Draft Agenda

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  Registration

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Welcome

**Welcome & Introductory Remarks**

- **Prudence Beidler Carr, Director of the ABA Center on Children and the Law**

**Presentation of the Mark Hardin Award for Child Welfare Legal Scholarship and Systems Change**

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.  Opening Plenary

**Transforming Child Welfare by Bridging Systems and Sectors**

- **Sherry Lachman, JD, Founder and Executive Director Foster America**

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.  Workshop Session A

**Religious and Sexual Orientation Exclusions in Foster Care**

**Changing the System: Strategies for Front-Line Lawyers**

- **Ira Lustbader, JD, Children’s Rights, Inc.**
- **Gabriella McDonald, JD, Texas Appleseed**
- **Tom Welshonce, JD, KidsVoice**
**Building a Legal Education Advocacy Community**
- Kristin Kelly, JD, ABA Center on Children and the Law
- Kathleen McNaught, JD, ABA Center on Children and the Law
- Emily Peeler, JD, MSW, ABA Center on Children and the Law

**FFPSA: A Courtroom Advocate’s Guide to the Family First Galaxy**
- Allison Green, JD, Missouri Children’s Division
- Stefanie Sprow, Children’s Defense Fund

**Discussion Group: Expertise and Wellness: Cultivating and Sustaining the Experienced Children’s Law Office**
- Carol Casey, JD, Cook County Public Guardian
- Alpa Jayanti Patel, JD, Cook County Public Guardian

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**Impact of Parental Incarceration on Children**
- Alfreida Robinson-Dawkins, Bon Secours Community Works/ National Women’s Prison Project
- Honorable Cathy Hollenberg Serrette, Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland
- Thaddius Smith-Boyd

**The Application of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) within the Child Welfare System: How the ADA Impacts Court-Involved Parents and Children**
- Maura McInerney, JD, Education Law Center
- Robyn Powell, MA, JD, National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities

**Client Engagement Skills and the Larger Legal Context in ICWA Cases and Beyond**
- Sheri Freemont, Casey Family Programs ICWA
- Christina McClurg Riehl, JD, California Department of Justice
- Sheldon Spotted Elk, Casey Family Programs ICWA

**FFPSA: Is “Least Restrictive” the Best We Can Do? Securing the “Most Connected” Placement for Children**
- Brent Pattison, JD, Children’s Rights Clinic, Drake University School of Law
- Jennifer Pokempner, JD, Juvenile Law Center
- Jennifer Rodriguez, JD, Youth Law Center

**Discussion Group: Why Robust Kinship Care Policy is Needed to Address Race Equity in Foster Care**
- Ana Beltran, JD, Generations United
- Mary Van Cleve, JD, Columbia Legal Services

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ETHICAL ISSUES IN CHILD WELFARE CASES
• Jennifer Renne, JD, ABA Center on Children and the Law

CULTURAL IDENTITY IN FOSTER CARE
• Lily Colby, JD, California CASA
• Crys O’Grady, JD, Museum of Tolerance
• Ariella Stafanson, California CASA

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVOCACY IN JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES
• Honorable Marguerite Downing, Los Angeles Superior Court
• Diane Smith Howard, JD, National Disability Rights Network
• Marlies Spanjaard, JD, The EdLaw Project
• Robert M. Tudisco, JD, Barger & Gaines
• Kathleen McKnaught, JD, ABA Center on Children and the Law

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DISCUSSION GROUP: HIGH-QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS:
ACHIEVING JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES
• Kathleen Creamer, JD, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia
• Leslie Heimov, JD, CWLS, Children’s Law Center of California
• Mimi Laver, JD, ABA Center on Children and the Law

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Conference Reception

Wednesday, April 10

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Workshop Session D

FROM THE GREENBOOK TO FAMILY FIRST: BUILDING BRIDGES TO EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AT
THE INTERSECTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD WELFARE
• Honorable Karen Howze (ret.), National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
• Connie Hickman Tanner, JD, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

SUPPORTING PERMANENCY FOR OLDER YOUTH: WHAT’S THE BRAIN GOT TO DO WITH IT?
• Kristin Kelly, JD, ABA Center on Children and the Law
• Alexandra Lohrbach, MSW, Annie E. Casey Foundation
• Anthony Simpson, Youth Advocate, Youth Fostering Change, Juvenile Law Center
• Christina K. Sorenson, JD, Juvenile Law Center

EDUCATION ADVOCACY IN THE COURTROOM
• Morgen Black-Smith, Support Center for Child Advocates
• Eliza Hirst, JD, Delaware Office of the Child Advocate
• Maura McInerney, JD, Education Law Center
• Miriam Rollin, JD, Education Civil Rights Alliance, National Center for Youth Law
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FOR ATTORNEY SERVICES
- Susan Abrams, JD, Children’s Law Center of California
- Ashley Chase, JD, Colorado Office of the Child’s Representative
- Mike Dsida, JD, Children and Family Law Division, Committee for Public Counsel Services

DISCUSSION GROUP: TALKIN' 'BOUT A [CHILD WELFARE] REVOLUTION
- Tim Decker, Social Innovation Partners
- Allison Green, JD, Missouri Children’s Division

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  Break
10:45 –12:15 p.m.  Workshop Session E

THE COLLECTIVE POWER OF YOUTH: CHANGING SYSTEMS THROUGH FOSTER-YOUTH LED ORGANIZING
- Betsy Fordyce, JD, Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center

BEST PRACTICES AND EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY TO OVERCOME IMPLICIT BIASES AGAINST TRANSGENDER YOUTH
- Ronnie Cheung, JD, Children’s Law Center of California
- Jamie Julian, MSW, Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles
- Raumak Rahmani, JD, Children’s Law Center of California

IMPROVING PERMANENCY OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY TRAUMA AND SERIOUS ADVERSITY: LESSONS LEARNED FROM INFANT-TODDLER COURT TEAMS
- Darneshia Bell, ZERO TO THREE
- Jenifer Goldman Fraser, PhD, MPH, ZERO TO THREE
- Jami Hagemeier, JD, Williams & Hagemeier, PLC
- Tiffany Kell, JD, ZERO TO THREE

CONDUCTING TRAUMA-INFORMED INTERVIEWS OF CHILDREN
- W. Warren Binford, JD, Willamette University College of Law
- Ewen Nancy Wang, MD, Stanford University
- Paul Wise, MD, MPH, Stanford University

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12:15 – 12:30 p.m.  Conference Luncheon
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch Speaker

STILL SHE RISES
- Robin Steinberg, JD, Chief Executive Officer, The Bail Project
- Parent Advocate

1:45 –3:15 p.m.  Workshop Session F

SPOTLIGHT ON IMMIGRATION: PART 1
SOCIAL MEDIA ETHICS AND YOU: WHAT CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS NEED TO KNOW

- Anne Marie Lancour, JD, MAT, ABA Center on Children and the Law

CROSSOVER YOUTH: MARSHALLING THE DATA INTO PRACTICE

- Cristina F. Freitas, JD, Freitas & Freitas, LLP
- Debbie F. Freitas, JD, Freitas & Freitas, LLP
- Alexandra G. Roark, JD, Committee for Public Counsel Services, Children and Family Law Division

FFPSA: FAMILY FIRST ACT: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR KINSHIP FAMILIES

- Heidi Redlich Epstein, JD, MSW, ABA Center on Children and the Law
- Ana Beltran, JD, Generations United

DISCUSSION GROUP: MOVING TOWARDS A SYSTEM OF QUALITY REPRESENTATION: LESSONS FROM 2018 LEGAL REPRESENTATION STUDIES IN TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA

- Tina Amberboy, JD, Supreme Court of Texas Children’s Commission
- Dylan Spencer Moench, JD, Supreme Court of Texas Children’s Commission
- Eva Klain, JD, ABA Center on Children and the Law

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SPOTLIGHT ON IMMIGRATION: PART 2

BEARING THE BURDEN: HOW EFFECTIVE AND ETHICAL ADVOCACY STARTS WITH ATTORNEY WELLNESS

- Rebecca Brown, MSW, LCSW, St. Joseph’s College of Maine
- Rebecca Hoffmann Frances, LMFT, Maine Behavioral Healthcare
- Aurora Smaldone, JD, Maine Behavioral Healthcare

IMMUNE TO YOUR CONSULTATIONS: GUIDING OLDER CLIENTS AS THEY TRANSITION OUT OF CARE

- Aisha Jones, JD, Cook County Public Guardian
- Jeffrey Sterbenc, JD, Cook County Public Guardian
- Nandilay Walker, Cook County Public Guardian

FFPSA: TBA

DISCUSSION GROUP: CREATIVE ADVOCACY -- REMOVING BARRIERS TO HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT

- Gregory Engle, JD, KidsVoice
- Kristen Ornato, JD, KidsVoice
- Rebecca Shafer, JD, KidsVoice

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