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August 29 – September 1, 2011

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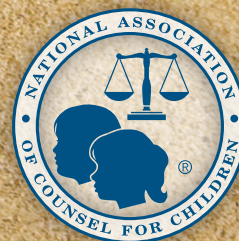
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PROGRAM : PRE-CONFERENCE

Monday, August 29, 2011

8:30am-4:30pm **NACC Red Book, Second Ed. (2010), Training: Survey and Certification Exam Prep Course in Child Welfare Law and Practice** ----- **EMPRESS**

The Course follows the Second Edition of The Red Book (Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents, and State Agencies in Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Cases). The Course covers the major dependency practice competency areas and prepares attendees for the NACC Child Welfare Attorney Certification Exam.

8:30am-5:00pm **Eliminating Bias** ----- **VICEROY**

Race: The Power of an Illusion, Bias in Decision-Making, and Child Safety Decision-Making: An Introduction to Key Concepts and Tools

PRESENTED BY

Therese Roe Lund, MSSW, Associate Director, National Resource Center for Child Protective Services, Albuquerque, NM

Nancy Miller, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV

Timothy Travis, JD, Consultant to the ABA Center on Children and the Law, National Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues, Portland, OR

Khatib Waheed, M.Ed., Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Social Policy and the Alliance for Racial Equity in Child Welfare, Washington, D.C.

Rita Cameron Wedding, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Women's Studies and Professor of Ethnic Studies at California State University, Sacramento, CA

- » A special thank you to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and the ABA Center on Children and the Law for generously sponsoring this session.

2:00-5:00pm **Registration Open**

5:00-6:00pm **Optional Historical Tour of the Hotel del Coronado**
or 6:00-7:00pm

Volunteer docents lead a 60-minute walking tour of this historic hotel. Tours depart at 5:00 and 6:00pm.

- » To attend you must have pre-registered.

PROGRAM : CONFERENCE

Monday, August 29, 2011

2:00-5:00pm **Registration Open**

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

7:30am **Registration Open**

8:00-8:30am **Continental Breakfast** ----- **CROWN & CORONET**

8:30-10:00am **Welcome to the Conference & Keynote** ----- **BALLROOM**

All Alone in the World: A Child's Eye View of Criminal Justice

PRESENTED BY

Nell Bernstein, Coordinator of the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, and Contributing Editor at New America Media

Book signing to follow: All Alone in the World: Children of the Incarcerated

In this "moving condemnation of the U.S. penal system and its effect on families" (Parents' Press), award-winning journalist Nell Bernstein takes an intimate look at parents and children — over two million of them — torn apart by our current incarceration policies. Described as "meticulously reported and sensitively written" by Salon, the book is "brimming with compelling case studies... and recommendations for change" (Orlando Sentinel); Our Weekly Los Angeles calls it "a must-read for lawmakers as well as for lawbreakers."

10:00-10:30am **Coffee Break** ----- **GARDEN PATIO**

10:30–11:45am

Breakout Session A

<p>REGENT 1. Abuse & Neglect Supporting Early Connections: Meeting the Needs of Maltreated Infants, Toddlers and Their Families in a Court-Community Partnership Sheri Hill, Ph.D Sheri L Hill, Ph.D, LLC Seattle, WA Dorry Peterson, JD Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons Kent, WA Kelly Warner-King, JD Center for Children and Youth Justice Seattle, WA</p>	<p>TROPICS 2. Juvenile Justice Locking Out Treatment: The Conflicts Between Rehabilitation and Punishment in Adult Facilities Kim Dvorchak, JD Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition Denver, CO Susan Weber, Psy.D. Compass Colorado Health Care Highlands Ranch, CO</p>	<p>EMPRESS 3. Family Effective Client Interviewing Karen Simmons, JD The Children's Law Center Brooklyn, NY Tracey Tronolone, LMSW The Children's Law Center Brooklyn, NY</p>	<p>VICEROY 4. Policy Small Towns, Big Problems: Representing Child Welfare Clients in Rural Areas Mara Bernstein, JD California Administrative Office of the Courts San Francisco, CA David Meyers, JD California Administrative Office of the Courts San Francisco, CA John Myers, JD University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law Sacramento, CA</p>	<p>WILDER COMPLEX 5. Children's Law Office Program Transitioning to Multidisciplinary Children's Law Offices: Triumphs, Perils and Pitfalls Alison Bettenberg, JD Bettenberg, Sharshel and Maguire Centennial, CO Cathleen Kendall, JD Office of the Child's Representative Denver, CO Linda Weinerman, JD (NACC Board Member) Office of the Child's Representative Denver, CO Stehanie Villafeuerte, JD Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center Denver, CO</p>
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12:00–1:30pm

Lunch: Optional Session **OR** Lunch on Your Own ----- BALLROOM

Greene v. Camreta: Shades of Greene, a Discussion with Colleagues

- » Separate registration and fee: \$35 for attendees and guests. Space is limited – visit the registration desk.

PRESENTED BY

Hon. Leonard P. Edwards (Ret.), Judge-in-Residence, CA Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Marsha Levick, JD, Deputy Director and Chief Counsel, Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, PA

Gary Seiser, JD, Senior Deputy, Office of County Counsel, Juvenile Dependency Division, San Diego, CA

- » Facilitated by **Chris Wu, JD** (NACC Board Member), Executive Director, Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, CA Administrative Office of the Courts, San Francisco, CA

1:45–3:00pm

Breakout Session B

<p>REGENT 1. Abuse & Neglect Finding Permanency for Our Most Vulnerable Youth: Why APPLA Isn't Good Enough Patricia Buonodono, JD/CWLS Georgia Supreme Court Committee on Justice for Children Atlanta, GA Christopher Church, JD Georgia Supreme Court Committee on Justice for Children Atlanta, GA Anthony Reeves EmpowerMENT Atlanta, GA</p>	<p>VICEROY 2. Immigration Immigrant Children in the Child Welfare System Sonia Velazquez, CSS (NACC Board Member) Child Rights and Protection Consultancy International Washington, DC Ken Borelli, MSW/ACSW (Ret.) Deputy Director Department of Family and Children's Services of Santa Clara County, CA</p>	<p>EMPRESS 3. All Counseling Child Clients: A Critical Component of Successful Representation Margie Gualtieri, JD Support Center for Child Advocates Philadelphia, PA Maisley Paxton, PhD George Washington University Washington, DC</p>	<p>TROPICS 4. Policy Collaborating to Address Domestic Violence, Child Safety and Well-Being Ann Rosewater, MA Rosewater Consulting Atlanta, GA Christopher Wu, JD (NACC Board Member) California Administrative Office of the Courts San Francisco, CA</p>	<p>WILDER COMPLEX 5. All Practical Steps Attorneys Can Take to Ensure Educational Stability for Their Clients Amanda Shackleton, JD, Jennifer Staley-McCrary, JD, Tom Welshonice, JD KidsVoice Pittsburgh, PA</p>
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3:00–3:30pm

Break ----- GARDEN PATIO

3:30–5:00pm

Plenary Session I: The Power of Boundless Compassion ----- BALLROOM

PRESENTED BY Father Greg Boyle, SJ, and two Homeboys

Fr. Greg is a Jesuit priest and the Founder and Executive Director of **Homeboy Industries**, a nonprofit organization and the largest gang intervention and re-entry program in the country.

5:00–6:30pm

Reception ----- CROWN

Fr. Boyle Book Signing: Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion

How do you fight despair and learn to meet the world with a loving heart? How do you overcome shame? Stay faithful in spite of failure? No matter where people live or what their circumstances may be, everyone needs boundless, restorative love. Gorgeous and uplifting, **Tattoos on the Heart** amply demonstrates the impact unconditional love can have on your life.

Awards Presentation & Introduction of 2011 Certified Child Welfare Law Specialists

Steel Drum Band Performance by students from the **Monarch School**, San Diego

Silent Auction to Benefit NACC

Dinner on Your Own

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

8:00–8:30am **Continental Breakfast** ----- CROWN & CORONET

NACC Certification Introduction and Information on QIC-ChildRep Application Fee Waiver ----- WILDER COMPLEX

Learn more about NACC Certification and the fee waivers offered by the Children's Bureau's National Quality Improvement Center on the Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System (QIC-ChildRep).

8:30–10:00am **Plenary Session II: Bias: Impact on Decision-Makers** ----- BALLROOM

PRESENTED BY

Rita Cameron Wedding, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Women's Studies and Professor of Ethnic Studies at California State University, Sacramento, CA

Bias: Impact on Decision-Makers will discuss how stereotyping, implicit bias and colorblindness can influence decision-making, resulting in disproportionality in child welfare. Much of the bias that occurs in public systems is unintentional. Even people who believe they treat everyone the same can discriminate in subtle but consequential ways. Bias reflected in language, attitudes and actions however slight can affect the application and interpretation of policies, procedures and the law in ways that can contribute to racial disparities. By discussing the impact of implicit bias on decision making, practitioners learn how to have dialogues about race and racism that make them more effective in their decision-making and offer the possibility of improving outcomes for all children.

10:00–10:30am **Coffee Break** ----- GARDEN PATIO

10:30–11:45am **Breakout Session C**

REGENT	EMPRESS	WILDER COMPLEX	TROPICS	VICEROY
1. Abuse & Neglect Compelled Disclosure of Patient Confidences in Court-Ordered Treatment Plans: Why it Significantly Harms Parents While Providing Little Protection for Children Deborah Paruch, JD University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Detroit, MI	2. Juvenile Justice Rethinking the Ethical Duty of Lawyers in Delinquency Cases to Communicate with Parents* David Katner, JD Tulane Law School New Orleans, LA * Pre-Approved for 1.25 legal ethics	3. Family Custody Aspects of Military Deployment Ann Haralambie, JD Ann Nicholson Haralambie, Attorneys, P.C. Tucson, AZ	4. Juvenile Justice Juvenile Sexual Offending: Prevention, Treatment and the Law Donald Bross, Ph.D./JD (NACC Founder and Board Member Emeritus), Gail Ryan, MA Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect Aurora, CO	5. Policy Improving the Quality of Representation by Creating a Model Resource Center Carrie Lee, JD Juvenile Justice Center, Barry University School of Law Orlando, FL Gerard Glynn, JD/LLM (NACC Board Treasurer) Clinical Programs, Barry University School of Law Orlando, FL

12:00–1:45pm **Annual Luncheon: Child Abuse and Neglect in America: An Illustrated History in Film** ----- CROWN

American film, television, and media generally have a checkered history at best in portraying child abuse and neglect, ranging from the uplifting and ennobling to the prurient and exploitative. But does film follow society, or the opposite? Which the chicken and which the egg?

- » A special thank you to the **Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law** for its generous sponsorship of the NACC Luncheon!

PRESENTED BY Peter Samuelson

Mr. Samuelson is a media executive and serial pro-social entrepreneur. In 1982, Samuelson founded the **Starlight Children's Foundation** — an international charitable organization dedicated to granting wishes for seriously ill children. In 1990, Samuelson, Steven Spielberg and General Norman Schwarzkopf founded **Starbright World**, an online social network to educate, encourage and empower children to cope with the medical, emotional and social challenges of their illness. In 1999, Samuelson co-founded **First Star**, a charitable organization that advocates on behalf of America's abused and neglected children. In 2006, Samuelson founded **Everyone Deserves A Roof** to develop and widely distribute through established service agencies a mobile single-user homeless shelter on wheels. Samuelson serves as President of **Splashlife, Inc.**, a double-bottom-line membership network where young adults find community and enjoy important membership benefits and entertainment. Samuelson has produced two dozen motion pictures including **Revenge of the Nerds**, **Wilde** and **Arlington Road**.

- » The Luncheon is free to conference attendees, however you must register to attend. If you have not registered for the event but would like to attend please visit the registration desk ASAP, as space is limited.

2:00–3:15pm

Breakout Session D

TROPICS 1. Abuse & Neglect Representing Pregnant and Parenting Teens in the Dependency System Roxanna Alavi, JD, Andrew Cain, JD, Rachel Fightmaster, JD, Heidi Koh, JD Legal Advocates for Children and Youth, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley San Jose, CA	VICEROY 2. Abuse & Neglect Hot Topics in Dependency: Beyond Statutory Hearings* Candi Mayes, JD/CWLS, Tilisha Martin, JD/CWLS/MSW Dependency Legal Group of San Diego San Diego, CA * Pre-Approved for 1.25 elimination of bias in the legal profession	REGENT 3. Juvenile Justice Defending and Advocating for Children at Detention and the Dangers of Detention Carrie Lee, JD Juvenile Justice Center, Barry University School of Law Orlando, FL	EMPRESS 4. Policy Multi-Systemic Advocacy to Increase and Improve Legal Representation for Children in Foster Care: The Washington State Experience Erin Shea McCann, JD Columbia Legal Services Seattle, WA Jim Theofelis, MC/CDC/CHT The Mockingbird Society Seattle, WA Casey Trupin, JD Columbia Legal Services Seattle, WA	WILDER COMPLEX 5. Children's Law Office Program Access to Higher Education for Foster Youth: Best Practices to Ensure Higher Education Options for Foster Youth Michelle Lustig, MSW/Ed.D San Diego County, CA Office of Education, Student Services & Programs, Student Support Services, Foster Youth and Homeless Education Program Deborah Lowe Martinez, JD Cal Independent Scholars Network Berkeley, CA Jenny Vinopal, MSW California Youth Connection Los Angeles, CA
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3:15–3:45pm

Break ----- THOMAS LAWN & TROPICS FOYER

3:45–5:00pm

Breakout Session E

REGENT 1. Abuse & Neglect Collaboration vs. Zealous Advocacy: Ethically Inconsistent or Highly Compatible?* Candi Mayes, JD/CWLS Dependency Legal Group of San Diego San Diego, CA John Passalacqua, JD/CWLS Ukiah, CA Gary Seiser, JD/CWLS Office of County Counsel, Juvenile Dependency Division San Diego, CA * Pre-Approved for 1.25 legal ethics	EMPRESS 2. Abuse & Neglect Color-Blind or Culturally-Conscious: ICWA vs. MEPA II Tracy Mills, JD/CWLS, Martha Pierce, JD/CWLS Office of Guardian ad Litem Salt Lake City, UT	VICEROY 3. Juvenile Justice Preserving the Record for Appeal or How Thinking About an Appeal Can Help You Try Your Case Judith Harris, JD/MSW, Judith Waksberg, JD The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice NY	WILDER COMPLEX 4. Children's Law Office Program Rebooting, Rebuilding, and Reinvigorating a Child Law Office Tamara Steckler, JD (NACC Board Member) The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice New York, NY	
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6:00–8:00pm

Off-Site Activity

» San Diego tour is sold out; to attend you must have pre-registered. Meet at hotel entrance.

Thursday, September 1, 2011

8:00–8:50am

CASA-Attorney Collaboration ----- WILDER COMPLEX

PRESENTED BY

Jan Sherwood, JD/CWLS (NACC Board Member), Law Offices of Janet G. Sherwood, Corte Madera, CA

Michael Piraino, CEO, National CASA Association

8:30–9:00am

Continental Breakfast ----- CROWN & CORONET

9:00–10:15am

Breakout Session F

TROPICS 1. Abuse & Neglect Social Work Practice from the Inside: What Every Parent's Attorney Should Know Drew Cabral, MSW, Rommel Cruz, JD, Donna Reyes, MSW, Cristina Sanchez, JD, Jennifer Turner, JD Dependency Legal Group of San Diego, Conflict Parent Office San Diego, CA	VICEROY 2. Juvenile Justice "But I Saw it On TV": Keeping Forensic Guesswork Out of the Courtroom Katherine Mullen, Erin Palacios The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice Brooklyn, NY	WILDER COMPLEX 3. Policy Building a Bridge from Foster Care to Financial Self Sufficiency Melanie Delgado, JD, Robert Fellmeth, JD (NACC Board Member), Mercediz Hand, Amy Harfeld, JD, Shari Leiton Children's Advocacy Institute San Diego, CA	EMPRESS 4. Children's Law Office Program What Our Work Does to Us — Managing Secondary Trauma Beth Hofmeister, JD, Vicki E. Light, JD/CWLS/MPH, Brad Martin, JD, Jennifer Melnick, MSW/LCSW The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice NY	REGENT 5. All Youth in Foster Care and Psychotropic Medications: Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes Melissa Carter, JD Barton Child Law and Policy Center, Emory Law School Atlanta, GA Hon. Michael Nash Los Angeles Juvenile Court Monterey Park, CA Brent Wilson, MD Premier Psychiatry Atlanta, GA Karen Worthington, JD Karen Worthington Consulting Kula, HI
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10:15-10:30am **Coffee Break** ----- GARDEN PATIO

10:30am-12:00pm **Plenary Session III: Switch** ----- BALLROOM

PRESENTED BY Playwrights Project from **Telling Stories: Giving Voice to Foster Youth**

Founded in 1985, **Playwrights Project** is a nonprofit organization devoted to advancing literacy, creativity and communication by empowering individuals to voice their stories through playwriting programs and theatre production. The **Telling Stories** program is designed to encourage foster youth and their caregivers to voice their experiences through theatre, in an effort to communicate the unique issues facing those involved in the foster care system.

- » The production will be followed by a discussion with a **Playwrights Project** staff member, emancipated foster youth, social worker, and youth advocate.

Closing

- » **Door Prizes**, including an all-expense-paid trip (airfare, hotel, and conference registration) to the 2012 NACC 35th National Conference. **You must be present to win!**
- » **Closing Remarks**

12:00pm **Adjourn**

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Breakout Session A Tuesday 10:30-11:45am

<p>1. Abuse & Neglect Supporting Early Connections: Meeting the Needs of Maltreated Infants, Toddlers and Their Families in a Court-Community Partnership This presentation will describe an innovative court-community partnership addressing the relationship and mental health needs of maltreated infants and toddlers. Information on how brain research can inform children's, parents and agency attorneys; practical tips; resources; and reproducible tools, forms and related materials will be provided. Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>2. Juvenile Justice Locking Out Treatment: The Conflicts Between Rehabilitation and Punishment in Adult Facilities An examination of youth incarceration and experience in adults jails. Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: 5-10 years</p>	<p>3. Family Effective Client Interviewing Because children are unique and express themselves in both verbal and non-verbal ways, understanding how they feel about where they want to live and with whom they feel safe can be difficult. Yet their insight and feelings are vital to each case. Join an interactive presentation to discuss ways of engaging and assessing a client in an interview. Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>4. Policy Small Towns, Big Problems: Representing Child Welfare Clients in Rural Areas Attorneys who practice in rural areas often lack readily available access to the requisite knowledge, skills and expertise needed to effectively represent clients. This workshop will identify challenges endemic to rural practice and provide strategies, tips and solutions to common dilemmas. Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>5. Children's Law Office Program Transitioning to Multidisciplinary Children's Law Offices: Triumphs, Perils and Pitfalls For those states, jurisdictions or individual attorneys who would like to consider transitioning from an independent contractor model to multidisciplinary children's law offices, this presentation will be a how-to concerning the various processes available for setting up the offices and other issues to be considered. Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>
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Breakout Session B Tuesday 1:45-3:00pm

<p>1. Abuse & Neglect Finding Permanency for Our Most Vulnerable Youth: Why APPLA Isn't Good Enough Working cooperatively can lead to finding permanent families for our most vulnerable youth. This session will provide an overview of those strategies, and EmpowerMENT, Georgia's youth-led foster care advocacy group, will provide their own perspective on growing up in, and aging out of, foster care through their own creative medium. Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>2. Immigration Immigrant Children in the Child Welfare System Children of immigrants represent one of the most vulnerable populations in our country, and one of the least likely groups to receive the services they need and for which they are legally eligible. This session will review and discuss effective resources and successful advancements by public systems serving immigrant children. Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: 1-5 / limited child welfare experience</p>	<p>3. All Counseling Child Clients: A Critical Component of Successful Representation This program will use an multidisciplinary approach to provide children's lawyers with critical techniques and strategies to enhance their ability to effectively and ethically counsel their child clients. Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: 5-10 years</p>	<p>4. Policy Collaborating to Address Domestic Violence, Child Safety and Well-Being Developing effective and consistent policies and practices for courts and service providers in cases where DV and child maltreatment co-occur requires effective collaboration among diverse professionals. Attendees will hear about a successful statewide collaboration in CA and discuss the challenges of addressing these cases in their jurisdiction. Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>5. All Practical Steps Attorneys Can Take to Ensure Educational Stability for Their Clients Whether the advocate is working for an organization or is a solo practitioner, this presentation, which will include real case scenarios and audience participation, will provide practical guides and tips to ensure educational stability for clients. Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: 5-10 years</p>
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Breakout Session C Wednesday 10:30–11:45am

<p>1. Abuse & Neglect</p> <p>Compelled Disclosure of Patient Confidences in Court-Ordered Treatment Plans: Why it Significantly Harms Parents While Providing Little Protection for Children</p> <p>Attendees should come away with an understanding of the importance of confidentiality in their clients' therapist-patient relationships. They will learn the ways in which agencies and well intentioned court personnel, through mandated reporting, can cause irreparable damage to this relationship.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>2. Juvenile Justice</p> <p>Rethinking the Ethical Duty of Lawyers in Delinquency Cases to Communicate with Parents</p> <p>This session is intended to explore the issue of identifying potential conflicts between parents and their children in delinquency cases, and then crafting an ethics rule which would require counsel for children to communicate with the parents, unless an adverse relationship or direct conflict of interest can be identified on the record.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>3. Family</p> <p>Custody Aspects of Military Deployment</p> <p>Understand the law, policy, and practice of custody and visitation where military parents are deployed, including the application of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, modification of orders, delegation of parenting rights, and military family care plans.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>4. Juvenile Justice</p> <p>Juvenile Sexual Offending: Prevention, Treatment and the Law</p> <p>Ms. Ryan will summarize and explain how management and treatment of children and adolescents who sexually abuse others has been transformed in the past thirty years. Dr. Bross will review legislation and case law trends.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>5. Policy</p> <p>Improving the Quality of Representation by Creating a Model Resource Center</p> <p>Kids Deserve Justice. This is a two-fold workshop that will discuss the need for a juvenile resource center and will examine the steps necessary to create such a resource center as well as tips to make it successful to improve the representation of kids.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>
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Breakout Session D Wednesday 2:00–3:15pm

<p>1. Abuse & Neglect</p> <p>Representing Pregnant and Parenting Teens in the Dependency System</p> <p>This session will address the question of what changes occur in a dependency case when the dependent minor becomes pregnant or has a child, and offers practical advice on how minor's counsel should advocate on behalf of the pregnant or parenting minor.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: 1-5 / limited child welfare experience</p>	<p>2. Abuse & Neglect</p> <p>Hot Topics in Dependency: Beyond Statutory Hearings</p> <p>Are you providing complete representation to your clients? This session will discuss the hot topics of relative connections, minor's rights, and diversity that no one ever really talks about. Learn what your responsibilities are, what the law provides for and best practices for realistic integration with high caseloads and limited resources.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>3. Juvenile Justice</p> <p>Defending and Advocating for Children at Detention and the Dangers of Detention</p> <p>Child advocates play a critical role in decreasing the inappropriate use of detention. This session will seek to train attendees on the principles for providing effective defense advocacy and the statistical dangers of incarcerating children of various backgrounds in detention centers.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>4. Policy</p> <p>Multi-Systemic Advocacy to Increase and Improve Legal Representation for Children in Foster Care: The Washington State Experience</p> <p>Using the experience of advocates in Washington State, this session will examine how legal representation for children and youth can be enhanced and improved through a multi-year, multi-system effort that includes community education, legislative advocacy, and litigation.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>5. Children's Law Office Program</p> <p>Access to Higher Education for Foster Youth: Best Practices to Ensure Higher Education Options for Foster Youth</p> <p>A discussion of best practices to ensure foster youth have access to higher education. The importance of the role of children's counsel and other professionals working with foster youth and their families in educational settings to attain secondary educational opportunities will be explored.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>
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Breakout Session E Wednesday 3:45–5:00pm

<p>1. Abuse & Neglect</p> <p>*Collaboration vs. Zealous Advocacy: Ethically Inconsistent or Highly Compatible?</p> <p>Attorneys have an ethical duty of zealous advocacy, but courts want them to collaborate. Can an attorney ethically do both or are they inconsistent? This discussion by three experienced practitioners will focus on the ethical duty of zealous advocacy, the need to work together whenever possible, and whether there is a bridge between the two.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>2. Abuse & Neglect</p> <p>Addressing the Cultural and Permanency Needs of Native American Children when ICWA is Established Late or Not At All</p> <p>Early in a case, a child may be covered by the Interethnic Adoption Act and later, once ICWA is implicated, by the policies of that seemingly conflicting act, even though it is the same child with the same needs. How can practitioners address the cultural and permanency needs of such children while complying with relevant federal law?</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>3. Juvenile Justice</p> <p>Preserving the Record for Appeal or How Thinking About an Appeal Can Help You Try Your Case</p> <p>Areas covered will include: purpose of the preservation rule; theory of the case; objections; offers of proof; legal sufficiency; ensuring the record is complete.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>4. Children's Law Office Program</p> <p>Rebooting, Rebuilding, and Reinvigorating a Child Law Office</p> <p>A child law office can effectuate meaningful and long-lasting reform and improve advocacy for child clients by utilizing all the legal, legislative and policy tools available. Learn how to maximize the impact and leverage the resources of your child law office all while boosting staff morale, even in tough economic times.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys Audience Experience Level: All</p>	
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<p>1. Abuse & Neglect</p> <p>Social Work Practice from the Inside: What Every Parent's Attorney Should Know</p> <p>A discussion of the failure of some social workers to follow protocols to the detriment of parents. An inside look at social worker practices that unfairly impact parents.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys</p> <p>Audience Experience Level: 1-5 / limited child welfare experience</p>	<p>2. Juvenile Justice</p> <p>"But I Saw it On TV": Keeping Forensic Guesswork Out of the Courtroom</p> <p>Trial skills for attacking forensic science and expert witnesses in the courtroom both orally and on written motion. Specifically addressing ballistics, fingerprints, arson investigation, chemical testing, medical experts, and crime scene investigation.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys</p> <p>Audience Experience Level: 1-5 / limited child welfare experience</p>	<p>3. Policy</p> <p>Building a Bridge from Foster Care to Financial Self Sufficiency</p> <p>Several barriers to financial self sufficiency remain in place for older foster youth who are transitioning out of care. Experts in this area, including former foster youth, will teach attorneys what they need to know about these barriers, how to help their clients avoid or overcome them, and will present innovative ideas for broader advocacy.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys</p> <p>Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>4. Children's Law Office Program</p> <p>What Our Work Does to Us - Managing Secondary Trauma</p> <p>The workshop will present qualitative and quantitative data of Secondary Trauma Stress that affects employees of an interdisciplinary children's law office. Our goals are to develop an awareness of professional boundaries, create an internal sense of balance and recommend systemic ways of addressing STS in the workplace.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Parent's Attorneys/Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys</p> <p>Audience Experience Level: All</p>	<p>5. All</p> <p>Youth in Foster Care and Psychotropic Medications: Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes</p> <p>Psychotropic drugs are given to 25% - 45% of youth in foster care. Advocates will learn the risks and benefits of drugs and other treatments and how to advocate for a child's mental health needs. Attendees will learn systemic approaches that improve mental health and permanency outcomes and will see examples of successful court and system changes.</p> <p>Targeted Audience: Children's Attorneys/Agency Attorneys</p> <p>Audience Experience Level: All</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & LOGISTICS

Continuing Education Credits

NACC conferences are typically approved by continuing education agencies in most jurisdictions and disciplines. The NACC received CLE pre-approval in CA only. The pre-approved credit hours are a rough estimate of the number of hours for which you may be eligible in your jurisdiction. Please note that each CLE office computes time differently, and it is in their discretion how many credits to award a 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 attendees after the conference for use when applying for individual credit. Contact your CLE office for more information.

- » **The Conference has been Pre-Approved in California as Follows:**
- » **Pre-Conference Red Book Training:** 6.5 total credits (including 1 legal ethics)
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- » **3 Day Conference:** 16.75 total credits (including an optional 2.5 legal ethics & 1.25 elimination of bias in the legal profession)

Conference CD

The CD, which is adhered to this Program, includes the NACC 2011 Law Manual, Presentation Materials, Roster, Faculty Biographies, and more!

Following the conference, additional information (including supplementary Presentation Materials and a final Roster) will be available at: www.naccchildlaw.org.

Conference Evaluation available in electronic format only

The Evaluation is confidential, and we sincerely consider and appreciate your honest comments. This conference is the product of 34 years of experience. The conference successes are due in large part to your feedback and suggestions. To complete the Evaluation, please visit: http://www.naccchildlaw.org/?page=National_Conference.

NACC Bus

The NACC has hired one 50-passenger coach bus to transport attendees and guests from the hotel to the San Diego Airport after the conference adjourns.

Departure Date: Thursday, Sept. 1

Departure Times: 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm

Cost: \$30 per person

To purchase a ticket, please visit the Registration Desk.

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Student Essay Award

Kaitlyn McKenna, JD candidate at Hofstra University, School of Law, for her essay titled: "A Global Perspective of Children's Rights: Advocating for U.S. Citizen Minors After Parental Deportation Through Federal Sub Agency Creation"

Outstanding Legal Advocacy Award

Honorable Ana España is a former Public Defender and now serves as a Judge in the Superior Court of San Diego County, CA. She is also a long time member and previous board member of NACC. During her legal career, she has worked tirelessly for children in foster care. Her work to improve educational outcomes for foster children is but one example of her commitment to improving their lives.

Cahn Young Lawyer Award

Betsy Fordyce, an attorney with the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, Denver, CO, is an ardent advocate for children both in and out of the Courtroom. Her ability to handle complex and demanding litigation and her ability to establish excellent relationships with her child clients causes her to stand out among her peers.



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Starting in January, the U.S. Children's Bureau's National Quality Improvement Center on the Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System (*QIC-ChildRep*) is providing a waiver for one-half of the \$600 Certification Fees. **The waiver will be applied to the \$300 Application Fee on a first-come first-served basis to the first 200 applications submitted to the NACC.** Attorneys who receive the QIC ChildRep Waiver will be responsible for the \$300 Examination Fee. To be eligible for the Waiver attorneys must submit with their application a commitment to sit for the exam if eligible.

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If you represent children, parents, or the state child welfare agency you may be eligible to become certified in child welfare law. The NACC certification program is accredited by the ABA and has been endorsed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Conference of Chief Justices, and the Conference of State Court Administrators.

Certification Eligibility Requirements

Child Welfare Law is an increasingly complex and sophisticated area of practice requiring special training and expertise. To become a Child Welfare Law Specialists attorneys must demonstrate *Good Standing*; show *Substantial Involvement* in child welfare law; supply evidence of sufficient *Educational Experience*; provide peer references; submit a *Writing Sample*; and pass the *Child Welfare Law Certification Exam*. The certification exam questions are drawn from the NACC "Red Book," *Child Welfare Law and Practice, Representing Children, Parents and State Agencies in Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Cases* (Bradford, 2nd Ed., 2010). Lawyers certified in child welfare must be knowledgeable in relevant state and federal laws; principles of child development, family dynamics and psychology; familiar with collateral systems impacting children and their parents; and recognize the professional responsibility and ethical issues that arise out of child welfare proceedings.

Certification Preparation

Your legal education, practice experience, and continuing legal education in child welfare, delinquency, family law, and related areas all help prepare you for the certification exam. Upon submitting a Certification Application, you will also receive a copy of the Red Book.

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