Public Counsel*

Ms. Leslie Parrish, *Senior Supervising Attorney, Pro se Guardianship Clinic, Public Counsel*

F. Commercially Sexually Exploited Children in California: Strategies to Support and Serve Our Most Vulnerable Youth

Children are targeted and sold for sex by exploiters and pimps each night in California. Often these children go unnoticed by lawyers, judges, social workers, and probation officers. This panel will explore the dynamics of exploitation, outline risk factors and warning signs, provide strategies to engage exploited youth, and introduce promising prevention and intervention models to better serve and support our most vulnerable children.

Hon. Catherine Pratt, *Commissioner, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Ms. Nola Brantley, *Executive Director & Co-Founder, Motivating Inspiring Supporting & Serving Sexually Exploited Youth (MISSEY)*

Ms. Leslie Starr Heimov, *Executive Director, Children’s Law Center of California*

Ms. Kate E. Walker, *Attorney, National Center For Youth Law*

G. How Are The Children? Voices Of Children With Incarcerated Parents, Presented By Project WHAT!

(Youth-oriented workshop open to youth and adult participants)

Reflect upon your personal beliefs that impact how you might interact with youth that have a parent in prison—or their caregivers. You will take away an increased awareness of the challenges faced by the millions of children

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across the nation who have parents in prison/jail, and a better understanding of the factors that impact children in this situation.

Ms. Zoe Willmott, *Project WHAT! Coordinator, Community Works West*

H. Domestic Violence & the Teen Brain: Maximizing Toward Complexity

Popular science often portrays teens as biologically wired for risk-taking and impulsive behaviors, but a closer look at the neuroscience suggests that teens are neurologically wired for both risk and resiliency. This workshop will provide an overview of the rapid changes that are occurring in adolescent brains, explore how teens' neurobiology may be impacted by exposure to domestic violence in their families, and identify parental behaviors and family environments that may increase or decrease risk for the intergenerational transmission of violence.

Ms. Ava Rose, LCSW, *Director, Women Helping Women, National Council of Jewish Women/ Los Angeles*

I. From Oscar Grant to Trayvon Martin: A Dialogue about Race, Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice

System

The public and media attention leading up to the recent high-profile trials and verdicts in Florida and California raised persistent and intractable questions about race and public trust in the criminal justice system. This interactive session is intended as a dialogue between experts (and you) about race and the justice system, the role that courts and society may and do play in reducing racial bias, disparity and disproportionality in the criminal justice system.

Hon. Michael Nash, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Hon. Trina Thompson, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda*

Mr. James Bell, *Executive Director, The Burns Institute*

Ms. Donna Clay-Conti, *Senior Attorney, AOC Center for Children, Families & the Courts*

Ms. Eva Patterson, *Director, Equal Justice Society*

J. Veterans Treatment Courts - The Promise, the Need and the Key Components

This session will present what a Veterans Treatment Court is, the Key Components that contribute to successful outcomes and what is being learned from the field with the rapid growth of these courts across the Nation with the return of soldiers from combat in Afghanistan and Iraq. Meeting the needs of Veterans requires an understanding of military culture and the distinct needs that arise from service in the U.S. Armed Forces. Also required is knowledge of the many specific services, resources and benefits that are available.

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Hon. Wendy Lindley, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Orange*

Hon. Lon. F. Hurwitz (Tentative), *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Orange*

Mr. Jack Brito, *Readjustment Counselor, US Department of Veterans Affairs/Vet Center*

Mr. Joe Ford, *Veterans Claims Officer III, Orange County Veterans Service Office*

K. #improvingaccess #usingtechnology – Learn More at this Workshop ☺

This workshop will highlight new and creative ways that courts and service providers are using technology to better serve families coming before the courts. Models will include interactive programs to allow people to prepare guardianships, restraining orders and other court documents in a “TurboTax” like program as well as programs designed for courts to allow preparation of orders after hearing which can be automatically uploaded into the California Protective Order Registry. Find out how courts are providing extensive self-help and enabling litigants to schedule appointments on-line. This workshop will discuss how text, email, social media, and other forms of technology can be utilized in order to improve access to the courts. Apps, for example, hold tremendous potential to increase access to the court while email and video chat programs can help increase communication between child and parent.

Ms. Diane Nunn, *Director, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Court*

Ms. Bonnie Rose Hough, *Managing Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Susan Ryan, *Self-Help Managing Attorney, Superior Court of California, County of Riverside*

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 5: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2:15–3:45 P.M.

A. What Qualities and Practices Define an Effective Dependency Court Judge and Juvenile Court System?

A panel discussion led by two seasoned dependency court judges and two judges more recently assigned to dependency court. The panelists will engage in a thoughtful, interactive discussion of best practices in dependency court. By incorporating the recommendations of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care (meaningful participation), the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) (length of hearings) and the Pew Commission as a backdrop, panelists will provide examples of effective practices and those which have been less helpful. The impact of newer legislation (AB 12 and AB 938), staff shortages, increased case loads, and lack of collaborative efforts among stakeholders will also be addressed, and panelists will offer examples of how the impact of these challenges and others have been addressed in practice.

Hon. Steven Basha, *Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo*

Hon. Denise de Bellefeuille, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara*

Hon. Susan Dauphine, *Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, County of Monterey*

Hon. Suzanne Gazzaniga, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Placer*

Ms. Laura Pedicini, *Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

B. Challenges to Reunification in Small and Rural Counties: Strategies for Minor’s Counsel, Government Agencies, Parent’s Counsel and CASA

This workshop addresses reunification challenges and problems that small and rural counties face from four different perspectives, Minor’s Counsel, a government agency, Parent’s Counsel and CASA. Participants will learn how to strategize solutions to local problems such as limited services, confronting complex/multi-dimensional cases, litigating the reasonableness of services and their structure, and collaborating with other county agencies and non-profit organizations.

Hon. Juan Ulloa, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Imperial*

Mrs. Ann Hadridge, *Parents’ Attorney, Law Offices of Ann Hadridge*

Mr. Haislip Hayes, *Imperial County Child Support Attorney, Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist*

Mr. Kelly Ranasinghe, *Deputy Public Defender III (Minor’s Counsel), Office of the Public Defender, County of Imperial*

C. The New Science of Adolescent Development: How Will It Change Delinquency Law and Practice in California’s Future?

The panel will identify recent research findings on adolescent development, including brain science and other studies confirming key developmental differences between adolescents and adults. Panelists will discuss prospective California law and practice changes stemming from the evolving research. Beyond the doctrine of developmental differences adopted by the U.S. Supreme Court to limit sentences in serious juvenile crime cases, the panel will explore the wider implications of the new science for the entire juvenile justice system. Topics to

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be addressed include the potential impact of developmental science on juvenile justice system goals, interventions, jurisdiction and sentencing for youth at multiple levels of need and risk.

Ms. Sue Burrell, *Staff Attorney, Youth Law Center*

Mr. David Steinhart, *Director, Commonweal Juvenile Justice Program*

D. Psychotropic Medication of Foster Children and Other Wards of the Court: Time for Change?

California is among the few states that place decisions concerning psychotropic medication of foster children in the hands of the Juvenile Court. The legislature intended the California statute, Welfare & Institutions Code section 369.5, to reduce the growing use of medication to control foster children and other wards of the court, but the escalation of medication has continued unabated. The speakers and the audience will discuss what, if anything, should be done: accept current trends as the best that can be done, make the current system work better, or substitute non-judicial controls on the medication of wards of the court?

Mr. William Grimm, *Senior Attorney, National Center for Youth Law*

Dr. Kevin Jervik, *Psychologist, Children's Law Center of California*

Mr. Danny Morris, *Deputy Director, Department of Social Services, Madera County*

E. Avoiding Conflicting Services and Orders in Domestic Violence Cases

Domestic violence cases present challenges not only for families, but also for the court and service providers attempting to provide appropriate responses. Domestic violence cases require a sound understanding of the law so that appropriate orders can be made in an effort to maintain the well-being and safety of the family. Challenges can arise when there are additional or conflicting orders from another court, or when services outside the court's purview are required to fully address the needs of the family. Presenters will provide an overview of the various branches of law and jurisdictional issues related to domestic violence cases to facilitate understanding of the various systems and avoid conflicting orders and will underscore the importance of networking with courts in other counties and with key service providers to identify and utilize available resources effectively.

Hon. Becky Lynn Dugan, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Riverside*

Ms. Julia Weber, *Supervising Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

F. Supreme Court Decisions: DOMA/Prop 8 - Implications for Children and Families

The workshop will review the U.S. Supreme Court decisions on DOMA and Proposition 8; the grounds for the decisions; their significance for civil rights and civil liberties; the long term legal implications; and likely next steps in the process to address legal status of LGBT families. The presentation will include discussion of legal

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implications for LGBT children and families in California. Presenters will also discuss how the change in legal status might impact judicial officers, attorneys, court staff, and justice system partners.

Ms. Diane Goodman, *Attorney/Mediator, Law Offices of Diane Goodman*

Mr. Douglas NeJaime, *Professor, University of California at Irvine Law School*

G. Tribal Courts and Our Families: Helping Our Families in a Holistic way

Gideon and the issues of court legal representation is all about providing for procedural and substantive due process in a western court system. However, many of the most innovative and helpful models in dealing with children and families today are non-traditional court models such as peer courts, family drug courts, restorative justice, collaborative courts, etc. that focus on restoring the health and meeting the needs of a family and a community rather than on traditional western “justice” values. This workshop will explore how tribal courts and tribal programs are implementing similar innovative models in tribal communities. A panel of tribal court judges and native service providers will discuss what their tribal courts and tribal communities are doing to meet the needs of their families and how tribal and non-tribal programs can effectively collaborate in these efforts.

Hon. Claudette White, *Chief Judge, Quechan Tribal Court*

Hon. Christine Williams, *Chief Judge, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Court; Chief Judge, Shingle Springs Rancheria Tribal Court*

H. Teaching the Dream: Helping Youth Express their Experiences into Training Curriculum

(Workshop limited to Youth Only)

In this interactive workshop, youth will learn how to develop original curriculum and training tools, starting from their own experience/expertise, integrating research and best practices, and making it fun, engaging and useful. The Y.O.U.T.H. Training Project has been supporting current and former foster youth to write original training materials for child welfare professionals, attorneys, judges, etc. Learn from Y.O.U.T.H. Trainers themselves about what makes for dynamic curriculum and bring home skills and tools to continue making your own.

Ms. Jamie Lee Evans, *Director of Training, Y.O.U.T.H. Training Project/California Youth Connection*

Ms. Sophia Herman, *Field Coordinator, Y.O.U.T.H. Training Project/California Youth Connection*

I. Interoperability in the Child Welfare System

Session will discuss recent efforts to facilitate exchange of information between various partners in the child welfare system, the courts, and caregivers. It will focus on recent efforts of the Child Welfare Council and the Blue Ribbon Commission to encourage such sharing, and the efforts of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Office of Systems Integration (OSI) to educate lawyers, policy makers, etc. of the advantages of interoperability.

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Mr. Larry Bolton, *Counsel, California Department of Social Services*

Ms. Shell Culp, *Chief Deputy Director, California Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Systems Integration*

Ms. Sarah d'Eon, *Deputy Director, California Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Systems Integration*

Mr. Daniel Stein, *Managing Partner, Stewards of Change, LLC*

J. Trauma, Your Clients, and You

The session will briefly summarize the nature of trauma and its emotional, cognitive, and behavioral impact, and then examine the implications for court staff and other professionals and helpers (e.g., mediators, investigators, CPS workers, Bench Officers, attorneys, court clerks and support staff) working with traumatized clients, both adults and children. The session will present things we can do, and avoid doing, that will help clients (victims, offenders, the emotionally overwhelmed) calm down, exercise self control, and be better able to listen, understand, think and communicate more clearly which will assist their planning and decision making abilities. Finally, we will discuss how trauma impacts the helper, and what the helper can do to emotionally self regulate and alleviate stress.

Mr. Steve Baron, *Adjunct Faculty, Santa Clara University; Retired Director, Family Court Services, Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County*

K. Family Law Resource Guidelines

This workshop will introduce the Family Law Resource Guidelines project, and present the first of 7 upcoming topical guides. The first guide is on differentiated case management. These guides set out findings of research on the resource and workload implications for specified effective family law court practices and procedures in the following areas: Differentiated Case Management, Business Operations, Hearings and Trials, Domestic Violence, Self-Help, Custody Mediation, and Title IV-D. Over 60 court subject experts, including judges, operations staff, administration, family law facilitators, and family court services mediators from 26 courts worked together to identify and select the effective practices researched for this project.

Hon. Mark Juhas, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Deborah Chase, Ph.D., J.D., *Senior Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Deana Farole, *Supervising Research Analyst, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Mr. John Greacen, *Principal, Greacen Associates, LLC*

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) Directors, Managers, and Supervisors Training *(Open Only to Family Dispute Resolution Directors, Managers and Supervisors)*

This training is designed for directors, managers and supervisors of court-connected family dispute resolution programs throughout the courts. Topics covered during this day long training will focus on Family Court Services leadership needs. Possible topics include: Business Process Reengineering in the Courts; Peer Supervision, Technical Assistance, and Mediation Skills Development; Child Support Programs and Parenting Plans; and the DSM-V: Understanding the New Revisions to Diagnostic Criteria. Additionally, attendees will receive updates on the current status of relevant legislation, including the recent Supreme Court decision on Prop 8/DOMA, proposed rules of court, and research updates.

Family court directors, managers, and supervisors will have the opportunity to participate in a round table discussion about the various topics presented throughout the day in order to further explore strategies for improving systems and enhancing their individual programs.

This training provides up to 7.5 hours of continuing education credits toward the requirement pursuant to California Rule of Court 5.210(f)(1-2).

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) Institute for New Court Professionals (Breakfast at 7:30) *(Attendance open to newly-hired Family Court Services (FCS) staff—hired between May 1 and December 2, 2013—including child custody mediators, recommending counselors and evaluators; juvenile dependency mediators; and new FCS directors, managers and supervisors)*

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Center for Families, Children & the Courts' (CFCC) Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) program provides initial training for California trial courts' newly-hired Family Court Services (FCS) mediators, recommending counselors, and evaluators. Newly-hired FCS directors, managers and supervisors are also invited to participate. This NCP training event will be held in conjunction with the Beyond the Bench XXII Conference and will focus on mediation skills training. The training will provide 8 hours of education credit which will apply toward the 40 hours of initial education required pursuant to California Rules of Court, rules 5.210, 5.225 and/or 5.518, supplementing what the local trial courts provide as immediate orientation and training when the new staff person is hired.

Mr. Chuck Amital, MFT, Supervising Child Custody Recommending Counselor, Family Court Services, Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo

Ms. Stephanie Shadowens, MFT, Supervising Family Court Services Specialist, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

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8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Juvenile Dependency Law & Process

This course provides an overview of the dependency legal system. The course focuses on stakeholder roles, dependency law and process, and legally mandated timelines. This course meets the 8-hour requirement for attorneys seeking to accept court-appointed cases per CRC 5.660(d).

Hon. Patricia Bresee (Ret.), *Consultant/Trainer/Retired Juvenile Court Commissioner*

Ms. Nancy Aspaturian, *Supervising Attorney and Training Director, Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles*

Mr. John Passalacqua, *Chief Executive Officer, Dependency Legal Services*

Ms. Shannon Sullivan, *Deputy County Counsel, County of Santa Cruz*

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Evidence Based Practice in Dependency Drug Courts

This workshop will consider recent studies on improving outcomes in dependency drug court. Special attention will be given to outcomes in the areas of family reunification, permanency, and child focused outcomes. The definitions, roles of professionals, and key components of successful courts will be discussed, as well as sustainability and funding.

Children and Family Futures staff will coordinate and present the workshop. Children and Family Futures is federally funded to provide training and technical assistance in the area of Family/Dependency Drug Courts

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Taking a Family Systems Approach to Achieve Permanency in Juvenile Probation

Placement Cases: Complying with Title IV-E and Division 31 – It takes A Village

Case planning requirements and concurrent planning objectives for probation youth in out of home placements and their families will be addressed in this 4-hour workshop, which will examine key directives of Title IV-E and Division 31 and their significance for counties claiming Title IV-E funding for these youth. A retired probation director (LA County), a recently adopted probation youth and his fos-adopt mother, a practicing probation placement officer, a judicial officer, and a former juvenile public defender who currently assists counties with Title IV-E compliance issues will address the practical and sometimes challenging aspects of case planning in probation placement cases. Participants will develop an understanding of why “reasonable efforts” extend to developing adequate case plans for families and children and why the provision of case plan services directly correlates with successfully reunifying probation placement youth with their families or otherwise achieving permanency for them as quickly as possible.

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Hon. Juan Ulloa, *Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Imperial*

Ms. Lori Minor, *Probation Program Manager, Merced County Probation*

Ms. Laura Pedicini, *Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Carol Ritchie, *Retired Director – Los Angeles County Probation; Trainer, UC Davis, Resource Center for Family-Focused Practice*

Ms. Cheri Watkins, *Fos-Adopt Mother*

Mr. Stephen _____, *Probation Foster Youth (Adoption Pending)*

8:30a.m.-4:30 p.m. Juvenile Dependency Mediation Training Symposium

(Attendance Open to Juvenile Dependency Mediators, Managers, Court Administrators and Other Professionals Interested in Developing Mediation Programs.)

This training is designed for mediators and managers of juvenile dependency mediation programs and is also open to court administrators and other professionals interested in developing mediation programs in their county. Topics covered during this day long training will focus on different aspects of juvenile dependency mediation programs, including systems issues and mediator skill development. This training is designed to be interactive with the goal of strategizing solutions to current challenges and improving mediator skills.

This training provides up to 7 hours of continuing education credits toward the requirement pursuant to California Rule of Court 5.518.

Faculty to be determined

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Special Topics in Juvenile Cases

Part 1: The California Fostering Connections to Success Act: Updates to Extended Foster Care

This session will review the recent changes to the CA Fostering Connections to Success Act, as well as provide an overview of the 2014 Rules of Court and Forms. The session will also explore best practice tips, including a Q&A.

Ms. Lindsay Elliott, *Fostering Connections Project Coordinator, Children’s Law Center of California*

Ms. Marymichael Miatovich, *Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

Ms. Angie Schwartz, *Policy Program, The Alliance for Children’s Rights*

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Part 2: California Mandated Child Abuse Reporting – The Basics and Updates

With the scandal at Penn State in the news over the last couple of years and its focus on the importance of reporting child abuse, and subsequent changes to the law in California this class will give participants basic instruction on California Mandated Reporting requirements, and the philosophy and background of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Law (CANRA). In addition, there have been changes to the Child Abuse Central Index and procedures involving due process and recording of names on that list and these developments will be covered.

Ms. Patricia Bresee (Ret.), *Consultant/Trainer/Retired Juvenile Court Commissioner*

Ms. Jane Smithson, *Trainer/Consultant/Attorney-at-Law, Jane C. Smithson, A Professional Corporation*

1:00-4:00 p.m. Domestic Violence in Dependency Matters: Insights into Decision-Making

The workshop will outline recent research findings on how child welfare professionals screen for and assess the impact of domestic violence on children in California. The workshop will also analyze recent appellate court cases in which exposure to domestic violence was alleged as being harmful to a child, and current best practices for responding to these cases.

Hon. Jacqueline L. Lewis, *Commissioner, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles*

Dr. Raelene Freitag, *Director, Children's Research Center at the National Council on Crime and Delinquency*

Panelist pending

1:00-4:00 p.m. Marijuana and Prescription Drug Use: Eliciting and Applying Addiction Assessment to Treatment Planning

With special emphasis on "medicinal marijuana" and prescription drug use, this workshop will assist participants with: 1) identifying the preponderance of evidence that addiction in whatever form is present; 2) learning how to elicit that information; 3) assessing for awareness, acceptance, and ownership of the disease; 4) using the Stage of Change Model to guide treatment planning interventions and requirements; and 5) determining parenting ability if children are involved. Faculty will role-model how to seek and elicit evidence that establishes that addiction is not just possible but is probable. Faculty will provide participants with worksheets that can assess for Stage of Change as evidenced by patient thought, affect, and behavior. Lastly, faculty will role-model how to use these worksheets in assessment and treatment planning.

Neva Chaupette, PsyD, *Psychologist & Trainer*

Beyond the Bench XXII:

Equal Access to Justice for Children and Families: The Legacies of Clarence Earl Gideon and Martin Luther King, Jr.

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1:00-5:00 p.m. Evidence Based Practice in Juvenile Drug Courts

This workshop will consider recent studies on improving outcomes in treatment of juvenile substance as part of drug court. Special attention will be given to outcomes in the areas of education and truancy, recidivism, dating violence, teen pregnancy, and peer and family relationships. The definitions of evidence based practices, roles of professionals, and key components of successful courts will be discussed, as well as sustainability and funding.

National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) staff will coordinate the workshop. NDCI provides multidisciplinary training for drug court teams nationwide and is federally funded to provide training and technical assistance to drug courts.