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The 37th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference

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The top leaders in child welfare, juvenile justice and family law are coming to Denver. Join the national community of child and family advocates who work together to make this country a better place for kids and parents.

From shopping and dining on 16th Street Mall, the Denver Art Museum, attending a Rockies baseball game, to seeing the famous Red Rocks Amphitheatre, there is no shortage of things to do in and around Denver. In August, Denver is filled with beautiful, sunny days and cool, comfortable evenings.

Legal advocacy for children, youth, and families is a very specialized area of the law. Allow the experts to give you tools to make you a better, more effective attorney, and make this country a better place for children, youth, and families — join us in Denver!

The Conference

More than 37 years of experience have gone into developing this premiere three-day training, during which we will give you the most current information and advanced tools to advocate for your clients.

The conference is comprised of Plenary Sessions and Breakout Sessions. **For complete details, see the Conference section on our website at www.NACCchildlaw.org.**

Workshop topics range from emerging issues in kinship care law, to practical trial skills, to ensuring youth are meaningfully engaged in court.

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

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

The Hotel

The NACC 37th National Conference will be held August 18–20, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. This year the hotel is offering some great amenities to attendees:

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

Room rate : Single \$179 / Double \$179

Cutoff Date : To receive the discounted room rate, reservations must be made by July 25, 2014

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The NACC

Founded in 1977, the National Association of Counsel for Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit child advocacy and professional membership organization dedicated to enhancing the well-being of America's children and families. In today's world millions of children are the subjects of judicial proceedings each year. They are involved in the court system as victims of abuse and neglect, juvenile offenders, subjects of custody, visitation and adoption proceedings, and participants in civil damages litigation.

The NACC works to improve the lives of children and families by ensuring that these proceedings produce justice. Specifically, our mission is to:

- Ensure that children and families are provided with well resourced, high-quality legal advocates when their rights are at stake
- Implement best practices by providing certification, training, education, and technical assistance to promote specialized high-quality legal advocacy
- Advance systemic improvement in child-serving agencies, institutions, and court systems
- Promote a safe and nurturing childhood through legal and policy advocacy for the rights and interests of children and families

Continuing Legal Education Credits

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

Pre-Conference Red Book Training

Colorado General: 7.8 Ethics: 1.2

California General: 6.5 Ethics: 1

3-Day Conference

Colorado General: 25.5 Ethics: 3

California General: 21.25 Ethics: 2.5

Pre-Conference

Sunday August 17, 2014

Red Book Training

8:30a-4:30p

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

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

New This Year: Join Your Colleagues in Our Pre-Conference Breakout Session

12:30-2:00p

Separate registration required; no additional fee to attend; CLEs available.

CWLS Reception

5:00-6:30p

Both experienced and newly certified Child Welfare Law Specialists are invited to join us for an evening reception to get to know one another before the conference ramps up. Separate registration required.

PROGRAM

PRE-CONFERENCE : Sunday, August 17, 2014 (See previous page for details)

9:00a-4:30p **Red Book Training**

12:30-2:00p **Pre-Conference Breakout Session**

1: Stemming the Tide of Youth Aging Out of the System: How Each Role Helps or Hinders Permanency for Youth

Diane Baird · Hon. David Furman, JD · Amy Hendrickson, JD · Jeff Koy, JD · Shari Shink, JD

5:00-6:30p **CWLS Private Reception**

CONFERENCE : Monday, August 18, 2014

8:30-8:45a **Welcome**

Kendall Marlowe, Executive Director, NACC

8:45-10:00a **Opening Plenary : From Youth In Care To the Woman in Charge:
How Advocates Can Make a Difference**

Jennifer Rodriguez, JD, Youth Law Center

Jennifer Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Youth Law Center and a former foster youth herself, will relate her compelling personal story of many years in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, intensive mental health treatment, and being labeled a “failure” until she found a champion in one of her community college instructors. She now leads one of the nation’s oldest and most important child advocacy law firms. Along the way, she graduated college and law school and worked tirelessly for significant legislative and child welfare practice changes in California as California Youth Connection’s Policy Director.

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

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

**1: “Boys Don’t Cry”:
Interviewing
Techniques to Build
Rapport with Boys to
Talk About Difficult
Issues**

Michelle Grasso, LMSW
Sara Hiltzik, JD
BB Liu, JD
Lauren McSwain, JD
Dawn Post, JD

**2: What Can You Do
to Ensure Youth
Are Meaningfully
Engaged in Court?**

Linda Britton, JD
Laurie Clark, JD
Linda Weinerman, JD

**3: Medicine and
Advocacy for
Children with Fetal
Alcohol Spectrum
Disorders**

Taylor Dudley, JD
Madelyn Laboriel, MD

**4: The Affordable
Care Act and Youth
Formerly in Foster
Care: An Overview
and Update on
State Outreach,
Implementation and
Opportunities**

Sarah Helvey, JD, MS

**5: Keeping Kids Safe
in Schools and in
Treatment Settings:
Ending the Use
of Restraint and
Seclusion**

George Davis, MD
Tara Ford, JD

Noon-1:45p

**Lunch on Your Own OR Networking Lunch : DSM V: Implications of Changes
in Mental Health Diagnoses for Attorneys and Their Clients**

Dr. Stanley G. McCracken, The University of Chicago: School of Social Service Administration

Dr. Susan McCracken, The University of Chicago: School of Social Service Administration

Development of the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (released in May, 2013) has not been without controversy, even after release. It contains some major changes in diagnostic criteria. Even more important, the new edition includes the most significant conceptual changes in the approach to the classification and diagnosis of mental disorders since release of the third edition in 1980. This workshop will review how these changes will impact child welfare, juvenile justice and family law.

SPACE IS LIMITED; REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND; \$50 FEE.

2:00-3:30p

Breakout Session B

**1: Are You Still My
Family?: Policy
and Practice
Surrounding Post-
Adoption Sibling
Visitation**

Dawn Post, JD
Sarah McCarthy, JD
Roger Sherman, PhD

**2: Challenging Solitary
Confinement and
Other Conditions of
Confinement Under
the Evolving Juvenile
8th Amendment
Jurisprudence**

Marsha Levick, JD
Kacey Mordecai, JD
Sandra Simkins, JD

**3: Improving Education
Outcomes for
Children in Foster
Care: Avoiding
the “Back-Pocket
Surrogate”**

Laurie Gallagher, JD

**4: Toward a Non-
Adversarial
Collaborative
Attorney Culture
in Child Welfare
Proceedings**

**Ethics*
Don Duquette, JD

**5: Transcending
Transgender Bias:
Advocating for
Transgender Youth**

Courtney Camp, JD
Kimberly Forte, JD
Judith Stern, JD
Judith Waksberg, JD

3:30–4:00p

Break

4:00–5:30p

Plenary I : A Constitutional Reset: How the US Supreme Court is Changing Law, Policy and Practice for Kids Involved in the Justice and Child Welfare Systems

Marsha Levick, Juvenile Law Center

Bob Schwartz, Juvenile Law Center

Shari Shink, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center

This plenary will discuss the US Supreme Court's recent quartet of cases involving children — *Roper v Simmons*, *Graham v Florida*, *JDB v North Carolina*, and *Miller v Alabama* — and explore how these cases are changing the way we think about court-involved children in the juvenile and criminal justice systems and child welfare systems. The panel will address newly emerging policy questions from the 30,000 ft level, and critical practice implications now unfolding in the courtroom.

5:30–6:30p

Reception

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

CONFERENCE : Tuesday, August 19, 2014

7:30–8:30a

Early Morning Session : Child Welfare Training Needs and Solutions

Andrew Yost, JD

8:30–10:00a

Plenary II : Court Practices to Achieve Better Permanency Outcomes for Families and Children

Judge Patricia Macias, Casey Family Programs

Christopher Wu, Casey Family Programs

Vivek Sankaran, University of Michigan School of Law

No child enters or leaves foster care without a judge's order. This plenary will discuss specific strategies and practices that attorneys, judicial officers, and child welfare professionals can use in their daily practice to improve permanency outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system.

10:00–10:30a

Coffee Break

10:30a–Noon

Breakout Session C

1 : Changing Child Welfare: What Can One Person Do? Kendall Marlowe, AM, JD Ira Lustbader, JD	2 : Advocacy at Child & Family Team Meetings, Agency Staffings and Other Out of Court Settings Richard Cozzola, JD	3 : A Primer on Establishing ICPC Border Agreements Rachel Davidson, JD Hon. Britt Hammond, JD John James, MSW	4 : Making the Most of Fostering Connections: Helping Transition Age Foster Youth Avoid the Subprime Education Trap Melanie Delgado, JD Robert Fellmeth, JD Amy Harfeld, JD Ed Howard, JD	5 : What's the Diagnosis?: Developing the Theory of the Case in Child-Centered Legal Proceedings using Mental Health Evaluations Taisha Chambers, JD Meredith Hamsher, JD
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12:15–1:45p

Annual Luncheon : Therapy Animals Helping Maltreated Children: Strategies for Successful Implementation in Child Advocacy Centers, Prosecutor's Offices and the Courtroom

Allie Phillips, JD

When a child has been maltreated, self-disclosing with an adult about the experience can be difficult and testifying in court can be traumatic. When trained therapy animals are incorporated into the process, children feel safe and more comfortable to speak about their experiences. The concept of therapy animals helping maltreated children is growing, but not all programs are the same and specific guidelines are needed for the safety of the children, therapy animal and staff. Ms. Phillips is the co-creator of Therapy Animals Supporting Kids (TASK)TM Program and will discuss how to work with volunteer handler/animal therapy teams, including mitigating risk and ensuring that no one, including the animal, is compromised. This workshop will discuss incorporating therapy animals as greeters at child advocacy centers, police stations, prosecutor's offices and court houses; during the forensic interview, court preparation; and during courtroom testimony. The benefits and disadvantages of particular situations will be explored, including a detailed list of the do's and don'ts in each setting. Specific examples of how children's advocacy centers with successful programs will be featured. Legal objections and suggested responses will also be presented.

SPACE IS LIMITED; REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND; NO ADDITIONAL FEE.

2:00–3:30p

Breakout Session D

1 : The Evolution of Child Protection: How Classism and Racism Continue to Perpetuate Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System Stephanie Ledesma, MA, JD, CWLS	2 : Challenges in Representing Pregnant and Parenting Teens in the Dependency System Cindy Cain, JD Brenda Dabney, JD Nickolaus Knight, JD	3 : Improving Outcomes for Children through the Indian Child Welfare Act Crystal Duarte, JD Hon. Robert Lowenbach, JD Jill Tompkins, JD	4 : The Five Commandments of Special Education: Fundamentals of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Tools for Child and Parent Advocacy Margaret Dalton, JD Kara Hatfield, JD	5 : The Court and Child Welfare: Moving from a Meaningful Connection to Making a Meaningful Change Mary Pat Bohn, MSW Joseph Donald, JD Therese Roe Lund, MSSW Jennifer Renne, JD Sara Scullen, JD
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3:30–4:00p

Break

4:00–5:30p

Breakout Session E

1 : Immigration Relief for Abused, Neglected or Abandoned Undocumented Children: The Child Welfare Agency and Juvenile Court Role Michelle Brane, JD Maureen Dunn, JD Elizabeth Thornton, JD	2 : Child Discipline and the Law: Legal and Clinical Implications for African American Families Carla Adkison-Johnson, PhD Cynthia Hawkins DeBose, JD	3 : The Kinship Care Paradox: How Child Welfare Provides Less Support for Youth in Placements Where We Most Want Them and What We Can Do to Fix It Brian Blalock, JD Angie Schwartz, JD	4 : Stopping the Cradle to Prison Pipeline: Tools the Child's Attorney Can Use to Improve Outcomes for Dually Involved Youth Monique Barron, JD Barbara Duey, JD Fernando Medina, MSW Sara McGlocklin, JD	5 : Cross Examining Expert Witnesses in Child Welfare Cases Marianna Barongan, JD Robert Gulemi, JD Cristina Sanchez, JD
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6:00p

Offsite Activity : Colorado Rockies vs. Kansas City Royals Baseball Game

SPACE IS LIMITED; REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND; \$25 FEE.

6:00p

Onsite Activity : Movie Night

SPACE IS LIMITED; REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND; NO ADDITIONAL FEE.

CONFERENCE : Wednesday, August 20, 2014

8:00–9:00a

Early Morning Session : Right to Counsel in Child Welfare: A National Call to Action **Ethics*

Kendall Marlowe, MA, JD

Casey Trupin, JD

The Right to Counsel in child welfare is central to enabling NACC members to help children and parents. Through a concise history of past progress and a vigorous discussion of next steps, this session will educate and motivate NACC members to become an active part of this campaign.

9:15–10:45a

Breakout Session F

1 : Advocating in the Dark: Addressing the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Kimberly Daulton, JD Allison Green, JD Sarah Tomkins, JD	2 : Emerging Issues in Substance Abuse Law: "Legal" Marijuana Demetra Frazer, JD Kimberly Jones, JD Brad Martin, JD Ann Marie Scalia, JD	3 : Truants, Runaways and Other Status Offenders: Case and System Advocacy Amy Halbrook, JD Lisa Pilnik, JD	4 : Family Unity and Immigration Enforcement: ICE Policies Impacting Child Welfare Wendy Cervantes, MA Andrew Lorenzen-Strait Elizabeth Thornton, JD	5 : What Are Reasonable Efforts? Berta Atkinson, JD, CWLS Judi Klein, JD
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10:45–11:00a

Break

11:00a–12:30p

Closing Plenary : Understanding the Impact of Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma on the Legal Profession

Françoise Mathieu, M.Ed., CCC

Compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma refer to the profound emotional and physical exhaustion that members of the helping and legal profession can develop over the course of their career. Staff can begin seeing changes in their personal and professional lives: they can become dispirited and increasingly bitter at work, they may contribute to a toxic work environment and may lose a respectful stance towards their clients. They can become short-tempered with their loved ones and feel constant guilt or resentment at the unending demands on their time. This presentation will cover topics such as: understanding the difference between compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma, burnout and moral distress; evaluating self-care and triggers; developing a strategic plan for individuals and as a team.

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

PRE-CONFERENCE

Stemming the Tide of Youth Aging Out of the System: How Each Role Helps or Hinders Permanency for Youth

Setting a new tone and vision to establish model courts which incorporate best practices and goal setting to stem the tide of young people emancipating from the system without families or connections.

SESSION A

1 : “Boys Don’t Cry”: Interviewing Techniques to Build Rapport with Boys to Talk About Difficult Issues

Boy clients in particular often lack the vocabulary to talk about emotional issues and are afraid to display vulnerability, even in a private setting with a trusted adult. This panel explores unique issues faced by boys, and offers you gender-guided techniques to build rapport with your boy clients so you can most effectively represent them.

2 : What Can You Do to Ensure Youth Are Meaningfully Engaged in Court?

The courtroom is where major permanency decisions are made or ratified on behalf of youth in foster care. Learn what you can do to involve and engage youth in review and permanency hearings. This session will feature national experts, a young adult who was in foster care, a mental health professional, and a case study using data from Colorado.

3 : Medicine and Advocacy for Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Dr. Laboriel, a fetal alcohol spectrum disorders expert, and Taylor Dudley, staff attorney at the Alliance for Children’s Rights, will (1) explain what FASD is and how it presents in a medical setting; (2) survey common challenges faced by children with FASD; and (3) discuss ways to overcome those challenges through doctor-lawyer collaboration.

4 : The Affordable Care Act and Youth Formerly in Foster Care: An Overview and Update on State Outreach, Implementation and Opportunities

This session will include an overview of the law and eligibility requirements for the new ACA provision for Medicaid to age 26 for youth formerly in foster care, a discussion of implementation issues and what some states are doing, and practice tips and resources for outreach to and ways to protect the rights of potentially eligible youth.

5 : Keeping Kids Safe in Schools and in Treatment Settings: Ending the Use of Restraint and Seclusion

Most people do not understand that treatment settings and schools (in particular) routinely engage in the planned use of physical restraint and seclusion of children. Children are harmed both physically and emotionally by use of the restraint and seclusion. This session includes advocacy strategies for professionals working with children.

SESSION B

1. Are You Still My Family?: Policy and Practice Surrounding Post-Adoption Sibling Visitation

This panel will present an examination of the legal and non-legal barriers to post-adoption sibling visitation, and how the current practice of not protecting sibling relationships can be psychologically damaging to children.

2 : Challenging Solitary Confinement and Other Conditions of Confinement Under the Evolving Juvenile 8th Amendment Jurisprudence

Presenters will discuss their recent successful challenge to abusive solitary confinement practices in the NJ juvenile justice system as well as the potential for innovative and novel challenges to other conditions of confinement for children under the US Supreme Court’s evolving Eighth Amendment jurisprudence for children.

3 : Improving Education Outcomes for Children in Foster Care: Avoiding the “Back-Pocket Surrogate”

Learn how one jurisdiction is improving educational outcomes for children in foster care. The nuts-and-bolts of IDEA will be discussed and practical tips will be provided to give practitioners the tools they need to address the educational needs of children with disabilities.

4 : Toward a Non-Adversarial Collaborative Attorney Culture in Child Welfare Proceedings

Too often attorneys incorporate the culture and adversarial approach of criminal proceedings into the child protection and foster care case. It does not have to be that way. There is another paradigm, modeled after the transactional lawyer approach common to business practice or collaborative law in marital dissolution.

5 : Transcending Transgender Bias: Advocating for Transgender Youth

The goals for this presentation are to provide background in the cultural competence necessary for appropriate advocacy for youth of transgender experience, to demonstrate, through specific case examples, how to litigate and advocate for their needs, with a focus on their specific medical needs, and to suggest creative solutions to address the many

SESSION C

1 : Changing Child Welfare: What Can One Person Do?

Lawyers for children and families can be powerful agents of change when they understand the opportunities for reform. Two leading advocacy organizations will engage session participants in a vigorous discussion of how we can all work together to make our child welfare systems better serve children and families.

2 : Advocacy at Child & Family Team Meetings, Agency Staffings and Other Out of Court Settings

Child welfare systems are increasingly utilizing child and family team meetings and other staffings to better serve children & families. Presentation will focus on advocacy techniques at those meetings: how to learn information, integrate it into a case theory & with client, & advocacy for a particular position at such meetings/staffings.

3 : A Primer on Establishing ICPC Border Agreements

Learn the ins and outs of developing and implementing ICPC agreements with other states so as to expedite the ICPC process and positively impact children that are affected by this process. While definite buy-in is needed from the child welfare agencies, the participation of all stakeholders in the communities affected by this proves helpful.

4 : Making the Most of Fostering Connections: Helping Transition Age Foster Youth Avoid the Subprime Education Trap

Enrollment at private for-profit institutions has been exploding, as have the student debt and default rates associated with attendance. This session will address federal and state laws and regulations that govern private for-profits, red flags of which foster youth and their advocates should be aware, remedies, resources, and how to access them.

5 : What's the Diagnosis?: Developing the Theory of the Case in Child-Centered Legal Proceedings using Mental Health Evaluations

Courts that hold child-centered proceedings may utilize mental health professionals to assist in their decision-making. Attorneys often incorporate mental health evaluations during their representation. Presenters will use small groups, hypotheticals, and sample mental health evaluations to discuss tips and case strategies.

SESSION D

1 : The Evolution of Child Protection: How Classism and Racism Continue to Perpetuate Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System

This session is based on an article that analyzes why substantive and procedural due process of parents and children (even though this right has not been identified by the United States Supreme Court) requires a federal definition of "reasonable efforts".

2. Challenges in Representing Pregnant and Parenting Teens in the Dependency System

Participants will hear from a panel of attorneys and a social worker on how to talk with pregnant and parenting teens about safe sex, pregnancy and parenting while in the foster care system. The panel will share effective interventions and discuss how to create system partners in your community to help improve the parenting skills of young parents

3. Improving Outcomes for Children through the Indian Child Welfare Act

This program will present portions of the recently developed National Judicial ICWA Curriculum developed by the Children's Bureau's Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues and the Resource Center for Tribes. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the law and identify strategies for improving outcomes by engaging partners.

4. The Five Commandments of Special Education: Fundamentals of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Tools for Child and Parent Advocacy

A combined overview of the fundamental requirements of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) with an explanation of tools to ensure that children's and parents rights in and to special education are pursued and secured. Useful for attendees of all categories and experience levels.

5. The Court and Child Welfare: Moving from a Meaningful Connection to Making a Meaningful Change

Implementing change in a Children's Court system is a daunting task. This workshop will detail the accomplishments of a leadership group of judges, assistant district attorneys, child welfare, private bar, public defenders and guardians ad litem who all came together to decide that business as usual is no longer acceptable.

SESSION E**1. Immigration Relief for Abused, Neglected or Abandoned Undocumented Children: The Child Welfare Agency and Juvenile Court Role**

An overview of immigration relief options available to immigrant youth, with a focus on the Special Immigrant Juvenile status, but including a discussion of U-Visas, T-Visas, and VAWA self-petitions. This session will include a discussion of how state courts can best interact with the federal system when working with undocumented children.

2. Child Discipline and the Law: Legal and Clinical Implications for African American Families

This presentation will examine the legal definition of child abuse & neglect in the US and its implications for African American mothers and fathers. Strategies that legal, social work and mental health personnel can use to better interpret the parenting behaviors of African Americans in accordance to state law(s) will also be discussed.

3. The Kinship Care Paradox: How Child Welfare Provides Less Support for Youth in Placements Where We Most Want Them and What We Can Do to Fix It

A primary goal of our child welfare system is to keep children with family where they are more likely to thrive. Another is to meet children's individualized needs with appropriate services and supports. Yet when children are placed with relatives, they often receive the least support even though kinship families often need the most support.

4. Stopping the Cradle to Prison Pipeline: Tools the Child's Attorney Can Use to Improve Outcomes for Dually Involved Youth

CARE is a pilot program that provides intensive case management and support to foster youth on probation. CLC has partnered with MSW interns to provide youth with the information and support they need to navigate and complete their probation. The unit strives to improve communication, collaboration and improved long-term outcomes.

5. Cross Examining Expert Witnesses in Child Welfare Cases

Cross examining witnesses is a difficult, acquired skill. Cross examining expert witnesses in a Child Welfare case where emotions and stakes are high and experts influence every major decision the court makes in a child's life is an essential skill for every child welfare attorney. Come and learn practical tips for child welfare attorneys.

SESSION F**1. Advocating in the Dark: Addressing the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)**

This session is intended for practitioners who are, or suspect they are, representing commercially sexually exploited youth. The discussion will focus on the complex needs of the commercially sexually exploited child and creative ways to address those needs amid legal, educational and other service systems that are not yet poised to do so.

2. Emerging Issues in Substance Abuse Law: "Legal" Marijuana

How has newly legalized marijuana - by prescription, statute, or law enforcement policy - changed our work in child protective, custody and visitation litigation? This session will include factual information on statutes and case law from around the country, discussion of possible litigation strategies and participant debate on hypothetical cases.

3. Truants, Runaways and Other Status Offenders: Case and System Advocacy

Status offense behaviors such as running away or truancy are often caused or contributed to by significant challenges in the lives of youth, such as abuse or trauma. In this workshop, attorneys will learn courtroom strategies for representing status offenders as well as advocacy strategies for improving court and system responses to these youth.

4. Family Unity and Immigration Enforcement: ICE Policies Impacting Child Welfare

An overview of how the federal immigration enforcement system operates. This presentation will include a discussion of the ICE Parental Interests Directive, which addresses ICE's handling of cases involving parents involved in the child welfare system and will include tips for child welfare lawyers when interacting with the federal system.

5. What Are Reasonable Efforts?

Take away skills: How to work with the parent client to determine what service or efforts would be reasonable. How to raise the issue of reasonable services early and often in the proceedings to ensure the parent gets the services they need to reunify. How to show whether reasonable services or efforts were provided.

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