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Law Conference

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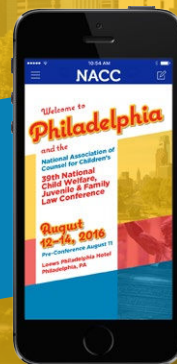
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Welcome to the
39th National
Child Welfare,
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Conference,
and thank you
for joining us!

We have
strengthened the
substantive elements
of the conference
you value the most
— new research,
practice area
updates, increased
number of session
choices, and packed
with CLE. We have
also provided
opportunities for
you to network,
visit with colleagues
and friends,
recharge, and visit
the wonderful city
of Philadelphia.

For our returning
attendees, thank you
for joining us again.
We are very grateful
for your attendance,
membership, and
ongoing support
of NACC and the
work we do. If it is
your first time here,
we are thrilled to
have you and hope
you will be back.

A special thank you
to our faculty, who
are here using their
time and talent to
make the conference
extraordinary.

Thanks again!

Daniel Trujillo
Sara Whalen

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Juveniles In Justice: End Solitary—A major exhibit of Richard Ross' photographs, a replica of a solitary cell, and complementary programming will open July 21–September 4, 2016 at the Free Library of Philadelphia's Parkway Central Library. A wonderful opportunity for NACC conference attendees!
www.inliquid.org and www.freelibrary.org

This website was recommended by a couple of Philadelphia natives. It has less of the touristy happenings, and more of what locals enjoy.
www.uwishunu.com

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www.easternstate.org

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www.constitutioncenter.org

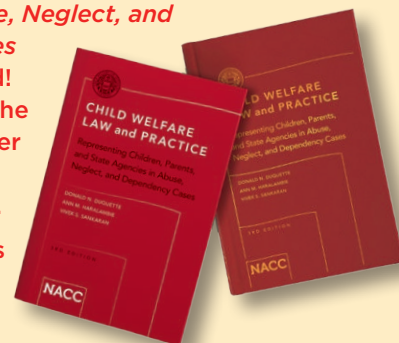
Additional websites of interest:

www.visitphilly.com
www.rodinmuseum.org
www.philamuseum.org
www.muttermuseum.org

It's here! #RedBook3

We are very proud to announce the 3rd edition of *Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents, and State Agencies in Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Cases* has been released! Come check out the soft and hard cover editions by the registration table.

Limited quantities of both versions are available to purchase at the conference. Additional copies can be purchased at www.bradfordpublishing.com.



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Millennium Ballroom From Regency Foyer, proceed down the escalator to reach the 2nd floor. Make a right and proceed down the black marble hallway towards Millennium. Millennium Ballroom is within the frosted glass doors.

Commonwealth AB, Second Floor From Regency Foyer, proceed down the escalator to reach the 2nd floor. Make a left at the bottom of the escalators. The AB section of Commonwealth is immediately on the left.

Commonwealth CD, Second Floor From Regency Foyer, proceed down the escalator to reach the 2nd floor. Make a left at the bottom of the escalators and proceed down the carpeted hallway towards the CD section of the Commonwealth room.

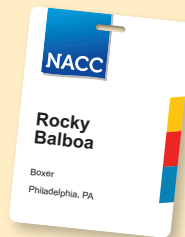
Lescaze and Howe, 33rd Floor From Regency Foyer, proceed to the elevator landing and use the left bank of elevators to reach the top floor of the hotel — floor 33. Once on the 33rd floor, proceed down the long hallway. Lescaze will be on your right, and Howe will be straight ahead of you.

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Congress, 4th Floor From Regency Foyer, proceed to the elevator landing and take any elevator to the 4th floor. The Congress room is on the left side of the 4th floor.

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These must be worn at all times while attending the conference sessions and breaks. Please visit the registration table if you have lost your badge or have any questions.



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Margaret Lois Riley

Outstanding Young
Lawyer Award

Catherine Krebs

Outstanding Legal
Advocacy Award

Thank you to our 2016 Conference Committee!

Leslie Heimov

Children's Law Center of
California · MONTEREY PARK, CA

Nancy Aspaturian

Children's Law Center of
California · MONTEREY PARK, CA

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KidsVoice · PITTSBURG, PA

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- All other attendees can sign in once for the entire conference and will receive their certificate after the conference

The NACC is able to directly provide CLE credit for California, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Colorado only. Please note that each CLE office computes time differently, and it is in their sole discretion as to how many credits to award program and/or session. Each attendee is individually responsible for applying for and obtaining credit. A uniform certificate of attendance will be emailed to all non-California attendees after the conference for use with applying for individual credit. California attendees who have signed in will be emailed a Certificate of Attendance approved by the California State Bar. Contact your CLE office for more information.

Pre-Conference Red Book Training

Pennsylvania	General	4.5	Ethics	1.0
Colorado	General	6.0	Ethics	1.2
California	General	6.5	Ethics	1.0
Florida	General	8.0	Ethics	1.0

3-Day Conference

Pennsylvania	General	14.5	Ethics	4.0
Colorado	General	19.0	Ethics	5.4
California	General	16.75	Ethics	3.0
	Elimination of Bias			4.5
Florida	General	20.0	Ethics	3.5
	Elimination of Bias			5.5

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Pre-Conference : Thursday, August 11

9:00am – 4:30pm

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Red Book Training

PARTIAL ETHICS CREDIT

Brooke Silverthorn, JD, CWLS, NACC Staff Attorney

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

\$250 SEPARATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FEE INCLUDES LUNCH AND A COPY OF THE 3RD EDITION OF THE RED BOOK.

5:00pm – 6:30pm

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CWLS Reception

Both certified Child Welfare Legal Specialists and certification applicants are invited to join us for a private reception. Come get to know one another before the conference ramps up. Check out the unveiling of *Child Welfare Law and Practice*, 3rd edition, and meet some of the editors.

Conference : Friday, August 12

7:00am – 8:30am

Regency Foyer · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

Breakfast

8:30am – 8:45am

Regency Ballroom · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

Welcome

Kendall Marlowe, JD, MA, NACC Executive Director

8:45am – 10:00am

Regency Ballroom · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

Opening Plenary : Children's Justice: How to Improve Legal Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System

This session will ask the audience to identify the central questions for our field and will use the QIC-ChildRep research and experience as a foundation for addressing those questions. A consensus on the role of lawyers for children narrows the client directed-best interests divide and QIC empirical data show that children's lawyers who implemented the QIC Six Core Skills improved the process and outcome for children. A book summarizing the QIC experience, *Children's Justice: How to Improve the Legal Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System*, will be available from ABA Publications in October.

Donald Duquette, JD

Britany Orlebeke, MPP

Robbin Pott, JD, MPP

Andrew Zinn, PhD, MSW

10:00am – 10:30am : Coffee Break

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10:30am – Noon

Breakout Session A

A1 Representing the Whole Child Millennium Ballroom · 2nd Fl

This interactive session uses an adaptation of "The Brain Architecture Game", a hands-on activity that helps participants gain a richer understanding of the impact of early adversity and trauma on a child's resilience and development. The session's activities will teach attorneys and advocates to issue spot areas where trauma occurs and demonstrate ways that attorneys and advocates can enhance a child's protective capacities and resilience once the child is involved in dependency, delinquency or family law proceedings.

Julie McCormick, JD,

Cynthia Widitor, JD, MSW

A2 Right to Counsel Commonwealth AB · 2nd Fl

Establishing a child's right to counsel in dependency proceedings is core to NACC's mission. Judges Lovett and Pitchal and NACC Staff Attorney Betsy Fordyce will conduct a mock hearing demonstrating the arguments for and against the right to counsel.

Betsy Fordyce, JD, CWLS

Hon. Willie Lovett, CWLS

Hon. Erik Pitchal

A3 The Lawyer's Role in Finding Older Youth Permanency and Reducing Congregate Care Commonwealth CD · 2nd Fl

This session will provide attorneys advocacy strategies for reducing the use of group care and improving permanency outcomes for older youth. Presenters will share legal strategies offered by new laws, such as the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, as well as existing laws that can facilitate community placements and high quality services for youth with disabilities. We will also explore models for enhancing the capacity of foster parents and relatives to care for older youth and youth with complex needs.

Mary Bissell, JD

Rob Geen, MPP

Mimi Laver, JD

Karen Lindell, JD

Jenny Pokempner, JD

Jennifer Rodriguez, JD

A4 From Tragedy to Advocacy Howe · 33rd Fl

Stories about children who have been convicted of violent offences typically focus exclusively on what they are believed to have done. However, that which is often untold about youth offenders can yield invaluable insights into the causes of early poor decisions and mistakes, as well as children's unique capacity for positive change. This workshop will feature the stories of three members of the Incarcerated Children's Advocacy Network, individuals who were convicted of homicide related offences when they were children. Listen to their stories and learn what led to the most regretful day of their lives, what helped them change for the better, and what they are now doing to reform the criminal justice system.

Joseph Farias

Xavier McElrath-Bey, MA

Traci Rutherford

A5 Diversity Roundtable Washington · 3rd Fl

Earlier this summer, several members came to NACC to challenge us with critical questions: Why, in 2016, is the workforce of child and parent attorneys still so unrepresentative of the diversity

of the families we serve? What can we do? How can we come together in NACC to move beyond awareness to create real change? This collaborative session will ask for your participation in answering these questions, and offer the opportunity to join an ongoing, member-led effort to tackle this essential challenge.

Carlyn Hicks, JD
Adrian Smith, JD
Sheri Freemont, JD
Kendall Marlowe, JD, MA

A6 The Nature and Determinants of Child Representation Practice

Congress · 4th Fl

This session will present and discuss data from the QIC-ChildRep evaluation concerning the respective relationships between the behaviors of attorneys representing children in dependency cases (a.k.a., child representatives) and the characteristics and circumstances of those attorneys. Findings suggest that there are significant differences in the magnitude and mix of attorney activities across child and attorney characteristics. Collectively, these findings beg a number of important questions about the mechanisms underlying differences in child representatives' efforts and the types of practice and policy prescriptions that could be implemented to address these differences.

Donald Duquette, JD
Britany Orlebeke, MPP
Robbin Pott, JD, MPP
Andrew Zinn, PhD, MSW

12:15pm – 1:45pm

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Lunch on Your Own or Leadership Networking Luncheon

Tamara Steckler, JD

Join your colleagues from child law offices across the country in a networking lunch on how we can meet the challenges of leadership in 2016 and beyond. Tamara Steckler of the Juvenile Rights Division of the Legal Aid Society of New York will lead a lively, interactive discussion on how we can go beyond supervision and management to truly lead our teams and create the next generation of leadership in our organizations and in our field. Join us for lunch, and for an opportunity to build a better future for our profession!

\$50 SEPARATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Breakout Session B

B1 Litigating a Complex Medical Child Abuse Case

Millennium Ballroom · 2nd Fl

This skills-enhancing session will focus on advocacy on behalf of children in the courtroom. The complex fact pattern will highlight a potential Munchausen By Proxy case. A child abuse-specialist pediatrician will provide clinical information, with emphasis on the difficulties of diagnosis and proof. The litigation specialist will highlight investigation, and development of the theory of the case and case strategy. A mock hearing will showcase direct examination of the child's treating medical doctor, with accompanying introduction of documentary evidence.

Marguerite Gualtieri, JD, MSW
Murray Levin, MA, LLB
Maria McColgan, MEd, MD

B2 "My Client Wants to Live in a Meth Lab!" Ethical and Representational Dilemmas Involving Older Youth and Non-Minor Dependents

Commonwealth AB · 2nd Fl

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This session will provide guidance on how counsel for teenage and NMD clients can be an effective and competent advocate, and maintain a stable and positive attorney-client relationship when their client's stated wishes and desired outcomes may be at odds with their safety and protection, their best interests, or their lawyer's opinion. We will discuss the different representational models and analyze attorney decision-making within the framework of these models. Ethics and Professional responsibility in representing teens, mentally ill older youth, NMDs and incompetent NMDs will be examined, and attorneys will receive both instructional and practical guidance on how to analyze their representational obligations, how to determine when these obligations require specific advocacy, and how to be a "counselor at law" for your client.

Nancy Aspaturian, JD, CWLS
Abby Eskin, JD, CWLS

B3 Breaking the Ice: Georgia's Cold Case Project to Improve Foster Children's Permanency Outcomes

Commonwealth CD · 2nd Fl

The Cold Case Project (CCP) is now in its seventh year of CWLS attorneys reviewing child cases, including the agency case files, and convening enhanced permanency roundtables (PRTplus) for Georgia's foster children who have been identified by a statistical predictive model as the foster children most likely to age out of foster care without legal permanency. The Cold Case Project demonstrates the effective use of CWLS attorneys in raising the bar for children's representation, working collaboratively to improve the permanency outcomes for foster children and insuring the foster child's due process rights are protected while in foster care. Speakers will demonstrate a Cold Case Project "Permanency Roundtable Plus" playing the roles of the various participants.

Karlise Grier, JD, CWLS
Mary Hermann, JD, CWLS
Kristi Lovelace, JD, CWLS
Hon. Willie Lovett, CWLS
Jane Okrasinski, JD
Kellie Rogers, JD, CWLS
Diana Rugh Johnson, JD, CWLS
Brooke Silverthorn, JD, CWLS
Leslie Steward, JD, CWLS
Ashley Willcott, JD, CWLS

B4 Addressing Compassion Fatigue: An Ethical Mandate

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ETHICS CREDIT

This panel session will address this important topic of how exposure to trauma can impact child lawyers and their representation of vulnerable children. Speakers will focus on preventative and responsive strategies for solo practitioners, agency lawyers and leaders who manage child lawyers, as well as the ethical implications of compassion fatigue on child representation. The panel will also address systemic and organizational issues that exacerbate conditions for child lawyers and will provide strategies for leadership and team-building to create healthier work environments and foster systemic change. Moderated by Trenny Stovall, JD.

Alexander Dolan, MSS, LSW
Pamela Wright, JD
Françoise Mathieu, MEd, RP, CCC

B5 Making Federal Policy Real for Older Youth: Implementing the Normalcy and APPLA Provisions of the Strengthening Families Act Washington · 3rd Fl

The normalcy and permanency provisions in the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (SFA) have the potential to improve the lives of older youth by allowing them to be part of the community, learn their interests, and talents and provide increased opportunities to be connected to family and supportive adults. In most states, implementation efforts have been driven by the urgency of implementation deadlines rather than strategic and collaborative advocacy efforts. In this session we will provide updates on key provisions of the SFA that impact older youth, showcase model policies that maximize the effectiveness of implementation, and spotlight the work being done across states to effectively implement the SFA. We will also share an array of strategies to put effective policies in place, including, but not limited to: legislation, regulation, administrative policy, training, and individual advocacy.

Stephanie Gendell, JD
Sarah Helvey, JD, MS
Lucy Johnston-Walsh, MSW
Riya Saha Shah, JD

B6 Utilizing the Expertise of Former Foster Youth in a Data Driven Peer Advocate Model Congress · 4th Fl

This session will focus on the implementation of an effective and exciting peer-to-peer advocacy model within the framework of a newly developed specialized courtroom for young adults in extended foster care ("EFC"). In addition to discussing the benefits and challenges of utilizing the expertise of former foster youth through peer intervention, participants will also be provided a framework for developing a data base specific to a Peer Advocate/TAY program.

Susan Abrams, JD
Lindsay Elliott, JD, MSW
Margaret Henry, JD
Marisa Rodriguez, BSW

strategies are key to eliminating case-by-case injustices and achieving systemic reform. Advocates from Children's Rights, The Center for the Study of Social Policy, and Lambda Legal will provide an overview of current research, promising policy and practice improvements, and legal developments.

M. Currey Cook, JD
Rosalynd Erney
Christina Remlin, JD

5:30pm – 7:00pm Millennium Ballroom · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

Reception

Join NACC staff, conference attendees, and faculty for a Philadelphia-style welcome with appetizers and drinks.

Conference : Saturday, August 13

7:00am – 8:30am : Coffee Service Regency Foyer · 2nd Fl Mezz

Breakfast on Your Own Reading Terminal Market

Crash the Market! Breakfast Out at Reading Terminal Market

We invite you to use your breakfast voucher and visit the Reading Terminal Market (RTM). Enjoy the wide variety of breakfast options at this historic Philadelphia public market. RTM opens at 8:00am and is located just two blocks from the Loews.

7:30am – 8:15am Commonwealth AB · 2nd Fl

Early Morning Session : Older Youth Litigation Strategies Brainstorming Session

Do you represent or work on issues related to older youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems? Are you interested in using litigation as a strategy for system reform for older youth? If you answered "yes" to these questions, please join your colleagues for an informal discussion of litigation theories and strategies that could be used to improve systems and services for older youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Areas of discussion may include: legal claims that could be made to address poor outcomes of youth aging out; using the Americans with Disabilities Act to attack the over-use of congregate care and the provision of inadequate services for older youth with disabilities; and the viability of constitutional and federal child welfare law claims to attack areas such as poor transition plans and inappropriate placements. We hope to use this informal session to share information about litigation strategies and to gauge interest in forming a working group that would convene to discuss litigation theories, strategies, and reform efforts in the coming year.

The session is open to all and will be facilitated by Philadelphia's Juvenile Law Center.

8:30am – 10:00am Regency Ballroom · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

Plenary II : Kids and Institutions: A Moment for Reform

The evidence of harm and poor outcomes for system-involved youth unnecessarily placed in group settings is overwhelming, and yet many states continue to rely heavily on the unnecessary, expensive and often damaging use of congregate care. This plenary, through interactive moderating and audience

3:30pm – 4:00pm : Break Regency Foyer · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

4:00pm – 5:30pm Regency Ballroom · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

Plenary I : Safety and Equity for LGBTQ & Gender Diverse Youth in Care

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2015 was a banner year for the LGBT rights movement on many levels, but equity and safety elude LGBTQ and gender diverse youth in out-of-home care. Fueled in large part by family rejection, this population is dramatically over-represented in child welfare and juvenile justice systems and among youth experiencing homelessness. Every mainstream child welfare organization, medical society, and psychological association unequivocally declares that LGBTQ youth should be affirmed, supported and provided with competent medical and behavioral health care. In spite of that guidance, far too many youth are victimized, condemned, and ill-served by the very systems intended to help them. For system-involved transgender youth the challenges are even more extreme. Child advocates must be the agents of change and ensure their LGBTQ and gender diverse clients are treated with dignity and respect and have better outcomes. Accurate information and concrete advocacy

participation, will seek to engage the panel and audience in a lively and pointed discussion on this critical policy and civil rights issue.

Rob Geen, MPP
Kendall Marlowe, JD, MA
Sandy Santana, JD

10:00am – 10:30am : Coffee Break Regency Foyer · 2nd Fl Mezz

10:30am – Noon

Breakout Session C

c1 Use of Psychotropic Medication Among Foster Youth: Research Informing Policy and Practice Millennium Ballroom · 2nd Fl

Children in the foster care system are prescribed psychotropic medication at a higher rate than the general population. Attorneys representing children in the child welfare system need to be informed about best practices for monitoring use of psychotropic medication for child clients. This presentation will address the pressing issue of the use of psychotropic medication to treat children and youth in the child welfare system, using Pennsylvania as a case study of research informing policy and practice.

Laurie Ayler, LSW
Meredith Matone, DrPH

c2 Easy Come, Easy Go: The Plight of Children Who Spend Less than 30 Days in Foster Care Commonwealth AB · 2nd Fl

Each year, about 10% of children removed spend less than 30 days in foster care. The data tell us that most of these children are placed in an unfamiliar environment — a congregate facility or non-relative foster care placement — during their short stay in foster care, only to be returned to the same home from which they were removed. This session will explore the plight of such children in the context of the legal framework governing removals and the expansive body of research documenting the effects of removal on children and families, concluding with a discussion of systemic and case-level recommendations.

Christopher Church, JD, MS
Vivek Sankaran, JD, CWLS

c3 How Multidisciplinary Practice Improves Outcomes for Children: Evaluation Results from the Flint MDT Study Commonwealth CD · 2nd Fl

This presentation will share empirical evidence from the Flint MDT Study (part of the QIC-ChildRep project) of the ways multidisciplinary approaches to representing children produce better outcomes. The session will primarily focus on the lessons learned about how to form effective MDTs for attendees interested in forming them in their own jurisdictions.

Terina Carte, JD, CWLS
Cathy Mitchell
Robbin Pott, JD, MPP

c4 The Role of Youth Advocates in Improving Outcomes and Policies Howe · 33rd Fl

Efforts to improve the child welfare system too often exclude the perspective of the youth who have been in the system. Various programs around the country aim to draw on the expertise and skills of youth who have been in the child welfare system to create better outcomes and policies for other youth. This session will spotlight programs that have taken different approaches to incorporate youth advocates into efforts to

improve systems and create better outcomes for youth and help participants strategize how to better involve youth in their work.

Nyasha Justice, JD
Emily Keller, JD
Jeanine Rasky
Esther Rodolphe
Brandon Rutledge

c5 Access Denied: Indigence Determinations & Children's Right to Counsel Washington · 3rd Fl

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For a child, access to justice requires access to counsel in juvenile delinquency court. Early access to counsel is critical to ensure children do not waive important rights, including the right to counsel. Yet, for too many children, state and county determinations of whether a child is indigent for purposes of court appointed counsel are cumbersome and costly. This session will explore the indigence determination process, guidelines for measuring indigence, and state reform efforts to create a presumption of indigence for children.

Kim Dvorchak, JD
Eric Zogry, JD

c6 Best Practices in Permanency Planning for Immigrant Youth Congress · 4th Fl

This session will focus on what lawyers for children can do individually, and as a community, to facilitate long-term stability and permanency for immigrant children and their families. Topics will include best practices for collaboration between immigration attorneys and attorneys representing the child or child welfare agencies.

Colleen Duffy, JD
Joanne Gottesman, JD
Randi Mandelbaum, JD, LLM
Elissa Steglich, JD

12:15pm – 1:45pm Regency Ballroom · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

Annual Luncheon : Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Kent v. United States: How the U.S. Supreme Court has Driven Justice Policy for Children and What to Expect Next

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Kent v. United States, and the 5th anniversary of JDB v. North Carolina, it is important to take a look back and a look forward at the role the US Supreme Court has played in shaping justice policy for children in the US. Kent was a seminal case in which the Court established constitutional principles for the transfer of children to criminal court; JDB established a new set of constitutional principles for the policy interrogation of juveniles in light Miranda. Not quite bookends, these cases illustrate how youth status is relevant to the application of various constitutional provisions to children.

Marsha Levick, JD
Martin Guggenheim, JD
Wallace Mlyniec, JD

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Breakout Session D

d1 Navigating the Dual Status Terrain: Special Considerations in Representation and Reform Millennium Ballroom · 2nd Fl

This workshop addresses the unique considerations associated with representing youth involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems — dual status youth. The session

also explores the growing reform trend of multi-system collaboration and coordination to improve outcomes for dual status youth and provides guidance to defenders and other counsel for children in navigating this terrain. Strategies for addressing the common desire for increased information sharing in these efforts will be emphasized.

Jessica Heldman, JD
Mary Ann Scali, JD
Patrick Sparks, JD

D2 Representing the Government in Child Welfare Cases: Standards, Models, and Policy Choices Commonwealth AB · 2nd Fl
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Staff attorney, Attorney General, County Counsel, City Attorney, District Attorney, Juvenile Officer, and Corporation Counsel are all titles of attorneys representing the government in child protection cases in different regions of the country. Too little attention has been paid to the critical role these attorneys play in juvenile dependency cases. This interactive session will examine the practice models, policy choices, and ethical issues involved in representing the agency and public interest in child welfare cases.

Stephanie Bergen, JD
Jonathan Houlon, JD
Mimi Laver, JD
Addie Smith, JD, MSW
Chris Wu, JD

D3 Children as Parents: Effective Advocacy of Expectant and Parenting Youth in the Juvenile Dependency System Commonwealth CD · 2nd Fl

This session will explore how attorneys can become stronger and more thorough advocates for minor parents. It will include a peek inside the fascinating brain of a teenager, and discuss some exciting trends nationwide to promote due process and access to justice for young parents.

Rebecca Harkness, JD
Trane Hunter, JD

D4 Eliminating the Consequences of a Juvenile Record Howe · 33rd Fl

This workshop will provide practitioners information about the process for expungement and deregistration, and how they can assist clients directly with eliminating the consequences of a juvenile adjudication. It will also provide policymakers key tools to make expungement and deregistration more widely available and more effective.

Dafna Gozani, JD
Elise Logemann, JD
Riya Saha Shan, JD

D5 Too High a Human Toll: Ending Solitary Confinement for Youth Washington · 3rd Fl

There is significant momentum nationally to end solitary confinement for youth. This interactive workshop will provide information about the prevalence of youth solitary confinement, the varied legal landscape on solitary confinement, and recent changes in law and policy relating to solitary confinement. Participants will explore advocacy opportunities, including direct representation, impact litigation, and policy advocacy to end juvenile solitary confinement.

Julia Davis, JD
Jessica Feierman, JD, LLM
Marsha Levick, JD
Jenny Lutz, JD
Christina Remlin, JD

D6 Implementing and Making Extended Foster Care Systems Work Congress · 4th Fl

In this workshop we will explore the key components of an extended foster care system that engages and effectively supports older youth. We will do this by sharing the experiences of California, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania, three states that are at different stages of implementation of their extended care laws. We will use the experiences and lessons learned from these three states to provide advocacy tips for states still working to pass extended foster care laws and those that seek to improve their current systems so that they more effectively serve young adults.

Brian Blalock, JD
Sarah Helvey, JD
Jenny Pokempner, JD
Jennifer Rodriguez, JD
Angie Schwartz, JD

3:30pm – 4:00pm : Break Regency Foyer · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Breakout Session E

E1 Becoming an Effective Education Advocate: New Laws Attorneys Should Know Millennium Ballroom · 2nd Fl

This session will focus on new laws and tools that advocates can use to improve educational outcomes for children in foster care, with a particular focus on the new school stability provisions of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which ensures school stability for all children in foster care. This session will also address special education and school discipline laws, and the pivotal role advocates can play both inside and outside the courtroom. The training will offer creative legal and practical strategies to help children in foster care succeed in school, using real-life examples and the experiences of education law experts.

Eliza Hirst, JD, CWLS
Maura McInerney, JD

E2 Improving Transition to Adulthood Outcomes Through Legal Advocacy: Leveraging Old and New Laws Commonwealth AB · 2nd Fl

This session will focus on the newest legal requirements of service provision and transition planning for older youth. Panelists will discuss legal strategies advocates and judicial leaders can use to promote early planning and service delivery for individual clients as well as broader advocacy tactics to affect policy development and standards in the child welfare system and court.

Brian Blalock, JD
Leah Cullen, JD
Kacey Mordecai, JD
Brent Pattison, JD

E3 The Bird's Eye View: Let's Talk Measurement and Evaluation in the Age of "Metrics" and "Outcomes" Commonwealth CD · 2nd Fl

In this session, participants will pivot from thinking about individual clients and cases to acquire and discuss basic knowledge about the fundamental outcomes of child welfare systems, as well to build skills to critically consume data, research and evaluation. The recently completed evaluation of two pilots of the QIC-ChildRep Best Practices Model Training for Child Representatives will also be a focus of the session, and

participants will leave the session with a clear understanding of the QIC evaluation — what we did, why, and what we found.

Don Duquette, JD
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**E4 Beyond Best Practices Working Group:
Making Safety and Equity Real for
Trans and Gender Diverse Youth**

Howe · 33rd Fl

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While much helpful guidance exists regarding recommended practices for ensuring transgender and gender diverse youth are respected and safe in out-of-home care systems, advocate often face legal and practical barriers when advocating for their clients. Licensing regulations, agency or facility culture, and lack of qualified medical and mental health care providers are just a few of the challenges that prevent youth from being safe, affirmed, and appropriately supported. Presenters will share a fifty state survey regarding related laws and regulations, hear advice from administrators and staff who have made best practice real in their communities, and learn from transgender youth about what made a difference for them.

Dyanna Christie
M. Currey Cook, JD
Rosalyn Erney
Christina Remlin, JD

E5 Protecting the Identity of Foster Youth Washington · 3rd Fl

Foster and other system-involved youth are particularly at risk for identity theft. This session is designed to show lawyers how they can assist clients in protecting their identity to avoid it being stolen; how to check a youth's credit report; and what to do if a client's identity is stolen. The session will focus on practical tips.

John Krebs, JD

**E6 Change is on the Horizon: Federal and State
Policy Advancements on Status Offenses,
Juvenile Justice, and Homelessness** Congress · 4th Fl

Learn about potential recent changes to federal and state law and how they can impact your advocacy today, as well as how to plan for the changing landscape of federal and state law on homelessness, status offenses and juvenile justice issues. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act and key state-based reforms will be highlighted, with a particular focus on status offenses.

Eric Masten, JD
Lisa Pilnik, JD, MS
Naomi Smoot, JD

Conference : Sunday, August 14

7:30am — 9:15am Regency Foyer · 2nd Floor Mezzanine

Breakfast

8:00am — 9:00am Commonwealth AB · 2nd Floor

**Early Morning Session : Special Immigrant
Juvenile Status: Serving and Protecting
Undocumented Children through Child
Welfare and Immigration Proceedings**

Addressing the intersection of child welfare proceedings and immigration, this session focuses on a form of immigration relief (SIJS) that can put an undocumented dependent

child on the path to a green card and eventually citizenship. This will be a highly-interactive session, with all materials provided in advance, including everything a practitioner needs to 'jump in' to a SIJS case from start to green card.

Derrick Hensley, JD, CWLS
Claire Thomas, JD, MS

9:15am — 10:45am

Breakout Session F

**F1 Practical Tools for Promoting
a More Civil Approach to Law** Millennium Ballroom · 2nd Fl
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This is an interactive workshop designed to help professionals explore civility in the legal system and how it relates to the codes of ethical conduct for various professionals who work there. Together, we will discuss the costs of incivility and the benefits of civility with a focus on identifying attitudes, behaviors, and skills that embody civility and promote a child centered approach to transformative lawyering on behalf of child clients resulting in a more just child welfare legal system.

Tim Jaasko-Fisher, JD, MA
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**F2 Commercially Sexually Exploited Children
(CSEC): Policy to Practice** Commonwealth AB · 2nd Fl

Over the past three years, California has worked diligently to improve its understanding of and response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). This workshop will outline the policy advocacy efforts that paved the way for recent reforms and service implementation, and will explore the award-winning efforts of Los Angeles County. It will review the importance of collaboration and examples of key elements that have been successfully implemented.

Jenny Cheung Marino, JD, CWLS
Tiffani Cortez, JD
Amber Davies, MSW
Maria Giglio, JD, CWLS
Elizabeth Laferriere, MPP

**F3 Time Study and Caseload
Analysis in Your Jurisdiction** Commonwealth CD · 2nd Fl
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This session will demonstrate use of Time Charts and configurable Caseload Calculation Worksheets to a compile a Time-Study Model for your office or jurisdiction. Meet best-practice standards for representation of children and parents in a typical dependency case. Use time analysis and other benchmark data to calculate optimal caseloads including multi-year and sibling representation, TPRs and appeals.

Frank Cervone, JD, MA
Katherine Gomez, JD

**F4 Combatting Implicit Bias to Reduce Racial
Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System** Howe · 33rd Fl

Throughout the juvenile justice system, and the systems that feed into it, the pervasive nature of implicit biases — hidden, unconscious prejudices or stereotypes — has important implications for racial and gender disparities. Improving outcomes for youth of color therefore requires more than just a commitment to be "color-blind": it requires concerted effort by all system actors to identify unconscious attitudes and stereotypes and to eliminate reliance on these biases in decision-making. Participants will be engaged in discussion

of the role of implicit bias in the juvenile justice system and its feeder systems and how to counter the impact of implicit bias to improve fair and just outcomes for youth of color.

Hannah Benton Eidsath, JD

Michael Harris, JD

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F5 From Ideal to Reality: What's Needed to Safely Reduce Reliance on Congregate Care and Ensure Every Child Can Be Raised in a Family Washington · 3rd Fl

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A critique of current reform proposals and a roadmap for the future. By the end of the session, attendees will have an action plan that they can begin to implement in their state for pursuing meaningful reform to ensure every child can be successful in a family as well as model laws and best practices to help provide a roadmap to implementing those reforms.

Brian Blalock, JD

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F6 Finding a Pathway to Educational Success and Lifelong Connections for At-Risk Adolescents: The First Star Academy at Rowan University Congress · 4th Fl

With 50% of foster youth graduating high school and only 3% attending college, improving these outcomes requires examining the social, educational and legal issues involved with foster youth. This session will discuss an innovative public-private partnership supporting foster youth involved with the First Star Academy at Rowan University. Attendees will hear from both staff and youth about the strategies being used to change the "educational story" for children involved with the child welfare system.

Melissa Helmbrecht, JD

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Meredith Shalick, JD

10:45am – 11:00am : Break Regency Foyer · 2nd Fl Mezzanine

11:00am – 1:00pm Regency Ballroom · 2nd Fl Mezzanine

Closing Plenary : Current Application of the Indian Child Welfare Act

On June 8 of this year, the Bureau of Indian Affairs issued comprehensive, binding and enforceable regulations on the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Join us for an interactive discussion on the regulations and on recent litigation surrounding ICWA. Presenters will offer discussion and scenarios based on ICWA principles and challenging provisions.

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