From Crisis to Compassion: Nurturing Brighter Tomorrows

Children in the Courts Conference May 1-3, 2024 -- Little Rock Embassy Suites

Wednesday, May 1 st	Total Hours: 3.5
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TIME	DN TRACK ONLY (all sessions approved for DN credit; CME denoted below)			
12:00 - 1:00	Registration (Judges, DN AAL, Parent Counsel, OCC)			
1:00 - 2:15	Keynote: Child Welfare Trends Across the Country (CME)			
	Jerry Bruce, Director, Georgia Office of the Child Advocate			
	Chris Hempfling, Georgia DCFS Deputy Director & General Counsel			
2:15 - 2:30	BREAK			
2:30 - 2:40	Facilitations in DN Cases: Quick Overview of Toolkit (CME)			
	Brooke Steen, Director of Juvenile Division (AOC)			
2:40 - 4:15	Dependency Neglect Appellate Update (CME)			
	Janet Lawrence, Leah Lanford, Dana McLain, Jennifer Olson,			
	Demarcus Tave, Kaylee Wedgeworth			
4:15 - 4:30	BREAK			
4:30 - 5:00	Narcan Education: A Lifesaving Approach			
	Casey Copeland, Director of Peer Services (OSAMH- DHS)			
5:00	RECEPTION (Please join your colleagues in the atrium)			

Thursday, May 2nd

Total Hours: 6.25 (1.5 ethics hours)

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TIME	PLENARY (all sessions are DN and DR approved; note ethics and CMS hours)			
8:00 - 9:00	Registration (for all other attendees)			
9:00 - 9:50	Finish Empty			
	Jason Curry, Founder of Finish Empty			
9:50 - 10:00	BREAK			
10:00 - 10:50	Options for Immigrant Clients			
	Arkansas Immigrant Defense Speaker TBD			
10:50 - 11:00	BREAK			
11:00 - 11:50	Building Bridges: Effective Engagement with Substance Use and Mental Health			
	Mental Health and Medical Provider Panel Moderated by Lauren Geier			
11:50 - 1:00	LUNCH (provided)			
1:00 – 2:30	Poverty-Related Child Neglect:			
	Understanding the Context of Discovery in Advocacy Efforts (ethics)			
	Dr. Darcey Merritt, The University of Chicago, Crown Family School of Social Work			
2:30 – 2:45	BREAK			
2:45 – 4:00	Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Services:			
	Navigating the System with your Client			
	Melissa Weatherton, Director of Specialty Medicaid Services, DHS			
	Paula Stone, Director of the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DHS			
4:00 – 4:15	BREAK			
4:15 – 5:15	5:15 Guardianships: The Current State of Affairs (CME)			
	Judge Lynn Williams, Laura Calhoun, Hadley Hindmarsh, Kurt Meredith,			
	Brooke Steen			

Friday, May 3rd
Total Hours: 4

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Commission Luncheon	12:30			Advisory Council and	
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