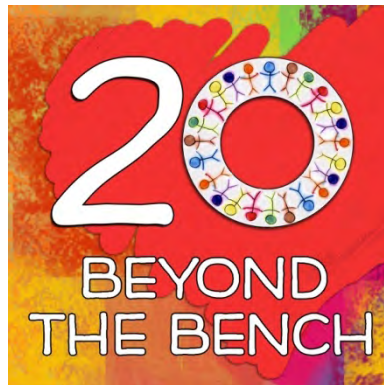




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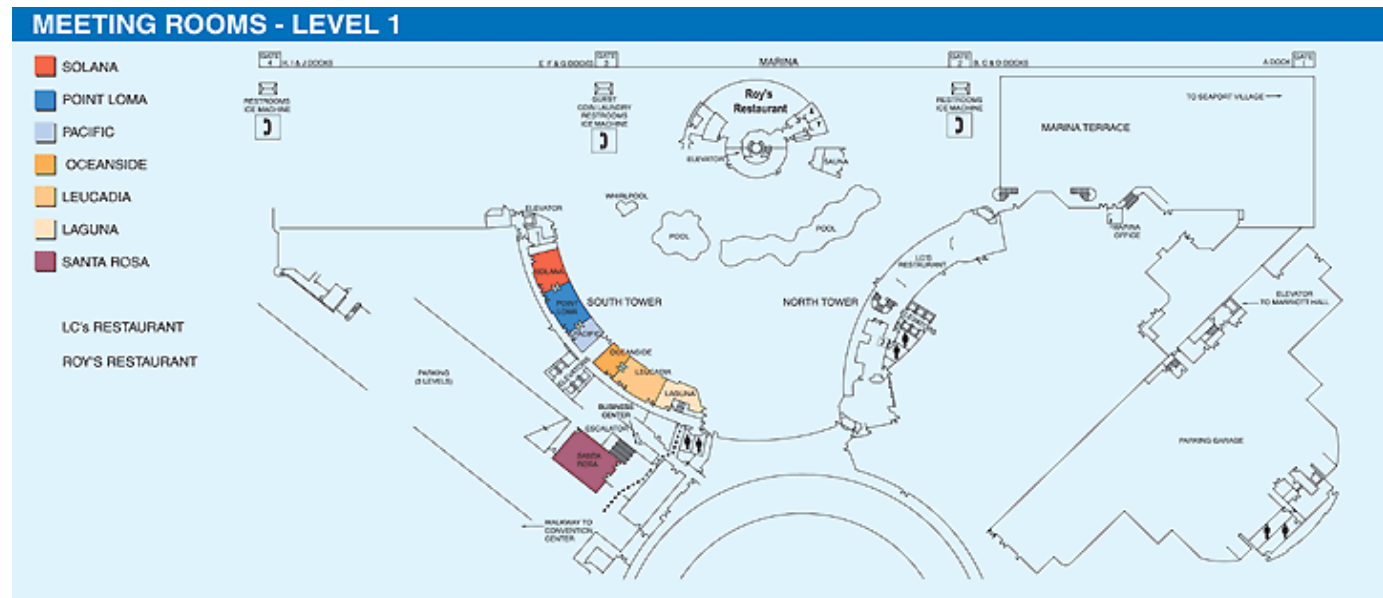
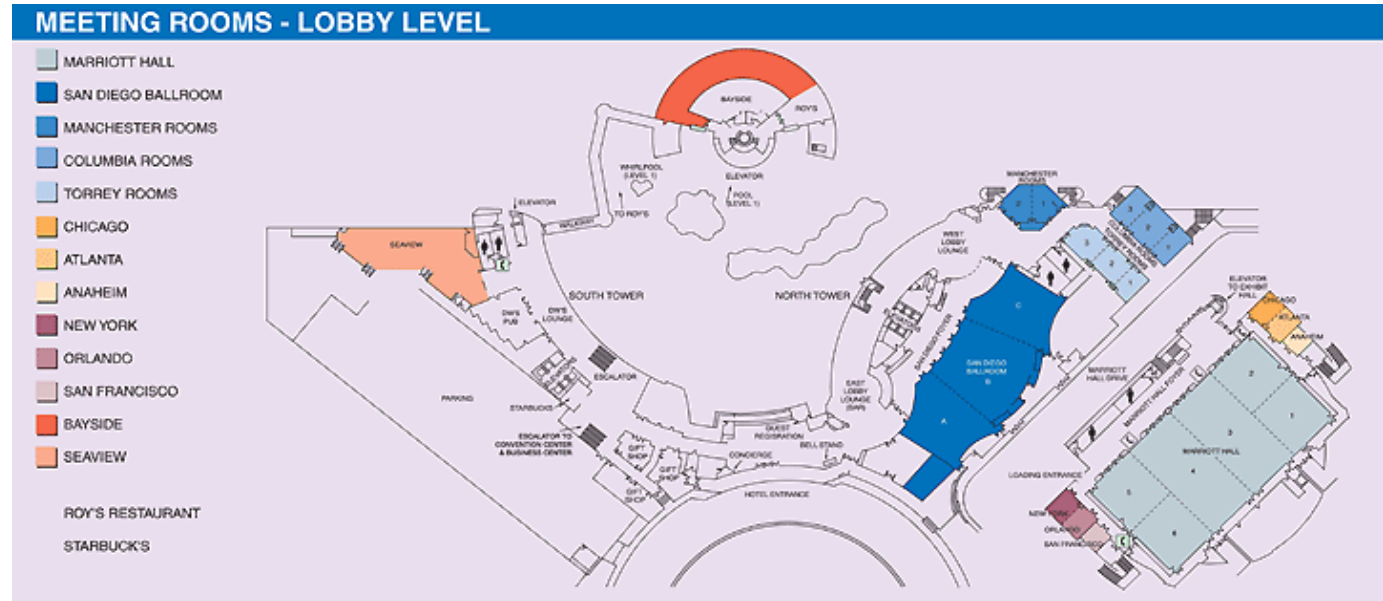
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CONCISE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 2, 2010**7:00 am – 8:00** Registration and Breakfast**8:00 am – 5:00 pm** Best Practices Approach Initiative: Focus on Community Probation Practices and Substance-Abusing Youth

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- I.B. Assessing Risk: How to Determine Whether a Youth has Mental Health Issues
- I.C. Coordinating Family Finding Efforts
- I.D. Defining Reasonable Efforts in Unreasonable Fiscal Times
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- I.F. Don't Count Me Out – Effective Youth Advocacy for Change [**Y*]
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- I.H. Juvenile Interstate Compact
- I.I. Promising Practices Regarding Child Abuse Allegations During Mediation
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- I.K. Recent Advances in Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact in California's Juvenile Justice System
- I.L. Understanding Fatherhood in the Context of Domestic Violence

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 - II.B. Applying Evidence-Based Principles: Successful California Case Studies
 - II.C. Collaboration Versus Zealous Advocacy in Dependency Law
 - II.D. Courts Catalyzing Change
 - II.E. Dependency Legal Update
 - II.F. Family Law Case Management: The View from 2010
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 - II.H. Juvenile Collaborative Courts: Special Courts or a Model for All Juvenile Courts
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 - II.K. Expanding Reentry Courts in California
 - II.L. Statewide Leadership Group on Domestic Violence
 - II.M.** SHARE Tolerance Program (Stop Hate And Respect Everyone) [*Y]
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1:45 pm – 2:00 Break

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 - III.E. Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA): Just How Active Do Those Efforts Need to Be?
 - III.F. Incorporating the Use of Social Workers, Investigators, and Other Professionals in Your Dependency Law Practice
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Break

3:30 pm – 4:45

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- IV.H. Making Custody Decisions in Family Law
- IV.I. Understanding Issues of Poverty in Family and Juvenile Court Proceedings
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- IV.K. Using New Dependency Court Data
- IV.L. Using Social Worker Assessment to Help Guide Judicial Decision Making
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5:30 pm – 6:30

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for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

FRIDAY – JUNE 4, 2010

ALL-DAY SESSIONS

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8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Judicial Officers Training and Education:
Practical Judging in Juvenile *and* Family Law

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Family Dispute Resolution Directors Institute

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

An Overview of Juvenile Dependency Law and Practice

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Effecting Educational Outcomes in Juvenile Court Through Increased
Awareness and Collaboration

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Motions, Writs and Appeals: Practical Advice for the Delinquency Trial Lawyer

DETAILED AGENDA

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 2, 2010

7:00 am – 8:00

Registration and Breakfast

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Best Practices Approach Initiative: Focus on Community Probation Practices and Substance-Abusing Youth

education credit:

BBS

MCLE (**substance abuse credit**)

PSY

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This training course will provide participants with an understanding of the principles of effective correctional interventions and will emphasize the value and utility of employing evidence-based practices (EBP) and research-driven practices in planning, administering, and evaluating programs. Participants will also have an opportunity to review several case scenarios and incorporate EBP into the process. Several hours of this day-long session will be focused specifically on community probation practices and effective programming for substance-abusing youth.

target audience:

attorneys
judicial officers
probation officers
psychologists
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Understand evidence-based practices.
- Understand what works in reducing recidivism.
- Identify the major predictors of criminal behavior.
- Learn the importance of principles of effective intervention.

Faculty:

- **Edward Latessa, Ph.D.**
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- **Craig Henderson, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Department of Psychology

THURSDAY – JUNE 3, 2010

7:00 am – 8:00

Registration and Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:15

Opening Remarks and Keynote Presentation by Oliver Williams, Ph.D.

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

PSY

target audience:

all attendees

Faculty:

- **Oliver Williams, Ph.D.**
Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work, and Executive Director of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community

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9:15 am – 9:30

Break

9:30 am – 10:45

Workshop Session I

I.A. Alphabet Soup: Understanding Child Welfare Funding Streams and Foster Care Benefits

education credit:
BBS
MCLE

The faculty will discuss various federal and state benefit programs (including AFDC-FC, Kin-GAP, AAP, CalWORKS, SSI) and provide a framework for understanding eligibility criteria and application processes.

target audience:
attorneys
court administrators
social workers
judicial officers
probation officers

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the major federal and state funding streams that impact child welfare.
- Describe how to overcome administrative barriers to obtaining services for families and children.
- Integrate the knowledge of how funding streams operate with achieving higher reunification rates and more stable permanency goals.

Faculty:

- **Angie Schwartz**
Attorney, Alliance for Children's Rights
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- **Brian Blalock**
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I.B. Assessing Risk: How to Determine Whether a Youth has Mental Health Issues

education credit:
BBS
MCLE
PSY

How do judges, attorneys, social workers and probation officers make an accurate risk assessment of children and youth who enter the juvenile court system? Learn about the most typical diagnoses one expects to see in juvenile court, depending on the age of the minor, such as conduct disorder, oppositional disorder, ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), and others. What does this mean for treatment? How does this present itself? How can juvenile court professionals identify these issues?

target audience:
attorneys
CASAs
evaluators
judicial officers
mediators
probation officers
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Determine frequently seen diagnoses found in children and youth who appear in juvenile court.
- Understand appropriate treatment in order to make effective referrals.
- Understand accurate ways to assess and respond to mental health risks in children and youth.

Faculty:

- **Jack Wasserman, Ph.D.**
Clinical Psychologist II, Orange County Health Care Agency
- **Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury**
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of El Dorado County

I.C. Coordinating Family Finding Efforts

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

target audience:

attorneys

CASAs

judicial officers

probation officers

social workers

When exiting the dependency system, many foster youth have few or no permanent relationships with caring adults. Family finding practices can help foster youth build a life-long network of support. This session will present specific tools and tips for conducting family finding with a focus on coordination and communication among the court, social workers, attorneys, and CASA. CASA of Orange County will share both successes and challenges gleaned from their unique volunteer-driven Family Connections program. Sample protocols will also be presented.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand benefits of coordination to family finding practice.
- Become aware of common challenges to family finding.
- Identify best practices in organizing family finding efforts.

Faculty:

- **Allison Carroll**
*Family Connections Coordinator,
CASA of Orange County*
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I.D. Defining Reasonable Efforts in Unreasonable Fiscal Times

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

target audience:

all

Courts are required to determine whether reasonable efforts have been made to enable children to remain home or reunify with parents once placed out of home. The failure to provide reasonable services has significant ramifications for both the family and the child welfare agency. As a result of the current fiscal crisis, there are fewer resources available to provide these services. In this practical and interactive presentation, the panel will discuss how to define reasonable services, and how to make, respond to and rule on reasonable services arguments. The workshop will also focus on the use of collaborative strategies to evaluate the effectiveness of how existing resources are used, and to identify methods of accessing additional community resources to assist children and families.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the major federal and state funding streams that impact child welfare
- Describe how to overcome administrative barriers to obtaining services for families and children.
- Describe the proper motions needed to file in court, and identify the proper language needed.

Faculty:

- **John Passalacqua**
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Human Services*
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I.E. Delinquency Legal Update

This workshop provides a review of the new cases and legislation impacting delinquency law and policy.

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

target audience:

attorneys

CASAs

judicial officers

probation officers

social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Identify new delinquency case law.
- Identify new laws impacting delinquency.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Kurt Kumli**
Supervising Judge, Superior Court of Santa Clara County

I.F. Don't Count Me Out – Effective Youth Advocacy for Change [*Y]

How can you use your story to educate legislators, the public, media, and policy makers? How can you really make a difference in advancing changes in our child welfare and juvenile justice systems? Learn how the lawmaking process works and how you can join the dialogue for change. In this interactive workshop, you will practice how to use your personal experience to effect policy and legislative reform.

audience:
only youth

Learning Objectives:

- Educate youth on how to use their personal stories to advocate for policy change.
- Provide an overview of how the legislative and media processes work and how one can best impact reforms in those arenas.
- Empower youth to be part of effective public education, legislative reform, and policy work.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Terry Friedman** (Ret.)
Judge, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
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Attorney, Member of the Judicial Council of California, and Lecturer at the UCLA School of Public Policy
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I.G. Effective Collaboration Among Family Courts and Social Services

Serious issues related to the protection of children and other family members can enter the court through various doors. Family law and guardianship cases often raise issues that may appropriately be considered in a juvenile dependency action. While many juvenile courts have established strong working relationships, this is often not the case with family and probate courts. This workshop will discuss how to develop collaborations in these cases to provide the most effective court process for families.

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

target audience:

attorneys

court

administrators

judicial officers

mediators

Learning Objectives:

- Learn the necessity for an effective relationship between the family court department, probate court hearing guardianship cases, and

Faculty:

- **Hon. Jerilyn Borack**
Judge of the Superior Court of Sacramento County
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- social services.
- Identify how to develop and maintain relationships between family and probate courts, and social services.

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I.H. Juvenile Interstate Compact

education credit:

BBS
MCLE

target audience:

attorneys
CASAs
judicial officers
probation officers
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the history of the Juvenile Interstate Compact.
- Understand the changes made by the new Compact.
- Be able to comply with the new Compact requirements.

Faculty:

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Corrections and Rehabilitation*

I.I. Promising Practices Regarding Child Abuse Allegations During Mediation

education credit:

BBS
MCLE
PSY

target audience:

attorneys
judicial officers
mediators
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Learn the rules of court and statutes that apply to allegations of child abuse in mediation.
- Identify how to apply promising practices when allegations of child abuse surface in mediation.
- Learn how to modify or create policies that are effective and in compliance with statute.

Faculty:

- **Robert Bayer**
*Manager, Family Court Services,
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I.J. Reasonable Efforts in Dependency Cases Involving Domestic Violence

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE
 PSY
 Cal. Rules of
 Court, rule
 10.464, for
 judicial officers.

target audience:
 all

This workshop will present a new tool for dependency court judges and others in the dependency court system to assist in identifying factors that should be considered when making reasonable efforts determinations in cases involving domestic violence. The discussion will focus on why judges need to understand domestic violence when handling domestic violence cases, the family context of these cases, how domestic violence affects parenting, the legal framework for making reasonable efforts findings, and the types of reasonable efforts that should be made in dependency cases involving domestic violence.

This course meets the requirements of rule 10.464 of the California Rules of Court, for judicial officers who hear criminal, family, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, or probate matters.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify how domestic violence affects parenting.
- Identify the legal framework for making reasonable efforts findings.
- Identify the types of reasonable efforts that should be made in dependency cases involving domestic violence.

Faculty:

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*Supervising Judge of the
 Dependency Court, Superior Court
 of Santa Clara County*
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 Department, National Council of
 Juvenile and Family Court Judges
 (NCJFCJ)*

I.K. Recent Advances in Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact in California’s Juvenile Justice System

education credit:
 MCLE

target audience:
 all

The presentation will provide a foundation for understanding the federal, state and local objectives in reducing youth of color coming into contact with all aspects of the juvenile justice system (or Disproportionate Minority Contact [DMC]). The workshop will outline the fundamental tools to assist with implementing a multifaceted approach to reducing DMC from the state level, and providing incentives for local jurisdiction involvement. Also included are examples of the intersection of other reform efforts and a showcase of the operational aspects at the local level through the support of San Diego County’s local DMC reduction efforts.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify federal objectives in reducing DMC.
- Understand California’s three guiding principles in reducing DMC.
- Become familiar with California’s multifaceted approach to DMC reduction.

Faculty:

- **Sandra McBrayer**
*Chief Executive Officer, The
 Children’s Initiative, Chair of the
 State Advisory Group, and Chair of
 the DMC Committee*
- **Shalinee Hunter**
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 Coordinator, Corrections Standards
 Authority*

I.L. Understanding Fatherhood in the Context of Domestic Violence

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

PSY

Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.464, for judicial officers

target audience:

all

The dynamics of fatherhood and domestic violence can be a challenge when seeking to balance efforts to support the father's involvement while ensuring victim safety. This workshop will provide tools for judicial officers and other court professionals in understanding the dynamics of fatherhood when there are allegations or a history of domestic violence. This workshop will also identify potential risk factors and safety considerations when making orders or visitation plans.

This course meets the requirements of rule 10.464 of the California Rules of Court, for judicial officers who hear criminal, family, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, or probate matters.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn approaches to support fathers' safe involvement in cases of domestic violence.
- Identify strategies for making effective court orders.
- Recognize potential risk factors relating to fathers in domestic violence cases.

Faculty:

- **Oliver Williams, Ph.D.**
Professor, University of Minnesota School of Social Work, and Executive Director of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community

Session M
(all time slots)

education credit:

MCLE

target audience:

all

SHARE Tolerance Program (Stop Hate And Respect Everyone)

This special poster session will be *repeated throughout* all time slots. Attendance is **limited to 24 attendees**.

The SHARE Tolerance Program has been created to educate members of the community, particularly our youth, of the dangers of hate and intolerance. Using a custom-built mobile theater housed within a 70-ft. van, sheriff deputies show a specially-made, 35-minute documentary film on hatred and intolerance. Following the video, the deputies facilitate a discussion about the film, the issues it presents, and the challenges of combating hate and intolerance. The program helps individuals develop leadership skills regarding tolerance and the appreciation of diversity among humanity, with the ultimate result being a reduction in hate crimes and an increase in peaceful, respectful interpersonal relations among people in Los Angeles County and beyond.

Website: www.lasd.org/sharetolerance

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the dangers of hate and intolerance.
- Discuss the challenges of combating hate and intolerance.

Faculty:

- **Neal Tyler**
Chief of Field Operations, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- **Gregory Chatman**
Deputy Sheriff, Los Angeles County

- Sheriff's Department*
- **Fanny Lapkin**
Deputy Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- **Regina Yost**
Deputy Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

10:45 am – 11:00

Break

11:00 am – 12:15

Workshop Session II

II.A.

A Collaborative Approach to the Challenge of Helping Commercially Exploited Children

education credit:
BBS
MCLE

San Bernardino County's Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE) team includes the District Attorney's Office, Children & Family Services, Department of Behavioral Health, Probation Department, and the local Children's Network in their collective efforts to arrest, imprison, fine, and seize questionable assets from those who prey on minors. The collective efforts are also directed to providing training, education and support to those minors through juvenile placement facilities, residential facilities placement, and other social services.

target audience:
attorneys
judicial officers
mediators
probation officers
psychologists
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the demographics of the population of youth victimized by sexual exploitation.
- Identify the challenges victimized youth present for the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.
- Learn how one jurisdiction accessed funding for program development in this area.

Faculty:

- **Karen Bell**
Chief Deputy Attorney, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office
- **Frank Navarro**
Deputy, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

II.B.

Applying Evidence-Based Principles (EBPs): Successful California Case Studies

education credit:
BBS
MCLE
PSY

This workshop will focus on what works in reducing recidivism among juvenile offenders. Participants will learn about the principles of effective intervention, how they were derived, and how they are applied. Probation systems and programs that are effective in reducing recidivism have certain characteristics. These include factors related to program development, implementation and leadership, classification and assessment practices, use of effective treatment models, matching offenders, staff, and services, use of behavioral strategies, the quality of staff, evaluation and quality assurance activities, and organizational stability. Successful examples from several California probation departments will be highlighted to demonstrate the practical application of these principles.

target audience:
attorneys
judges
probation officers
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Understand what EBP is and learn how to apply the principles in one's own jurisdiction.
- Recognize the factors that can sustain EBPs in an organization.
- Become familiar with efforts of CA probation departments who have successfully implemented EBPs.

Faculty:

- **Sean Hosman**
CEO, Assessments.com
- **Wesley Forman**
Chief Probation Officer, Mendocino County Probation Department
- **Martin Krizay**
Chief Probation Officer, Imperial County Probation Department
- **Marjorie Rist**
Chief Probation Officer, Yolo County Probation Department
- **Jim Salio**
Chief Probation Officer, San Luis Obispo County Probation Department

II.C.

Collaboration Versus Zealous Advocacy in Dependency Law

All lawyers swear an oath promising to be “zealous advocates” for their clients. But lawyers practicing dependency law are often also asked to be involved in “collaboration” with other counsel, the court, the social services agency, and other stakeholders to work toward resolution of cases and achieve one view of what is best for the child and the family. What is meant by “collaboration”, and what is expected of professionals practicing “collaboratively” in dependency court? Where does the line between collaboration and zealous advocacy cross? Are there situations in which the practitioner cannot do both? And how should the practitioner deal with this conflict ethically? This workshop will examine these questions and suggest ways through which these issues can be addressed in our dependency courts.

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

(legal ethics credit)

target audience:

attorneys

CASAs

judicial officers

social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Apply the standards of ethics when representing parents.
- Distinguish between a collaborative opportunity and a time to zealously advocate for a client.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Leonard Edwards** (Ret.)
Judge-in-Residence, Administrative Office of the Courts, Judge of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County
- **Kevin Thurber**
Executive Director, South Bay Dependency Attorneys for Parents
- **Abigail Roseman**
Attorney, Private law practice in El Dorado County
- **Berta Mackinnon**
Public Defender, San Diego County Department of the Alternate Public Defender

- **Gary Seiser**
*Supervising Deputy, Juvenile
Dependency Division, San Diego
County Office of County Counsel*

II.D. Courts Catalyzing Change

education credit:
MCLE

target audience:
attorneys
CASAs
judicial officers
social workers

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and the Victims Act Model Courts, in collaboration with Casey Family Programs (CFP) have adopted a national goal to reduce racial disproportionality and disparate treatment in foster care. The Courts Catalyzing Change Initiative (CCC) brings together judicial officers and other systems experts to set a national agenda for court-based training, research, and reform initiatives aimed at reducing the disproportionate representation of children of color in the dependency court system. This session will highlight the goal of this bold and exciting initiative and its progress to date.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the progress of the CCC Initiative and the national agenda.
- Know how to use associated judicial tools including a newly created bench card.
- Review local and national efforts and strategies to reduce racial disproportionality and disparities in the dependency court system.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Michael Nash**
*Presiding Judge of the Juvenile
Court, Superior Court of
Los Angeles County*
- **Hon. Katherine Lucero**
*Supervising Judge of the
Dependency Court, Superior Court
of Santa Clara County*

II.E. Dependency Legal Update

education credit:
BBS
MCLE

target audience:
attorneys
CASAs
judicial officers
probation officers
social workers

This session summarizes 2009 legislation, rules of court, and Judicial Council forms relevant to dependency and provides an overview of significant appellate and Supreme Court cases.

Learning Objectives:

- Analyze recent legislation, rules of court, and new forms relevant to dependency practice.
- Identify significant new case law in dependency.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Jacqueline Lewis**
*Commissioner, Superior Court of
Los Angeles County*
- **Hon. Anthony Trendacosta**
*Commissioner, Superior Court of
Los Angeles County*

II.F. Family Law Case Management: The View from 2010

education credit:
MCLE

This workshop will review a variety of models of family law caseflow management throughout the state. Judicial officers will share the experiences of their courts in setting up models that address the needs of both represented and self-represented litigants. Also, the judicial officers will provide tips for implementing and modifying programs.

target audience:
attorneys
court
administrators
judicial officers
mediators
self-help staff

Information will also be provided on studies of the financial impact of effective caseload management on the courts – as well as the impact on families.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn about several models of caseload management currently operating in family law courts.
- Learn how caseload management techniques might be applied to their own courts without the need of additional resources.
- Learn about the practical benefits of caseload management to efficient case processing.
- Learn how caseload processing also benefits attorneys and self-represented litigants.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Lorna Alksne**
Supervising Judge of Family Law, Superior Court of San Diego County
- **Hon. Kimberly Nystrom-Geist**
Presiding Judge of Family Law, Superior Court of Fresno County
- **Hon. Michael Naughton**
Supervising Judge of Family Law, Superior Court of Orange County
- **Hon. Louise Bayles-Fightmaster**
Commissioner, Superior Court of Sonoma County
- **John Greacen**
Attorney, former Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts of New Mexico

II.G. Invisible Beliefs: Confidentiality, Privilege, and Technology in Juvenile Court

education credit:
BBS
MCLE
PSY

This presentation will provide an overview of the key privacy laws that control access to health and mental health information about youth under court jurisdiction, including HIPAA and evidentiary privilege. Then, using examples from local practice, it will review successful strategies to improve information sharing while protecting confidentiality. We will also explore the impact of technology on confidentiality.

target audience:
all

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss privacy health access laws on youth under court jurisdiction.
- Identify the impact of technology on confidentiality.

Faculty:

- **Diane Nunn**
Division Director, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts
- **Rob Waring**
Attorney, East Bay Children's Law Center
- **Rebecca Gudeman**
Senior Attorney, National Center for Youth Law

II.H. Juvenile Collaborative Courts: Special Courts or a Model for All Juvenile Courts?

education credit:
BBS
MCLE

Do the juvenile collaborative courts personify the original intent of the juvenile courts to treat youth differently than adults and to implement an informal, non-adversarial, flexible, service-based approach to each case? Should we return to this model for all juvenile courts? Explore the history of the juvenile court and the evolution into juvenile collaborative courts, with special focus on specific courts including: juvenile mental

target audience:
 attorneys
 CASAs
 judicial officers
 probation officers
 social workers

health, juvenile drug, and other juvenile collaborative courts.

Learning Objectives:

- Analyze the genesis of juvenile delinquency court.
- Describe specific juvenile collaborative courts with special attention to what makes them successful.
- Discuss from a philosophical as well as a practical standpoint a model juvenile court.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Kurt Kumli**
Supervising Judge, Superior Court of Santa Clara County
- **Hon. Linda McFadden**
Judge, Superior Court of Stanislaus County
- **Hon. Lynn Duryee**
Judge, Superior Court of Marin County
- **Hon. Paul Seeman**
Judge, Superior Court of Alameda County

II.I.

Making it Work: Applying Standard 5.20 in Juvenile Dependency & Family Law Supervised Visitation Cases

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE

This workshop will introduce participants to Standard 5.20 of the California Standards of Judicial Administration (Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation) and how the standards can be used within a visitation model for both dependency and family law cases.

target audience:
 all

Learning Objectives:

- Describe key provisions of Standard 5.20.
- Identify safety and protection considerations.
- Learn universal documentation skills that model best practices.

Faculty:

- **Shelly La Botte**
Access to Visitation Grant Coordinator, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts
- **Bobbi Jones-Richard**
Executive Director, Families Network of San Diego County (FAMNET)

II.J.

No Funding for Mental Health Services for Foster Youth? Build A Home Within in Your Community

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE
 PSY

This workshop will describe the purpose and structure of *A Home Within*, an award-winning, national non-profit organization that identifies, trains, and supports therapists who provide long-term pro bono mental health services to current and former foster youth. The workshop will describe the theoretical underpinnings and organizational structure of the model. Participants will review the basic information and skills needed to form a chapter. At the end of the workshop participants will have the tools necessary to begin to build a local chapter of *A Home Within* in their communities.

target audience:
 CASAs
 mediators
 psychologists
 probation officers
 social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Review literature from developmental, trauma, and

Faculty:

- **Toni Vaughn Heineman**
Founder and Executive Director,

- attachment theories.
- Describe the rationale and components of a local chapter of *A Home Within*.
- Identify key stakeholders and potential community participants.
- Identify action items in a preliminary plan for forming a chapter of *A Home Within*.

A Home Within

II.K. Expanding Reentry Courts in California

It is widely known that California has high rates of incarceration and recidivism (as high as 70%) among its jail and prison populations. Reentry Courts, modeled after Drug and Mental Health Courts, are designed to assist probationers and parolees, upon release, by providing an appropriate level of court supervision—based on low, medium or high risk. These levels may hold part of the answer to reducing recidivism. California will competitively award funds to pilot courts to establish Reentry Courts. This session will discuss how reentry courts work, and their track record of reducing recidivism.

education credit:
MCLE

target audience:
attorneys
court administrators
judicial officers
probation officers
self-help staff
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the key components of successful Reentry Courts.
- Identify evidence-based practices that reduce recidivism.
- Discuss California's Pilot Reentry Court Project.

Faculty:

- **Shelley Curran**
Manager of Community Corrections Program, AOC Bay Area Northern/Central Regional Office
- **Hon. Roger Warren (Ret.)**
Scholar-in-Residence, Administrative Office of the Courts, Judge of the Superior Court of Sacramento County.

II.L. Statewide Leadership Group on Domestic Violence

In 1999, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) published *Effective Interventions in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice*. This publication (commonly referred to as “the Greenbook”) is helping child welfare, domestic violence service providers and juvenile courts work together more effectively to serve families experiencing violence. The California Statewide Leadership Group on Domestic Violence and Child Well-Being was formed to address how California deals with the needs of families with co-occurring challenges of domestic violence and child maltreatment. The Leadership Group, a voluntary affiliation of leaders from child welfare, juvenile courts, domestic violence, public health, emergency services, law enforcement, alcohol and drug abuse, and mental health at the state and local levels, has also been designated as an official workgroup of the State Interagency Team on Children and Families.

This workshop will present and facilitate discussion about the Leadership Group's findings and recommendations to strengthen state policies and practices across multiple

education credit:
BBS
MCLE
PSY
Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.464, for judicial officers

target audience:
attorneys
judicial officers
mediators
psychologists

social workers

systems to improve the safety and well-being of victims of domestic violence and their children.

This course meets the requirements of rule 10.464 of the California Rules of Court, for judicial officers who hear criminal, family, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, or probate matters.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify Greenbook principles at work in their local court systems.
- Recognize how domestic violence allegations can be pled according to the best practices identified in the Greenbook.
- Identify state policies and practices necessary to improve responses to families with co-occurring domestic violence and child maltreatment.

Faculty:

- **Ann Rosewater**
Consultant, Private consulting practice
- **Kerry Doyle**
Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

II.M.*audience:*
only youth**SHARE Tolerance Program (Stop Hate And Respect Everyone) [*Y]**

This special poster session will be *repeated throughout* all time slots. This particular time slot, II.M., is targeted to youth, only.

Attendance is **limited to 24 attendees**.

The S.H.A.R.E. Tolerance Program has been created to educate members of the community, particularly our youth, regarding the dangers of hate and intolerance. Using a custom-built mobile theater housed within a 70-ft van, sheriff deputies show a specially-made, 35 minute documentary film on hatred and intolerance. Following the video, the deputies facilitate a discussion about the film, the issues it presents, and the challenges of combating hate and intolerance. The program helps individuals develop leadership skills regarding tolerance and the appreciation of diversity among humanity, with the ultimate result being a reduction in hate crimes and an increase in peaceful, respectful interpersonal relations among people in Los Angeles County and beyond.

Website: www.lasd.org/sharetolerance

12:15 pm – 1:45*education credit:*
BBS
MCLE
PSY*target audience:*
*all attendees***Luncheon and Plenary Presentation by R. Dwayne Betts**

Reginald Dwayne Betts was born in a city in San Diego County he no longer remembers. He was raised in Suitland, Maryland, a small city in the D.C. metropolitan area. At the age of sixteen, R. Dwayne Betts—a good student from a lower-middle-class family—carjacked a man with a friend. His memoir, *A Question of Freedom*, is about what he did while in prison to make his life more than the moments that left him standing before a judge in a Fairfax County Courtroom. In this presentation, R. Dwayne Betts will discuss his coming-of-age story, with the unique twist that takes place in prison.

Faculty:

- **R. Dwayne Betts**
Former incarcerated youth, Current National Spokesperson for the Campaign for Youth Justice

Speakers:

- **William C. Vickrey**
Administrative Director, Administrative Office of the Courts
- **Diane Nunn**
Division Director, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts
- **Hon. Michael Nash**
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- **Hon. Leonard Edwards** (Ret.)
Judge-in-Residence, Administrative Office of the Courts, Judge of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County

2:00 pm – 3:15

Workshop Session III

III.A.

Building Bridges Between Juvenile and Family Court

In many circumstances, families find themselves involved in both the juvenile and family court. With agencies, courts and litigants having limited resources, procedures are needed to maximize the limited resources available for the benefit of the families being served. This workshop will provide examples of ways to coordinate cases and foster communication between agencies and court systems to improve services and outcomes to families. Participants should expect to participate in the discussion and learn from the presenters and each other.

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

PSY

target audience:

all

Learning Objectives:

- Learn the differences between how family court and juvenile court establish parentage and how to avoid conflicting findings.
- Learn ways to triage families to the appropriate forum.
- Learn the criteria for accessing various resources and ways to use these resources for the benefit of the families seen.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Sue Alexander**
Commissioner, Superior Court of Alameda County
- **Hon. Scott P. Harman**
Commissioner, Superior Court of Sacramento County

III.B.

California Dependency Online Guide (CalDOG): Training and Tutorial

The California Dependency Online Guide (“CalDOG”), located at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/dependencyonlineguide, is a juvenile dependency resource website, available free of charge to judicial officers, attorneys, social workers, tribal representatives and other professionals in child welfare and related fields. The website provides legal and educational resources including dependency case law summaries,

education credit:

MCLE

target audience:

all training materials, a conferences calendar, sample briefs and motions, databases of service providers and experts, and a large number of child welfare-related publications and links.

This workshop session will start with a short demonstration of the site, focusing on newly added materials. The remainder of the session will be dedicated to one-on-one and small group tutorials, to provide training about how to get the most from the website, and to answer questions. The tutorials are available on a drop-in basis. Please feel free to visit this tutorial room anytime during the workshop session, or stop by the CalDOG table at the Knowledge Fair.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to utilize the CalDOG website.

Faculty:

- **Mara Bernstein**
Senior Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

III.C. Family Law Legal Update

This session summarizes 2009 legislation, rules of court, and Judicial Council forms relevant to family law and provides an overview of significant appellate and Supreme Court cases.

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE

target audience:
 attorneys
 judicial officers
 mediators
 self-help staff

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss trends in appellate and Supreme Court family law cases.
- Identify significant new case law in family law.
- Analyze recent legislation, rules of court, and new forms relevant to family law practice.

Faculty:

- **Hon. James Mize**
Judge, Superior Court of Sacramento County
- **Hon. Jeffrey Bostwick**
Judge, Superior Court of San Diego County

III.D. How to Fund and Create a Family Preservation Court

Family Preservation Court (FPC) represents the coordinated efforts of the court, social services, mental health, law enforcement, and substance abuse treatment communities so that parents who are struggling with substance abuse have a comprehensive support group. Additionally, when parents are participating in FPC, social workers have other observers who help to keep the children in a safe environment until the parents can break the cycle of substance abuse. Placing parents under strict court monitoring with comprehensive supervision, frequent drug testing and effective, long-term treatment services increases success rates for children, families and the community as a whole.

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE
 (**substance abuse credit**)
 PSY

target audience:
 all

Learning Objectives:

- Define a Pre-File Drug Court.
- Identify what components are essential for the best outcomes.
- Discuss what cost savings are possible with Pre-Filing.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Gary Vincent**
Commissioner, Superior Court of Orange County
- **Lisa Wunderlich**
Senior Administrative Analyst,

- Discuss the legal basis for implementing a Pre-Filing Drug Court.
- Explain what it takes to implement a Pre-Filing Drug Court.

*Riverside County Department of
Public Social Services*

III.E. **Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA): Just How Active Do Those Efforts Need to Be?**

ICWA requires "active" rather than the "reasonable" efforts required in other child welfare cases, but what does this really mean in practice? Participants will learn how to distinguish "active" from "reasonable" efforts and how to look at a case plan to ensure that it meets the "active efforts" requirement.

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

PSY

target audience:

attorneys

CASAs

judicial officers

mediators

probation officers

social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Appreciate value of connection between Indian children, families and their tribes.
- Understand differing Native American family structures.
- Understand the term "active efforts."
- Identify the difference between "active" and "reasonable efforts."

Faculty:

- **Lisa Molinar**
Director, Shared Vision Consulting
- **Hon. Patricia Bresee** (Ret.)
Commissioner, Superior Court of San Mateo County
- **Theresa Klein**
Consultant, Dependency Law
- **Liz Elgin DeRouen**
ICWA Representative, Indian Child & Family Preservation Program

III.F. **Incorporating the Use of Social Workers, Investigators, and Other Professionals in Your Dependency Law Practice**

A team of social work professionals and lawyers representing children and parents will share the benefits of creating a multi-disciplinary practice. The workshop will include a discussion of the benefits social workers, investigators and other professionals can add to a practice. Presenters will discuss collaboration between offices and the challenges of combining disciplines. Discussion will also focus on ethical pitfalls that practitioners must consider including mandated reporting, confidentiality, privilege, and role confusion.

education credit:

BBS

MCLE

target audience:

attorneys

social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the role and ethical responsibilities of a social worker in a parent or child law office.
- Describe at least five different ways in which a parent's or child's attorney can utilize a social worker, investigator or other professional in a child welfare case.
- Demonstrate how to access a social worker, investigator or other professional in a given case.

Faculty:

- **Leslie Heimov**, moderator
Executive Director, Children's Law Center of Los Angeles
- **Daniel Szrom**
Attorney, Legal Advocates for Children & Youth
- **Emily Zavala**
Social Worker, Dependency Advocacy Center
- **Janice Montgomery**
Social Worker, Sacramento Child

Advocates

- **Danielle Vappie**
*Attorney, Los Angeles Dependency
 Lawyers, Inc.*

III.G. Innovative Approaches to Gang Prevention

education credit:
 MCLE

target audience:
 attorneys
 judicial officers
 probation officers

This session will provide a review of California gang issues and statistics. The presentation will include an overview of two innovative approaches to gang prevention. The Los Angeles Gang Reduction and Youth Development Office uses data and a community needs assessment to design and implement a collaborative approach to combating gang violence in specific "zones" throughout the city. San Luis Obispo County Probation targets elementary and middle school students in one school district with an intense 18-week school-based intervention and education curriculum.

Learning Objectives:

- Become familiar with a data-driven collaborative approach to reducing gang violence.
- Understand the dynamics of gang involvement.
- Learn how to address the gang problem from a family-systems approach.

Faculty:

- **Guillermo Cespedes**
*Director, Gang Reduction and
 Youth Development Office in the
 Los Angeles Mayor's Office*
- **Mike Dutra**
*Division Manager, San Luis Obispo
 County Probation Department*
- **Hon. My-Le Jacqueline Duong**
*Judge, Superior Court of
 Santa Clara County*

III.H. Interviewing Children About Abuse and Domestic Violence

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE
 PSY

*Cal. Rules of
 Court, rule
 10.464, for
 judicial officers*

target audience:
 all

This workshop will teach attendees research-based techniques for increasing the accuracy and completeness of children's reports. Faculty will discuss the best means of building rapport, minimizing suggestibility, increasing honesty, and increasing completeness. Faculty will provide an overview of forensic interviewing of children in general and outline specific questions that should be asked in sexual abuse, physical abuse, and domestic violence cases.

This course meets the requirements of rule 10.464 of the California Rules of Court for judicial officers who hear criminal, family, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, or probate matters.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the key elements in proper interviewing of children.
- Recognize specific questions that should be addressed in various case types including sexual abuse, physical abuse, and domestic violence.

Faculty:

- **Laurie Fortin, LCSW**
*Clinical Coordinator, Forensic
 Interviewing Program, Chadwick
 Center for children and Families,
 Rady Children's Hospital*

III.I. Project WHAT! We're Here And Talking: Children of Incarcerated Parents

education credit:

BBS
MCLE
PSY

target audience:

youth
all

Project WHAT! is a youth-led initiative that raises awareness about the impacts of parental incarceration on youth, with the long-term goal of improving services and policies that affect children of incarcerated parents. This session will provide participants with the opportunity to hear from youth directly about their experiences dealing with a parent's incarceration. What challenges have they faced, where have they found resources (internal and external) to help overcome these challenges, and what recommendations do they have for improving services and policies? There will be time for discussion.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the scope and nature of the challenge faced by children impacted by parental incarceration.
- Identify strategies and policy recommendations for providing better support to this population.
- Provide participants with written resources such as the Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents and Project WHAT's Resource Guide for Teens with a Parent in Prison or Jail.

Faculty:

- **Anna Wong**
Director, Community Works
- **Danielle Dokes**
Youth Advocate, Project WHAT!
- **Elizabeth Sanchez**
Youth Advocate, Project WHAT!
- **Kristina Sanders**
Youth Advocate, Project WHAT!

III.J. Restorative Justice Pilot Project in Alameda County

education credit:

BBS
MCLE
PSY

target audience:

all

Alameda County has convened a community-based effort to apply principles and practices of restorative justice in their juvenile court. This workshop will discuss the court's collaborative pilot project prospects, challenges and lessons learned.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to form a restorative justice community collaborative.
- Identify lessons learned implementing the project.
- Analyze projected societal and court cost saving benefits of implementing the program.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Gail Bereola**
Judge, Superior Court of Alameda County
- **Fania Davis, Ph.D.**
Director, Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY)
- **Nikita Mitchell**
Lead Student Organizer, Youth Together

III.K. The Neuroscience and Psychology of Decision-making in Juvenile and Family Law

education credit:

BBS
MCLE

This interactive course is an overview of emerging research in neuroscience, social psychology and economic theory of how unconscious processes effect everyday decisions by judges, social workers, probation officers, and attorneys. The course will

PSY use discussion and exercises to explore the science of decision-making.

target audience:
 all

Learning Objectives:

- Discover how unconscious processes affect decision-making and communication.
- Identify the impact of bias on decision-making.
- Learn strategies for mediating factors influencing decisions.

Faculty:

- **Kimberly Papillon**
Senior Education Specialist, AOC Education Division (CJER)
- **Donna Clay-Conti**
Senior Attorney, AOC Office of the General Counsel
- **Hon. Franz Miller**
Judge, Superior Court of Orange County

III.L. Think Child Support Doesn't Affect Your Dependency Matter? Think Again

Judges, attorneys, social workers and especially the parties want to maximize the possibility of reunification in dependency and dependency drug court cases. Unrealistic child support orders have the potential to undermine these reunification requirements. Learn how these courts collaborate and how you can implement a successful process in your county.

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE

target audience:
 attorneys
 judicial officers
 self-help staff
 social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of federal and state law, and recent Department of Child Support Services regulations, which impact dependency drug court and dependency cases.
- Learn about the complex interactions between dependency court and child support court and identify goals, challenges and obstacles to working together.
- Discuss how to implement crossover case coordination in your county.

Faculty:

- **Robert Lafer**
Chief Legal Counsel, San Diego County Department of Child Support Services
- **Kristen Hoadley**
Attorney, Superior Court of San Francisco County

3:15 pm – 3:30

Break

3:30 pm – 4:45

Workshop Session IV

IV.A. Assessing Risk in Domestic Violence Cases

Assessing dangerousness and lethality in domestic violence cases is one important means for the court system to address domestic violence in daily practice. In this workshop representatives from the San Diego Superior Court and justice system agencies will discuss risk assessment procedures and tools. The workshop will include a focus on ways that family court mediators and family law facilitators might be involved

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE
 PSY

Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.464, for judicial officers

target audience:
all

and will provide recommendations to address the needs of children exposed to domestic violence.

This course meets the requirements of rule 10.464 of the California Rules of Court, for judicial officers who hear criminal, family, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, or probate matters.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify important features of a systemic, multi-agency death review process in domestic violence cases.
- Recognize ways to implement risk assessment practices and processes.
- Explore important recommendations for system changes relating to assessing risk in domestic violence cases.
- Apply risk assessment tools and resources in a family law setting and in cases involving children.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Lorna Alksne**
Supervising Judge of Family Law, Superior Court of San Diego County
- **Terra K. Marroquin**
Program Specialist II, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency
- **Tracy Prior**
Assistant Chief of the Family Protection Division, San Diego County District Attorney's Office
- **Kristine Rowe**
Staff Attorney, Family Justice Center

IV.B. Dependency Legal Update (repeat)

education credit:
BBS
MCLE

target audience:
attorneys
CASAs
judicial officers
probation officers
social workers

This session summarizes 2009 legislation, rules of court, and Judicial Council forms relevant to dependency and provides an overview of significant appellate and Supreme Court cases.

Learning Objectives:

- Analyze recent legislation, rules of court, and new forms relevant to dependency practice.
- Identify significant new case law in dependency.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Jacqueline Lewis**
Commissioner, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- **Hon. Anthony Trendacosta**
Commissioner, Superior Court of Los Angeles County

IV.C. Expanding Self-Help Centers to Assist Victims of Crime

education credit:
MCLE

target audience:
attorneys
court administrators

Self-help centers are affiliated with courts in every county in California. They are a powerful resource that can be tapped to help victims of crime. While District Attorney based Victim Advocate programs are currently available to assist victims, limited resources for these programs generally limit victim advocates to only helping the victims of violent crime. In order to reach a wider group of crime victims, self-help materials for victims have been developed by the AOC with an eye towards explaining the criminal and juvenile delinquency court system and restitution recovery. A training manual for self help center staff to guide them in assisting crime victims has also been created.

probation officers
self-help staff
social workers

These materials as well as ways that self-help centers can be expanded to help crime victims will be discussed.

Learning Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of the challenges that victims of crime can encounter when trying to seek and obtain restitution.
- Understand the basic process of obtaining victim restitution.
- Appreciate the need to use the judicial council form for restitution judgments.
- Become familiar with the materials that have been developed to assist victims of crime receive their restitution.

Faculty:

- **Julise Johanson**
Family Law Facilitator and Self Help Center Attorney, Superior Court of Yolo County
- **Hon. Edward Lee**
Judge, Superior Court of Santa Clara County

IV.D.

Grant Application Writing: Tips to Improve Your Odds for Success

education credit:
MCLE

In these challenging economic times, finding funding sources to support new and continuing projects is critical. Annually, millions of dollars are released from public and private funding sources to support programs and projects. This workshop will cover tips, tools and resources to help grant writers craft a strong proposal.

target audience:
all

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the required components of a full proposal package.
- How to write a compelling statement of need.
- Recognize the elements of a well developed program design.

Faculty:

- **Martha Wright**
Senior Court Services Analyst / Fund Development Specialist, AOC Executive Office Programs Division

IV.E.

Hear My Voice! Strategies for Including Youth in Court Proceedings

education credit:
BBS
MCLE

Foster youth are often left out of permanency planning and dependency court proceedings that will chart their future. The California Blue Ribbon Commission recently recommended that children and youth "have an opportunity to be heard and meaningfully participate in court." Changes in state and federal law reinforce these recommendations and many courts are now starting to implement policies to involve youth in hearings. This session will discuss the benefits of youth participation in court; address common challenges; and present best practices to implementing systemic changes. A Washington State legislative pilot program using "in-chambers" interviews with youth will be discussed. Additional resources will also be presented, including benchcards by age on strategies for meaningful youth involvement in court.

target audience:
attorneys
CASAs
judicial officers
probation officers
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize federal and state

Faculty:

- **Miriam A. Krinsky**

requirements for youth participation in court.

- Understand the advantages for both youth and professionals of engaging youth in court.
- Be aware of challenges to youth participation in court and ways to address concerns.
- Identify strategies to encourage meaningful youth participation.
- Identify best practices in transforming permanency planning, court processes to include youth.

Attorney, Member of the Judicial Council of California, and Lecturer at the UCLA School of Public Policy

- **Andrea Khoury**
Director, American Bar Association's Youth Empowerment Project
- **Hon. Bobbe J. Bridge (Ret.)**
Justice, Washington State Supreme Court, and CEO of Center for Children & Youth Justice
- **Jasmine Orozco**
California Youth Connection, San Diego

IV.F.

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and Tribal Customary Adoption

AB 1325 becomes effective July 1, 2010. It authorizes state courts in dependency proceedings to recognize adoption of Indian children through the law and custom of the child's tribe without termination of parental rights. It thus allows a new permanency option for Indian children, in a way that is respectful of and consistent with tribal values.

education credit:
BBS
MCLE

target audience:
attorneys
CASAs
judicial officers
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Appreciate the background to, need for and legal framework of tribal customary adoption.
- Understand the requirements and procedures for a tribal customary adoption.
- Understand some of the issues around tribal customary adoption.
- Understand how to use tribal customary adoption in their own cases.

Faculty:

- **Kimberly Cluff**
Attorney, Forman & Associates
- **Nancy Currie**
Director of Social Services, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
- **Nicolle Larkins**
Child Welfare Policy Consultant, California Department of Social Service

IV.G.

Legal Matters Youth May Bring to Civil Court Without an Adult or Guardian [*Y]

The California legislature has determined that youth are capable of filing petitions for emancipation, guardianship and civil harassment on their own, without a parent or legal guardian. Understand more about these matters and learn the importance of how to prepare for court, how to address the court, and resources available in deciding whether to pursue these issues in court or informally.

audience:
only youth

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss different legal matters youth can bring to the court without an adult or legal guardian.

Faculty:

- **Carolyn Reyes**
Staff Attorney, Legal Services for Children

- Understand the court process involved in pursuing emancipation, guardianship and restraining orders.
- Identify when to resolve legal issues informally and when to involve the court.

- **Hon. Maria Hernandez**
Judge, Superior Court of Orange County

IV.H. Making Custody Decisions in Family Law

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE
 PSY

target audience:
 judicial officers
 mediators

With the increasing financial pressures on parents and courts, judges are often called upon to make custody decisions in complex cases without input from third-party professionals, such as child custody evaluators. This workshop will focus on ways that courts can review their practices and help judicial officers make appropriate decisions in these matters. Presenters will discuss techniques for identifying specific issues for evaluation, identifying those cases where an evidentiary hearing would provide sufficient information without the need for experts, and setting clear parameters for minor’s counsel to help them maintain an appropriate role.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn techniques for identifying specific issues in custody evaluations.
- Develop clear parameters for minor’s counsel to help them maintain an appropriate role.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Mark Juhas**
Judge, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- **Hon. Jeffrey Burke**
Judge, Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County

IV.I. Understanding Issues of Poverty in Family and Juvenile Court Proceedings

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE
 PSY

target audience:
 all

In juvenile and family cases, many families fall within the poverty guidelines. Why is it important for mediators and other professionals working with families and children to understand the issues of poverty? This workshop will explore the answer to this question and will outline practices geared to support and promote better outcomes for families impacted by poverty.

Learning Objectives:

- The participants will be able to describe various components of poverty.
- The participants will be able to apply promising practices when providing services to families impacted by poverty.
- The participants will be able to identify poverty considerations when assisting parties in the development of case plans.

Faculty:

- **Jenie Chang**
Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts
- **Jennifer Crawley**
Consultant

IV.J.

Prop 21, SB 81, and Department of Juvenile Justice: Where Are We Now?

education credit:
MCLE

target audience:
attorneys
judicial officers
probation officers

In the 10 years since the passage of Prop 21, there have been shifts in policies and practices related to juvenile offenders charged with serious and violent crimes. This presentation will examine those trends and how they have been influenced by the population reduction and reformation efforts at the Division of Juvenile Justice/Division of Juvenile Facilities (DJF). Have the limitations placed upon certain commitments to DJF impacted certification practices and strategies in the adult and juvenile court system? Has the implementation of prosecutorial waiver influenced the quantity and quality of fitness hearings in juvenile court? What options are left for the high need, multiple-offending, non-707(b) youth who have exhausted local resources and are precluded from a state commitment?

Learning Objectives:

- Analyze the policy and practice impact of these trends.
- Discuss the role of the adult criminal justice system for a growing population of youth who are being sent there.
- Consider ways county stakeholders can optimize the performance of juvenile justice systems for youth who commit more serious offenses.
- Discuss whether county case responsibility should be expanded by closing DJJ entirely and shifting parole to probation.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Kurt Kumli**
Supervising Judge, Superior Court of Santa Clara County
- **Sara Norman**
Attorney, Prison Law Office
- **Cregor Datig**
Director of TSRP, California District Attorneys Association

IV.K.

Using New Dependency Court Data

education credit:
BBS
MCLE
PSY

target audience:
attorneys
CASAs
judicial officers
probation officers
social workers

This workshop will discuss how new data resources can be used to inform decision making in juvenile dependency courts. The California Child Welfare Performance Indicators Project, in cooperation with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC), has developed new court focused data reports. Dr. Barbara Needell, Principal Investigator, will introduce these reports, and will demonstrate how the additional online resources that underlie these reports can be mined for further information on current data trends in juvenile dependency. Judge Leonard Edwards will highlight the court implications of these trends, and discuss how the reports can be used to inform local practice.

Learning Objectives:

- Using the example data report presented, participants will understand the source and content of the data reports.
- Learn how to access a data report specific to their county.

Faculty:

- **Barbara Needell, Ph.D.**
Research Specialist, University of California, Berkeley
- **Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.)**
Judge-in-Residence, Administrative Office of the Courts, Judge of the

- Based on the experiences of pilot data report users, participants will be able to relate court programs and/or local initiatives to data trend.
- Participants will understand the strengths and limitations of using CWS/CMS data in the court context.

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Santa Clara County*

IV.L. Using Social Worker Assessment to Help Guide Judicial Decision Making

Social Workers are trained experts in risk assessment and family dynamics, yet their recommendations are constantly scrutinized by attorneys, and often modified by judicial officers. This workshop, primarily targeted to social workers and county counsel, will discuss the how to utilize good social work practice to effectively influence judicial decision making.

education credit:
BBS
MCLE

target audience:
attorneys
CASAs
judicial officers
social workers

Learning Objectives:

- Appreciate the role the social worker plays in providing facts and expert opinion to the court.
- Understand the legal and ethical mandates of attorneys and judicial officers.
- Learn how to translate good social work practice into persuasive courtroom advocacy.

Faculty:

- **Soledad Caldera-Gammage**
Curriculum and Evaluation Specialist, California State University, Fresno
- **Hon. Joyce Hinrichs**
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Superior Court of Humboldt County
- **James Owens**
Principal Deputy County Counsel, Los Angeles County Office of County Counsel

5:30 pm – 6:30

Collaborative Strategies to Improve Health and Mental Health for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

education credit:
MCLE

target audience:
all

The Healthy Returns Initiative (HRI), created by The California Endowment, was designed to strengthen the capacity of county juvenile justice systems to improve access to health, mental health, and other critical services for youth and to ensure continuity of care as they transition back to the community. This special session will highlight the promising practices from pilot programs administered by probation departments in Los Angeles, Santa Cruz, and Ventura counties. The workshop will specifically focus on how these probation departments successfully collaborated with the courts, mental health, public health, and schools to improve outcomes for youth with complex issues. This session will be valuable for administrators and practitioners across systems.

Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn strategies to address confidentiality issues and share information across systems.
- Learn how county agencies and community partners can work collaboratively to improve service provision and outcomes for youth.
- Learn how to engage families in collaborative efforts, such as MDT case planning and accessing benefits and resources.

Faculty:

- **Andrea Gordon**
Probation Director, Los Angeles County Probation Department
- **Laura Garnette**
Director, Adult Probation, Santa Cruz County Probation Department
- **Cosette Reiner**
Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Ventura County Probation Agency

FRIDAY – JUNE 4, 2010

The following is a list of the all-day or half-day workshops:

- All-day
 - Judicial Officers Training and Education
 - Family Dispute Resolution Directors Institute
 - An Overview of Juvenile Dependency Law and Practice
- Half-day – **morning**
 - Effecting Educational Outcomes in Juvenile Court Through Increased Awareness and Collaboration
- Half-day – **afternoon**
 - Motions, Writs and Appeals: Practical Advice for the Delinquency Trial Lawyer

ALL-DAY SESSIONS

7:00 am – 8:30 am

Registration and Breakfast

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Judicial Officers Training and Education:
Practical Judging in Juvenile and Family Law**

*education credit:
2 hours of ethics
credit*

8:30 am – 12:00 Part 1
& **1:00 pm – 4:00** Part 2

This training is available only for judicial officers.

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Family Dispute Resolution Directors Institute

*education credit:
BBS
PSY*

8:00 am – 12:00 Part 1
& **1:00 pm – 4:30** Part 2

This training is available only for directors, managers, and supervisors of court-connected family dispute resolution programs.

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

An Overview of Juvenile Dependency Law and Practice

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE

target audience:
 attorneys
 CASAs
 social workers

8:00 am – 12:00 Part 1
& 1:00 pm – 5:00 Part 2

This course provides an overview of the dependency legal system. Designed for attorneys, CASA, social workers and other professionals working in child welfare, the course focuses upon stakeholder roles and legally mandated timelines. This course meets the 8-hour requirement for attorneys seeking to accept court-appointed cases.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand judicial and attorney roles in the dependency legal system.
- Articulate a knowledge of the timelines and legal mandates in a dependency case.
- Learn about available resources to assist them in their daily child welfare practice.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Patricia Bresee (Ret.)**
Commissioner, Superior Court of San Mateo County
- **John Passalacqua**
Attorney, Private law practice
- **Nancy Aspaturian**
Attorney, Children's Law Center of Los Angeles
- **Shannon Sullivan**
Assistant County Counsel, Santa Cruz County
- **Rita Cameron-Wedding, Ph.D.**
Chair of the Department of Women's Studies, Sacramento State University

HALF-DAY SESSIONS

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Effecting Educational Outcomes in Juvenile Court Through Increased Awareness and Collaboration

education credit:
 BBS
 MCLE

STC (certification:
 3483-055363)

target audience:
 attorneys
 CASAs
 probation officers
 social workers

The panel of experts will be prepared to answer questions and provide feedback about how best to navigate the educational law system while incorporating the requirements of recent legislation and rules of court. The panel will also provide a forum for addressing how effective collaboration and improved awareness amongst juvenile court stakeholders can lead to more successful outcomes for youth, while identifying the educational rights afforded to youth. Participants will also gain insight into options and opportunities for higher education available to older youth and the importance of incorporating long-term educational goals into case plans and independent living plans.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the relationship between successful educational outcomes and transition from the juvenile justice system.

Faculty:

- **Hon. Ana España**
Judge, Superior Court of San Diego County
- **Hon. Tamara Mosbarger**

- Identify the role and responsibilities of the educational rights holder and ensure that every child appearing before the juvenile court has someone holding educational rights.
- Incorporate the requirements of recent legislation and rules of court into daily practice.
- Promote a cultural shift within their communities that improves awareness, and learn tools for effective collaboration amongst agencies and others who do not typically work within the juvenile justice system.
- Develop case plans and independent living plans that successfully incorporate educational opportunities available to older youth.

- Judge, Superior Court of Butte County*
- **Jesse Hahnel**
Attorney and Skadden Fellow, National Center for Youth Law
 - **Steve Ashman**
Executive Director, CASA of Stanislaus County
 - **David Ruiz**
Probation Services Manager, Fresno County Probation
 - **Jacqueline Wong**
School Health Education Consultant, Foster Youth Services Program

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

education credit:
MCLE

target audience:
defense attorneys

Motions, Writs and Appeals: Practical Advice for the Delinquency Trial Lawyer

As part of California's involvement in the MacArthur Foundation's Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network, efforts are under way to increase juvenile defenders' ability to effectively engage in motion practice and to seek review through writs or appeals. This workshop is part of those efforts and is designed specifically for trial lawyers who are representing youth in delinquency court. It will offer training in three subjects that are intimately tied to effective delinquency trial practice: drafting motions, filing writs, and creating appellate records. Workshop presenters for the motions and writs subjects will offer a succinct summary of the law; offer ideas and practice tips; and provide samples. The appellate-record section will feature a conversation between a trial lawyer and an appellate lawyer on how to make a competent appellate record in the face of the challenges that trial lawyers face in court. Those attending the workshop will leave with practical information to improve their performance in the courtroom and to lay a proper foundation if appellate review is needed.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand how to better draft motions and file writs.
- Discover ways to improve courtroom performance in order to create better appellate record.
- Incorporate the requirements of recent legislation and rules of court into daily practice.

Faculty:

- **Arthur Bowie**
Supervising Assistant Public Defender, Sacramento County Public Defender's Office
- **Al Menaster**
Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office

- Improve overall delinquency trial practice.

- **Richard Braucher**
Staff Attorney, First District Appellate Project
- **David Lamb**
Assistant Supervisor of the Juvenile Branch, San Diego County Public Defender's Office
- **Sue Burrell**
Staff Attorney, Youth Law Center
- **Jennifer Mayer**
Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office

BIOGRAPHIES

The following list (alphabetized by *last name*) includes biographies that were available at the time of publication:

Hon. Lorna A. Alksne has been a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, since 2005. She has been Supervising Judge of Family Law since 2008. Judge Alksne was a Commissioner of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, from 2001–2005. Prior to that time she was an attorney with Paul, Plevin & Sullivan from 1998–1999, and Gray, Cary, Ware, & Friendenrich from 1994–1998. She was a sole practitioner in San Diego from 1993–1994. She received her J.D. from the University of California in San Diego. Judge Alksne has served as faculty for numerous judicial education programs including the Family Law Orientation course.

Steve Ashman is the executive director for CASA in Stanislaus County. A credentialed teacher, he is also a national trainer for the AVID program, which supports underachieving students who are often economically disadvantaged. He was formerly the Educational Advocate for Juvenile Dependents for Stanislaus County, representing the educational interests of all dependent children for that county.

Nancy Aspaturian is director of training at the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles. Ms. Aspaturian runs an integrated training program for new lawyers and designs a year-round curriculum to provide continuing education in dependency litigation and related practices. She also handles day-to-day supervision and training of lawyers and support staff in all areas of dependency practice. A lawyer since 1985, Ms. Aspaturian was a public defender for seven years before joining the Children's Law Center.

Robert Bayer has been a manager of Family Court Services for the Ventura Superior Court since March, 2008. In addition to mediation services, his staff conducts conservatorship and guardianship investigations. After graduating from Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley in 1970, he worked as a Deputy District Attorney for 16 years. Later, while a civil litigator, he conducted arbitrations and settlement conferences for the Court. In 1999, desiring to incorporate what he had learned from his wife, a clinical psychologist, he converted his practice to general and then collaborative family law, with emphasis on child related issues.

Karen Bell is the chief deputy district attorney for the District Attorney of San Bernardino County overseeing the Juvenile Division. Her experience includes working as a group supervisor at juvenile hall, as a probation officer and then, after law school, beginning her career in the District Attorney's office. She has been assigned to the juvenile division since 1995 when it consisted of 6 attorneys and herself. The juvenile division now covers three regional offices and 22 attorneys, with three who work in the schools on truancy issues. Ms. Bell currently heads CASE for the District Attorney's Office, which co-ordinates county agencies to effectively assist sexually exploited children.

Hon. Gail Bereola is a judge in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, and recently completed a term as presiding judge of the Juvenile Court. There she implemented and partnered with law enforcement, the District Attorney and community organizations to pilot an innovative youth reentry program.

R. Dwayne Betts is currently the National Spokesperson for the Campaign for Youth Justice. He was raised in Suitland, MD. The only child of a single mother, his earliest years showed the kind of academic promise that leads children to be labeled as gifted. Throughout school, despite often finding himself in trouble for talking too loudly and much too often, he excelled in his schoolwork. The Washington Post ran a front-page profile about

Dwayne and YoungMenRead, a book club he began for boys. He has also been profiled on the front page of the Baltimore Sun and has given commentary for NPR's All Things Considered. His poetry has been widely published and he is the winner of the 2009 Beatrice Hawley Award. Mr. Betts has received full tuition scholarships to complete each level of his college education.

Hon. Richard C. Blake is a member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe and Chief Judge of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Court. Judge Blake is also the contractual judge for the Smith River Rancheria and temporary judge for the Redding Rancheria. He is the 1st Vice President of the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) and a NAICJA region 2 board member, representing tribal court judges located in California, Nevada, and Hawaii. Judge Blake is the founder of the Northern California Tribal Court Coalition, consisting of seven developed or developing tribal courts. He earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. Judge Blake is an alumnus of the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, Reno. Judge Blake is also a member of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care. Judge Blake has been a facility member with the National Center for State Courts, conducting trainings throughout the United States on Project Passport/Domestic Violence Protection Order issues.

Brian Blalock is a staff attorney at Bay Area Legal Aid, where he works in the public benefits unit with clients who are under twenty-five years old. He is also the civil legal services coordinator for the Alameda County Juvenile Collaborative Court, a mental health court for youth involved in the delinquency system, and the coordinator of the Justice on Wheels Juvenile Court Legal Clinic. He was formerly a public school teacher in the south Bronx and graduated from Stanford Law School in 2007.

Arthur L. Bowie is the supervising assistant public defender for the Sacramento County Public Defender's Office, Juvenile Division. He also teaches at the University of Northern California, Lorenzo Patiño School of Law. Previously, he worked as lead attorney in the Research and Training Division of the Sacramento County Public Defender's Office, as staff counsel for California State Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and as staff counsel of the California State Assembly's Public Safety Committee. Mr. Bowie obtained his juris doctorate at Lincoln Law School of Sacramento and earned his bachelor's degree in social science and graduate-level coursework in public policy at California State University at Sacramento.

Richard Braucher is a staff attorney at the First District Appellate Project in San Francisco, where he represents indigent clients in adult criminal, juvenile delinquency, and dependency cases before the First District Court of Appeal, and assists and trains panel attorneys in such matters. Mr. Braucher also represents clients in federal district court and in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has been a member of the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center amicus committee since its inception, and is a co-chair.

Hon. Patricia Bresee (Ret.) has devoted most of her professional life to children's issues. When in private practice, she represented children in juvenile courts who had been neglected or abused or who had been accused of committing a crime, and children who were caught in the middle of custody battles in family court. Serving as a Superior Court Commissioner in San Mateo County for 15 years, she was assigned to sit as a Juvenile Court Judge, and handled dependency and delinquency matters, as well as adoptions and guardianships. As an original member of the California Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, she served as Chair of the Juvenile Law Rules and Forms Subcommittee. She continues to participate as faculty for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, and is a regular presenter at Beyond the Bench and other conferences.

Hon. Bobbe J. Bridge (Ret.) is the founding president and CEO of the Center for Children & Youth Justice, a nonprofit organization she created in 2006 to reform Washington State's child welfare and juvenile justice systems. She served on the Washington State Supreme Court from 1999 to 2007 and on the King County Superior Court from 1989 to 1999, where she was Chief Juvenile Court Judge for three years. Before joining the bench, Justice Bridge was the first female partner at the Seattle law firm of Garvey Schubert Barer. She currently is the co-Chair for the Washington State Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care. Her awards include the Advocacy Spirit Award from the National Network for Youth, the Seattle Civil Rights Champion Award from Lambda Legal, and induction into Warren E. Burger Society of the National Center for State Courts.

Sue Burrell is a staff attorney at the San Francisco-based Youth Law Center, a national non-profit law firm that works on behalf of children in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. She was a member of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Working Group, and for more than a decade has trained juvenile system professionals on facility conditions for the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Ms Burrell is the team leader for California in the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network, and through that initiative has worked to build the capacity of the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center to reach juvenile defense counsel around the state through training and virtual communication. She has served as trial counsel in juvenile and criminal court and for several years was the juvenile appellate/training specialist for the Office of the Los Angeles County Public Defender.

Alice Bussiere has been a staff attorney at the Youth Law Center in San Francisco since September 2000. Before that, she was managing attorney for the Child Care Law Center, a staff attorney at the National Center for Youth Law, litigation director for the Texas Legal Services Center, a supervising attorney and lecturer in clinical studies at Yale Law School, and a staff attorney at legal aid programs in New Haven and Waterbury, Connecticut. She received the Reginald Heber Smith Award from the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, the Loren Miller Legal Services Award from the State Bar of California, and awards from other organizations, including the North American Council on Adoptable Children and the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance. Ms. Bussiere received her J.D. from the University of Connecticut.

Rita Cameron Wedding, Ph.D., is the chair of the Department of Women's Studies and a professor of Women's Studies and Ethnic Studies at Sacramento State University. Dr. Cameron Wedding's scholarship focuses on race and gender disproportionality in institutions like child welfare, education and the juvenile justice system. Dr. Cameron Wedding has taught courses and developed curricula for child welfare and family court personnel for over six years. Dr. Cameron Wedding's work in Africa, China and Mexico has focused on gender, domestic violence, environmental racism and immigration. Dr. Cameron Wedding served two terms as a Governor's appointee to the California Commission on the Status of Women. In 2007 she was also appointed to serve on the International Advisory Board of Global Majority which conducts international and domestic seminars focused on non-violent conflict resolution and negotiations throughout the world.

Allison Carroll is the family connections coordinator at CASA of Orange County. She provides program development and trains and supervises a caseload of volunteer advocates who engage in family finding efforts on behalf of youth in Orange County's dependency system. Ms. Carroll was a county social worker before joining the CASA team.

Matthew Cate was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on May 16, 2008, as Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Cate was appointed as Inspector General by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in March 2004 and subsequently confirmed by the state senate to that position. As Inspector General, Mr. Cate was responsible for public oversight of the California

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Since 2007, he also served as the chair of the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board and in that capacity was responsible for reporting to the state legislature on the progress made by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in fulfilling its obligation to provide effective rehabilitative programs to California's inmates and parolees.

Guillermo Cespedes is the director of the Gang Reduction & Youth Development office in the L.A. Mayor's Office. He joined the office in December 2007 initially as the Program Manager for the Baldwin Village/Southwest Gang Reduction and Youth Development Zone. He was named Director of the Summer Night Lights Program in 2008, and guided that successful violence prevention strategy during the summers of 2008 and 2009. Mr. Cespedes has a Master's Degree in Social Work from Columbia University and completed post-graduate studies in 1980 with an area of specialization in Family Systems Theory and Practice.

Jenie Chang is an attorney with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts since June 2007. Prior to joining the AOC, Ms. Chang was a staff attorney for Legal Aid of Marin where she represented parents and children in juvenile dependency proceedings. Ms. Chang was also an assistant dean at New College of California School of Law and taught Legal Analysis. Ms. Chang is a certified child welfare law specialist as certified by the National Association of Counsel for Children. Ms. Chang received her Juris Doctorate degree from New College School of Law, and her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis. In her spare time she enjoys leading nature walks and hikes as a docent for Muir Woods National Park.

Hon. L. Michael Clark is a judge for the Superior Court of Santa Clara County. Prior to his judgeship, he served as Senior Lead Deputy County Counsel in Santa Clara County, where he supervised the child dependency and probate teams. Judge Clark is a former member of the California Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. He is a contributing author for the *CEB California Juvenile Dependency Practice Book*, a contributing editor for the *Attorney General's Child Abuse Prevention Handbook*, and an editorial consultant for the *Attorney's Briefcase* legal software program on children and the law. Judge Clark is a graduate of Westmont College, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Santa Clara University School of Law.

Donna Clay-Conti is a senior attorney with the Administrative Office of the Courts Office of the General Counsel. She serves as staff to the Judicial Council Access and Fairness Advisory Committee. She received her law degree from the U.C. Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law.

Deborah Cromer is an attorney and Education Attorney with the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles (CLC). She provides legal representation for children under the jurisdiction of the Edelman Children's Court of Los Angeles, and serves as a resource to firm attorneys on the subject of foster children and education, including special education law and advocacy. Ms. Cromer also represents CLC on the California Foster Youth Education Task Force.

Kimberly Cluff is an attorney with Forman & Associates. Both before and since her admission to the California Bar in 1998 Ms Cluff has worked with Indian tribes, to protect the most vulnerable members, children, elders and victims of violence. She worked for California Indian Legal Services for five years with a focus on low income tribal governments and individuals on issues including Indian Child Welfare Act cases, domestic violence, elder law and tribal governance and ordinance development. Since 2006, she has worked with Forman & Associates a firm working exclusively with tribes and Indian organizations. Her practice focuses on tribal program and ordinance development and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

Nancy Currie is the director of social services of the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians. The primary focus of the social services program is on providing court advocacy for ICWA cases and working with tribal members to connect them with services both on and off the reservation and the development of the Tribe's domestic/dating violence intervention program. Ms. Currie is actively involved in the creation and implementation of the Tribal Customary Adoption legislation. As the Soboba representative to a number of tribal and community organizations, Ms. Currie is working to improve communication/collaboration between the State, Counties and Tribes and to increase Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) compliance.

Cregor Datig has been a prosecutor for over 28 years, and retired in 2007 as Chief Deputy District Attorney of Riverside County to become a program director for the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA). While in the Riverside DA's Office, he supervised the Juvenile Prosecutions Division for almost a decade, served as chairman of the CDAA Standing Committee on Juvenile Justice for six consecutive terms, and was a member of the CDAA Legislation Committee. Mr. Datig authored several pieces of legislation that have been signed into law, and was a co-author of the Gang Violence and Juvenile Crime Prevention Act (Prop 21). Mr. Datig has lectured throughout California as well as nationally on juvenile justice issues, and authored the juvenile law and procedure section of the CDAA handbook, "Implementing Proposition 21."

Fania Davis, Ph.D., is the director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY). She received her law degree from the Boalt Hall School of Law, and her Ph.D. from the California Center for Integral Studies.

Danielle Dokes is a student at El Cerrito High School. She will graduate in 2012 while her father is still in prison. She joined Project WHAT! in 2009 because it was time for her story to be told. Danielle wants to break stereotypes by telling the truth about children with incarcerated parents and sharing why she is the person she is today.

Kerry K. Doyle is an Attorney with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts and a member of the Judicial Review and Technical Assistance Project. Ms. Doyle is a graduate of King Hall School of Law at the University of California, Davis, and a public interest law scholar. Ms. Doyle received her undergraduate degrees from the University of California, Riverside, earning bachelor of art degrees in both psychology and sociology/law and society. Prior to joining the CFCC, Ms. Doyle represented children and parents involved in dependency proceedings, and children in high-conflict family law custody matters. She also consulted on and edited "The Incarcerated Parent's Manual," a guide to California dependency court proceedings published by Prisoner Legal Services and Legal Services for Prisoners with Children.

Hon. Becky L. Dugan is a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside. Judge Dugan served as the Supervising Family Law Judge from 2007–2010 and the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court from 2005–2007 in Riverside County. Judge Dugan has over 23 years of experience on the bench. She has been an instructor, trainer and presenter to numerous organizations, including judges, attorneys, social workers, medical personnel, etc. on domestic violence, bias training, juvenile, mental health and family court issues. Judge Dugan established the Mental Health Court, Criminal and Family Domestic Violence Courts in Riverside County. She is a former member of the CJER Governing Committee (2007–2008); former member of the Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee (2000–2009), member of the Violence Against Women Act Task Force, Special Masters, and former co-chair of the Protective Order Working Group (2007–2009). Judge Dugan is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement for Establishing Domestic Violence Court Award, the Greater Riverside Alliance Against Violence Award (2000), was honored the State Probation Conference – Judge of the Year honor (2001), the Mental Health Department Professional of the Year for Establishing Mental Health Court (2002), and the Bono Family Creating Hope Award; Riverside Honoree (2006).

Hon. My-Le Jacqueline Duong, appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger on May 23, 2007, is the first Vietnamese American woman appointed to the bench in Northern California. She serves on the Judicial Council's Access and Fairness Advisory Committee and the CJER Fairness Education Committee. Judge Duong is a delinquency court judge in Santa Clara County and oversees the Juvenile Treatment Court, a collaborative court to address the needs of minors with substance abuse issues. In 2009, she collaborated with the East Side Union High School District to host an Education Forum about gang violence and prevention for the Vietnamese American community. Prior to her appointment, Judge Duong worked briefly in private practice, for the Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender, and the Santa Clara County Office of County Counsel.

Michael Dutra is a division manager with the County of San Luis Obispo Probation Department. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from San Jose State University. He began his career in Probation twenty years ago in the County of Santa Clara Probation Department. Mike has worked in adult and juvenile correctional facilities, both adult and juvenile probation, has been the Training Coordinator and a firearms instructor for the San Luis Obispo County Probation Department, and conducts trainings on gangs. For several years he was assigned to the San Luis Obispo County Gang Task Force conducting gang crime investigations, street level gang enforcement and intelligence. Mike has been involved in the development and management of juvenile probation programs for the past several years.

Hon. Leonard P. Edwards (Ret.) is a Judge-in-Residence with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts and has been employed by the AOC since June 2006. Judge Edwards is a retired judge from the Superior Court of Santa Clara County. In that capacity he has served as supervising judge of the family court and presiding judge of the juvenile court. He most recently served as supervising judge of the juvenile dependency court. Judge Edwards has been active locally and nationally in juvenile and family law. He is the founder and past president of the Juvenile Court Judges of California and has served on the California Judicial Council. He is a past president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He has taught juvenile and family law at the University of Santa Clara Law School, Stanford Law School, and at the California Judicial College. Judge Edwards has also written widely in juvenile and family law. He and his wife have written a book entitled *Child Abuse and the Legal System*. Judge Edwards has been given many awards both locally and nationally. He recently was named Jurist of the Year by the California Judicial Council, and was given the 2004 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence.

Hon. Ana España was appointed as a judge of the Superior Court, County of San Diego in 2008. Prior to serving on the bench, Judge España was the supervising attorney for the Office of Children's Counsel of San Diego County, Department of the Public Defender. She represented children in dependency proceedings for more than 20 years. Judge España is very active on a state and local level on behalf of foster youth. She was previously a member of the California Child Welfare Council, the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, and the board of directors for the California CASA Association. Currently, she is a member of the California Judges Association. Judge España is also a certified child welfare law specialist.

Wesley Forman has 30 years of sworn peace officer experience with the Santa Barbara County and Mendocino County Probation Departments, currently holding the position of Chief Probation Officer of Mendocino County. Under his watch in Mendocino County, the Department has implemented four evidence-based programs, the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT), Multi-dimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC), Static Risk and Offender Needs Guide (STRONG), and Aggression Replacement Training (ART). In addition, he is the current Chair of the Northern California Probation Consortium (NCPC), a consortium of 16 northern rural California

counties, which formed to share resources and implement evidence-based practices. He is a member of the Chief Probation Officers of California and serves as their representative on several adult and juvenile committees.

Hon. Terry B. Friedman (Ret.) is an advisory member of the Judicial Council of California, the policymaking body for the state courts. He previously served as a judge at the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. Elected to the bench in 1994, Judge Friedman is a former member of the California State Assembly (1986–1994), executive director of Bet Tzedek Legal Services (1978–1986), and staff attorney for the Western Center on Law and Poverty (1976–1978). He is a past judicial member and advisory member of the Judicial Council and has actively served on numerous council committees, including the Task Force on Judicial Selection and Retention of the Commission for Impartial Courts, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, the Probation Services Task Force, and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.

Soledad Caldera-Gammage serves as the Curriculum, Evaluation, and Training Specialist for the Central California Child Welfare Training Academy at California State University, Fresno. She is responsible for the coordination and oversight of Curriculum development and training evaluation and implementation of all statewide training requirements in the Central Academy's training region. Ms. Caldera-Gammage is also responsible for the recruitment, development, and evaluation of all Academy trainers.

Laura Garnette is the director of Adult Probation in Santa Cruz County. She has worked in the department for over 20 years and has served as the director of Juvenile Hall, Juvenile Probation, and Adult Probation. A strong advocate of justice reform, she serves as a national trainer in areas such as case expediting, data driven program planning and implementation, best practice approaches to working with LGBT youth, and strategies to reduce DMC in corrections. She has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a master's degree in Public Administration from San Jose State University.

Andrea Gordon is the director of mental health programs with the Los Angeles County Probation Department. With nearly 40 years of county service, she has managed the Research Unit, Grants Unit, Placement (foster care) operations, and School-based Supervision Program, and served as the department's legal consultant, developing legislation at the state and federal levels. She has extensive experience with county multi-agency programs such as the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, Wraparound, and Mental Health Services Act, and served as the project director for L.A.'s Healthy Returns Initiative program. Ms. Gordon earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Redlands.

Rebecca Gudeman is a senior attorney at the National Center for Youth Law who specializes in adolescent health care law. She is author of numerous articles and papers on consent and confidentiality law and trains nationally on these issues. She also has written about health care for foster youth, reproductive health access, and the legal issues faced by pregnant and parenting teens. She earned her B.A., Magna Cum Laude, from Harvard University and her J.D. from the UCLA School of Law. She also holds a Master in Public Administration from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Prior to joining NCYL, Rebecca was a Professor of Law at the Universidad de las Americas in Mexico City. She began her career with the Children's Rights Project at Public Counsel in Los Angeles, where she created Public Counsel's Teen Legal Clinic program. In 1997, she was named the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer Child Advocate of the Year.

Cathy Harmon has been manager of Family Court Services in the Superior Court of Orange County since 2004. For 13 years prior to becoming manager, she was on staff as a Court Mediator II. In that capacity she provided both juvenile and family law mediation for families involved with the court and also conducted investigations for

family law and probate court. Ms. Harmon is active in the Orange County community on behalf of children and families and serves as secretary of the Orange County Family Violence Counsel and is a member of the Orange County Domestic Violence Death Review Team.

Jesse Hahnel is an attorney and Skadden Fellow at the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL), where he focuses on improving the educational outcomes of foster youth. Jesse represents individual foster youth in educational proceedings, works to improve the systems serving children in foster care, and leads NCYL's new foster youth education advocacy (FYEA) project. Before becoming an education attorney, Jesse was a public school teacher and served as Senior Foundation Analyst at the KIPP Foundation.

Melodee Hanes is a recent appointee of the administration to OJJDP and serves as the Special Counselor to the Administrator. Ms. Hanes is a graduate of Drake University Law School and was a deputy county attorney for 20 years in Des Moines, Iowa and Billings, Montana. She primarily prosecuted child abuse, sexual assault and homicide cases. Additionally, she has served as an adjunct professor of law at Drake University where she taught "Child Abuse Law" and "Forensic Medicine and Law". She has lectured extensively as well as published in this area of expertise. Most recently, Ms. Hanes served for 7 years for United States Senator Max Baucus and was his state Chief of Staff.

Craig Henderson, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Psychology at Sam Houston State University and Adjunct Research Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Miami Center for Treatment Research on Adolescent Drug Abuse (CTRADA). He is a member of the Prevention Science and Methodology Group (PSMG) which is a network of prevention scientists and methodologists who are working to: (1) build the field of prevention science, and (2) provide the scientific base required for effective implementation of proven prevention programs in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, and criminal activity. In addition to his methodological expertise, Dr. Henderson's substantive research focuses on family psychology and addictive behaviors, particularly the treatment of adolescent substance use. The common goal of his research is to strengthen family relationships in at-risk youth and improve services for adolescents with substance abuse and associated problems.

Leslie Starr Heimov is the executive director of the Children's Law Center (CLC) of Los Angeles. She has worked at CLC since 1992 as a staff attorney and as the policy director. As a policy director, she was responsible for CLC's legislative and policy agenda, including drafting legislation and working closely with elected officials, their staff, and other advocates to support important legislative reforms. Ms. Heimov is a member of the California Child Welfare Council, sits on the board of directors of the National Association of Counsel for Children, and serves on a variety of advisory boards. She is a certified child welfare law specialist and a trials skills instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. Before attending law school, she worked as a residential child-care provider and as the director of a group home for abused, neglected, and delinquent teenage boys.

Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs is a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, where she served as a Commissioner from 1997-2008 until her election in 2009. She has handled juvenile, family law, civil, criminal and drug court. Prior to joining the bench she was a partner in a law firm and served as Deputy District Attorney in the Humboldt District Attorney's Office, and specializes in dependency and delinquency law.

Sean Hosman is the president and CEO of Assessments.com (ADC). ADC is the nation's leading innovator in implementing evidence-based practices (EBP) for the corrections and probation field, providing expertise and the newest generation of validated assessment tools and "smart" technology used today by criminal justice agencies across the country. ADC provides validated risk assessment and case management software, staff training and

consulting for many of the largest criminal justice agencies in the U.S. to address juvenile and adult offenders. ADC is working with 75 criminal justice systems, including many of the largest such as California, Florida, Texas, and Washington state.

Hon. Richard D. Huffman was appointed to the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District in 1988, following his tenure as a judge of the Superior Court of San Diego County. Previously, Justice Huffman served as chief deputy district attorney for more than 10 years with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, where he was responsible for the supervision of a staff of 450, while personally taking to trial a number of complex, sensitive cases. His contributions to the administration of justice and his trial skills brought him four singular honors: Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year by the California District Attorneys Association, Outstanding Public Lawyer by the San Diego County Bar Association, Prosecutor of the Year by Citizens for Law and Order, and selection for membership in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He also received the San Diego Trial Lawyers Association's Trial Judge of the Year Award. He is an honorary diplomate of the American Board of Trial Advocates and a member of the California Judicial Council. Justice Huffman earned a J.D. degree from the University of Southern California.

Hon. Susan D. Huguenor is currently assigned to Family Court for the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. She was the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court of San Diego County from 2003 to 2009, where she heard juvenile dependency cases and the dual mental health and truancy calendar. She is also Co-chair to the Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee of the Judicial Council of California. She was appointed to the Superior Court of San Diego County by Governor Wilson in 1996. Judge Huguenor served as a municipal court judge in El Cajon from 1985 to 1996, having been appointed in 1985 and elected in 1988, 1994, and 2004. She was Presiding Judge in 1988 and Assistant Presiding Judge in 1987 of the El Cajon Municipal Court. Judge Huguenor received her undergraduate degree in Spanish Literature from Monmouth College in Illinois and her law degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego. She was admitted to the California Bar on December 18, 1974. From 1974 to 1985, Judge Huguenor served as San Diego's Deputy City Attorney (in charge of the Consumer Fraud Unit (1976 to 1985), and criminal division (1974 to 1976)). Previously, she taught elementary school for three years. Judge Huguenor's memberships include the California Judge Association since 1985; California Women Lawyers Association (1975 to Present); San Diego County Bar Association (1974 to 1985); and Lawyers Club of San Diego (1976 to 1985); she was selected the Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by the Juvenile Court Judges of California in 2005.

Shaline Hunter, California's DMC Coordinator, has led the charge at the state level for bolstering California's efforts in addressing DMC. Using such tools as collaboration and education, she has successfully embedded DMC education components into both federal and state funding streams in addition to implementing a three-year DMC Technical Assistance Project involving \$3 million annually to thirteen local probation departments. As an alumnus from Washington State University, and Georgetown Fellow in systems reform, her work experience includes Correctional Officer, Caseworker, Deputy Probation Officer and volunteer crisis counselor for a domestic violence shelter prior to embarking on the DMC initiative at the public policy level.

Hon. Garry T. Ichikawa was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Solano in May 2000. He has served as the Family Law Supervising Judge and as Juvenile Court Presiding Judge. He participates in numerous court and court-related activities including the CASA program Board of Directors, the Task Force for Youth and Family Services Educational Rights and the Transitional Age Youth Group. Judge Ichikawa graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and from the King Hall School of Law at the University of California at Davis. He is a veteran of the United States Army, has served two terms on the Fairfield City Council and one term on the governing board of the Solano Community College. He has also served on the California State Bar

Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the Board of Legal Specialization. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Court Judges of California and a member of the Judge Law Institute Committee.

Julise Johanson is the Family Law Facilitator and Self Help Center Attorney at Yolo Superior Court. Ms. Johanson was the director of the Victims of Crime Resource Center at Pacific McGeorge School of Law and created a clinical program representing crime victims in criminal court. One of the priority issues for crime victims was collection of restitution.

Cheryl Johnson, Psy.D., is a clinical psychologist with Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland, in the Center for the Vulnerable Child. Within the Center for the Vulnerable child, Dr. Johnson works in the program, Supporting the Enhancement of Emotional Development (SEED), a program that is a collaboration between the department of Child Welfare and Children's Hospital. Dr. Johnson has specialized training in the area of early childhood (ages 0 to 5) mental health. For the past seven years she has been dedicated to community mental health, working as clinician with homeless women and children, incarcerated women and their children, substance abuse, and the chronically mentally ill. Prior to earning her doctorate degree, she managed large scale health and educational project initiatives for private and public sector companies and agencies. Dr. Johnson also has a private practice in Berkeley.

Jeffrey Johnson is a manager in the Information Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts and has been with the AOC since 2002. He led the multi-year development effort for the Appellate Court Case Management System and maintains responsibility for the support of the application. Mr. Johnson is also responsible for the AOC Web Development team, who develop and provide support for the California Courts public web site, CourtInfo; the Judicial Branch Extranet, Serranus; and the AOC Intranet. His team also manages the human resources system and various statistical data collection systems for AOC staff. Most recently, Mr. Johnson is working with the teams responsible for developing the Enterprise Architecture program and the Community of Practice around project management within the Information Services Division. Prior to joining the AOC, Mr. Johnson was an IT Manager for West Group in Eagan, Minnesota, where his team was responsible for the development and support of many features of West's online legal research system, Westlaw. Mr. Johnson has a B.S. in Computer Science, Business Management, and Philosophy from the University of Minnesota

Hon. Mark A. Juhas is the assistant supervising family law judge in Los Angeles where he has served on the bench since 2002. He serves on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council as well as on the Elkins Family Law Task Force. He has taught numerous courses in family law for CJER and also teaches family law and property at the Southwestern Law School. Judge Juhas currently sits on the Superior Court of Los Angeles County's Access and Fairness Committee, Community Services Committee, Self-Represented Litigants Working Group, and Family Law Committee. He was key faculty for the Harvard Conference on Judicial Education Regarding Self-Represented Litigants.

Bobbi Jones Richards is the founding director at Families Network of San Diego, a supervised visitation and exchange center. She currently serves as a founding member of the California Association of Supervised Visitation Professionals and was an invited expert for the Access to Visitation Grant Program Consultant Group. Ms. Richards has served as Editor of the Supervised Visitation Network (SVN) publication, "Sitting In," the Chapter Secretary for the Southern California Chapter of SVN and has developed a training curriculum for San Diego-based visitation professionals and community members focusing on the application of Standard 5.20 for both dependency and family law cases.

Andrea Khoury is the director of the American Bar Association's Bar-Youth Empowerment Project focusing on adolescents' access to attorneys, children's right to counsel, and youth involvement in court hearings. She is also an Assistant Director of Child Welfare for the National Child Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues. She co-authored the ABA publication, "Opening Doors for LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care: A Guide for Lawyers and Judges." She previously spent 5 years with the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau's Child Advocacy Unit. She received her JD from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1994.

Theresa Klein is a leader in the field of dependency law. In 1996, she recognized the need for a dedicated panel of attorneys to represent the needs of children, youth and families in the dependency court. Since that time Ms. Klein has worked in San Luis Obispo County and across the state, to provide streamlined, expert legal services in the dependency arena. A former Deputy District Attorney, Ms. Klein was one of the first Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist in California.

Hon. William Kockenmeister serves as chief judge for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, CFR Magistrate for the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshones, Judge for the Lovelock Paiute, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Yomba Shoshone, Moapa Band of Southern Paiutes, and Walker River Paiute Tribes as well as Appellate Judge for the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. In addition to his work as a tribal judge, he maintains a practice including acting as a hearings officer for the Nevada State Personnel Commission. Previously he served as Vice-President and General Counsel for the Gas Research Institute, Assistant General Counsel to Enron-Corp and General Counsel to the Nevada Public Service Commission.

Miriam Aroni Krinsky is a lecturer at the UCLA School of Public Policy and also an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School. She sits on the ABA Youth at Risk Commission, the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, the California Judicial Council, and numerous federal, state and local policy groups. Ms. Krinsky previously served as the executive director of the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles – a nonprofit legal services organization that serves as counsel for over 20,000 children in foster care. Prior to that, she spent 15 years as a federal prosecutor. Ms. Krinsky has also been involved in extensive bar and community activities, including serving as President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Martin "Marty" Krizay was appointed as the Chief Probation Officer in Imperial County, on December 1, 2008. From 1992 to 2008, Mr. Krizay served as the Chief Adult Probation Officer in Yuma County, Arizona. On a national level, Marty serves on the Board of Directors of the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) and the National Association of Probation Executives (NAPE). He has a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University, and a M.A. in Organizational Management from University of Phoenix. Mr. Krizay and his wife Robin have been married for 25 years; they have four children and recently became grandparents for the first time.

Hon. Kurt Kumli is a supervising judge in Santa Clara County. He was the co-creator of the country's first Juvenile Mental Health Court and served as the judicial representative on the State Commission on Juvenile Justice. He presently sits as a member of the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues, where he is the chair of the Juvenile Law subcommittee. Judge Kumli is on the faculty at the Santa Clara University School of Law and has served on the faculty for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), California Judges Association and a variety state and national organizations. A John B. Pickett Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, he is the co author of "California Juvenile Courts: Practice and Procedure." Other publications include articles on gang prosecution, juvenile justice reform, juvenile mental health court, and California's adult court certification (Fitness) process.

Shelly La Botte is the Access to Visitation grant coordinator for the State of California that provides state funding (federal funds) to the courts to support noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children through supervised visitation and exchange services, parent education, and group counseling services. Ms. La Botte has made numerous presentations on grant management, supervised visitation services, and development of standards of practice. Ms La Botte was a member of the Office on Violence Against Women, National Steering Committee Safe Havens Project: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program, which served as a think tank for development of national standards of practice.

David Lamb is the assistant supervisor of the Juvenile Branch of the San Diego Public Defender's Office. In addition to trying cases, Mr. Lamb is also in charge of writs and appeals for the juvenile branch. Mr. Lamb has been in the office for 11 years where he has worked both adult and juvenile cases. For the last eight years he has taught Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at the paralegal program of the University of San Diego. Mr. Lamb obtained his Bachelor's degree from California State Chico and his Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Nicolle Larkins has seventeen years of experience working with underserved youth in their communities, five years of direct practice in social work, working with foster youth and their families and four years of child welfare policy experience, providing legislative analysis, research and consultation to families, private agencies, county departments, legislators, and other state agencies. Nicolle is currently a Child Welfare Permanency Policy Consultant for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) where she serves as the lead analyst for the statewide implementation for Tribal Customary Adoption.

Edward J. Latessa, Ph.D., is a professor and head of the Division of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Latessa has published more than 110 works in the area of criminal justice, corrections, and juvenile justice. He is co-author of seven books, including *Corrections in the Community* and *Corrections in America*. He has directed more than 100 funded research projects, including studies of day reporting centers, juvenile justice programs, drug courts, intensive supervision programs, halfway houses, and drug programs. He and his staff also have assessed more than 450 correctional programs throughout the United States, and he has provided assistance and workshops in more than 40 states.

Hon. Jacqueline Lewis is a commissioner of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. She was appointed to the bench in April 1997. For six years prior to her appointment, she was employed by the County Counsel's office representing the Department of Children and Family Services. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola Marymount University in 1986 and graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1990. She has dedicated her entire career to abused and neglected children. She currently sits in one of the three courts piloting the Dependent Youth Substance Abuse Treatment Protocol. She also serves on several committees pertaining to domestic violence, missing children and improving the court process.

David Loo is a supervising Information Systems analyst with the Administrative Office of the Courts and serves as the project manager for the Appellate Court Case Management System (ACCMS) and California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR) projects. Prior to joining the AOC in 2007, Mr. Loo developed wide-ranging experience managing software development teams. His previous work includes engineering management for streaming media publishing solutions and consulting with Accenture. Mr. Loo has a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from U.C. Berkeley, a J. D. from Hastings College of the Law, and is a member of the

California State Bar. In his spare time, David enjoys reading, Japanese animation, spending time with his family, and helping churches and non-profit organizations.

Hon. Katherine Lucero serves as supervising judge in Juvenile Dependency Court in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, where she oversees hundreds of cases involving abused and neglected children. Before being appointed by the Governor in August of 2001, Judge Lucero had spent her entire legal career in the area of child abuse and neglect. She is a current member and past Chairperson for the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council, former co-chair of the Santa Clara County Greenbook's Cultural Competency Initiative with an emphasis on Community Engagement and served on the Project Oversight Committee of the Santa Clara County Greenbook Project from January 2000 to September of 2006. She currently sits on the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) board of trustees and chairs the Permanency Planning committee. She is a steering committee member of the Courts Catalyzing Change Disproportionality Initiative for NCJFCJ and is a current board member and Vision Council member for Kids In Common of Santa Clara County.

Jennifer Mayer works in the Juvenile Division of the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. As the Project Coordinator of a special program within the Juvenile Division, she works with social workers and resource attorneys who assist the trial lawyers as members of the defense team. In addition to her work with youth in the delinquency system, Ms. Mayer has also worked as a felony trial lawyer, an appellate lawyer, and a teacher. She has also represented children in dependency court and has served as a probable cause hearing officer. Ms. Mayer received her B.A. from Smith College, her J.D. from Boston University and her M.S.W. from California State University at Long Beach.

Terra Marroquin is currently the coordinator for the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team with the Office of Violence Prevention, HHS. She holds a BA in Psychology from UC Berkeley and a Masters in Social Work from Columbia University. For the past ten years, Terra Marroquin has worked in the field of Family Violence.

Sandra McBrayer is the chief executive officer of the Children's Initiative and an internationally known advocate for children, youth and families. The Children's Initiative is a San Diego based child advocacy agency. President Clinton named Ms. McBrayer the 1994 United States Teacher of the Year, and as such she served as a national education ambassador. Ms. McBrayer participates in national and international discussions and debates, addressing issues and concerns facing children and families. She was also the 1993 California and San Diego County Teacher of the Year. Ms. McBrayer has been appointed by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court to serve on the California Judicial Council's Access and Fairness Advisory Committee and has been appointed by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to chair the State Advisory for Before and After School Programs and serve on the California State Advisory Group (SAG) for juvenile justice.

Hon. James Mize is a judge for the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento. Judge Mize served as Presiding Judge from 2008–2009 and Assistant Presiding Judge from 2006–2007 for Sacramento County. Judge Mize was president of the Anthony M. Kennedy Inn of Court (2007–2009) and the California Judges Association (2004–2005). Judge Mize's memberships have included the Judicial Council of California (2004–2005), the Judicial Council Policy Coordination Liaison Committee (2004–2005), the Judicial Council Family & Juvenile Law Advisory Committee (2002–2008), the California Judges Association Board (2002–2006), former Chair of the California Judges Association Family Law Committee in 2002 (2002–2008), and the CJER Family Law Committee (2002–present). He earned his B.A. and M.S.W. from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco. Judge Mize has also served as faculty for programs such as the Continuing Judicial

Studies Program, Family Law Overview, CJER Cow County Judges Institute, the CJA Mid-Year Program, B.E. Witkin Judicial College, the Family Law Institute, and the Domestic Violence Institute.

Lisa Molinar holds a Masters Degree in Organizational Management and is the founding director of Shared Vision Consultants Inc. She began working in Child Welfare in Australia in 1987 as a front line Child Welfare worker and over the next nineteen years developed expertise in her native country and in the U.S. as a Child Welfare leader in direct practice and training. For the past three years she has been providing consulting services to numerous clients, including the Administrative Office of the Courts, California Social Work Education Center, California Department of Social Services, Child and Family Policy Institute of California, Washington D.C., Bay Area Social Services Consortium, Regional Training Academies and individual Counties.

Janice Montgomery is the supervising youth advocate social worker of Sacramento Child Advocates, Inc. She has worked in the field of child welfare services for the last thirty years. Her experiences include thirteen years working at the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento, three years with the Sacramento Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program as Volunteer Coordinator, and fifteen years with SCA. Janice received her degree at CSUS in 2003 and was quickly promoted to Supervising Youth Advocate Social Worker. Additional employment opportunities include internship with the Sacramento DA office, Victim of Crimes with Minority Homicide and Hate Crime Unit, Supervisor with Adult Protective Services, Adjunct Counselor and Lecturer with Los Rios Community College and in 2005 certified Family Mediator with Consortium for Children.

Robert Muñoz has over 24 years of experience working with The Orange County Social Services Agency, Children and Family Services Division. His educational background is focused on Psychology and Social Work. He attended both California State University Fullerton and University of Southern California. Mr. Muñoz has worked as a Senior Social Worker in Court Related Services for 14 years. He currently holds a specialized position as the Family Law Court Liaison. He has worked as an adjunct professor at Cypress College, held positions within the Santa Ana Unified School District and was named Social Worker of the Year in 1999.

Hon. Michael Nash received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and his law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. Prior to being appointed as a Municipal Court Judge in 1985, Judge Nash served as a Deputy Attorney General in the criminal division of the California Attorney General's Office where he handled criminal appeals and trials for over ten years. Judge Nash was elevated to the Superior Court in 1989 and has served in the Juvenile Court since 1990. Since 1995 he has served as either Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court or Supervising Judge of the Dependency Court in Los Angeles. He is a past member of the California Judicial Council, Chair of the Juvenile Court Judges of California (JCJC), Treasurer of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), a member of the California Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, and a member of California's Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care.

Barbara Needell, Ph.D., is a research specialist at the Center for Social Services Research at the University of California at Berkeley. As Principal Investigator of the California Child Welfare Performance Indicators Project (funded by the California Department of Social Services and the Stuart Foundation), she has worked extensively with statewide and county specific administrative data. She is a member of California's Child Welfare Council. Barbara and her team at UCB collaborate with state and county colleagues to produce and publicly disseminate (http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare) the data used to support the California Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability System. She is the recipient of 2008 Peter Forsythe Award for Leadership in Public Child Welfare from the American Public Human Services Association. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Mills College, with a

B.A. with Honors in Psychology. She received her M.S.W. and Ph.D. with Distinction from the School of Social Welfare at Berkeley.

Diane Nunn is the Director of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts at the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Prior to joining the AOC, Ms. Nunn worked in a variety of positions at the Los Angeles Superior Court, including director of the Reasonable Efforts Project, juvenile court referee, and juvenile hearing officer. She was also an attorney in private practice with special emphasis on family and criminal law, and domestic violence prevention and intervention. Before becoming an attorney, Ms. Nunn taught children in elementary and middle schools, special education programs, and county probation camp facilities. As a member of the State Senate Task Force on Children and Youth, she participated in the redrafting of California's juvenile dependency law. Ms. Nunn also served on other state task forces and advisory councils, including the Department of Justice Children's Justice Act Task Force, Senate Task Force on Family Relations Court, State Department of Education Surrogate Parent Task Force, Alliance for Endangered Children's Project, and the Governor's Adoption Policy Advisory Council. Ms. Nunn received an Outstanding Legal Advocacy Award from the National Association of Counsel for Children, and was recognized by the California CASA programs for her efforts on behalf of the programs and the children they serve. Ms. Nunn was previously honored with a distinguished service award from the Judicial Council for her positive leadership contributions to court administration in California.

Jasmine Orozco is a member of the California Youth Connection in San Diego. She experienced many school and placement changes during her 15 years in foster care and tried to stay connected to her 11 siblings. Jasmine is honored to speak on the behalf of foster youth to educate others about the need for maintaining their connections to siblings, schools, and their community. She emphasizes the need for foster youth to be consulted and heard by professionals. Jasmine advocates for foster youth locally in San Diego and statewide, including presenting at the "Day of the Capitol" event in Sacramento. Jasmine is proud to be a full-time mother and full-time college student and while also working full-time at an international corporation.

Ronald G. Overholt is the Chief Deputy Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Mr. Overholt joined the AOC in October 2000 from the Superior Court in Alameda County, where he served as the court executive officer, jury commissioner, and clerk of the court. Before joining the Alameda court in 1988, he held management positions with the San Diego County Superior Court. Mr. Overholt is a past president of the California Association for Superior Court Administration and a former advisory member to the Judicial Council, during which time he served as a member of the council's Executive and Planning Committee. Mr. Overholt also has chaired the Judicial Council's Court Administrators Advisory Committee, and served as a member of the Judicial Council's Trial Court Budget Commission and the statewide Task Force on Trial Court Employees. He has a master's degree in public administration.

Hon. Carol Overton was appointed to the bench in July 2005 to the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. Judge Overton's assignments have included five months on a "misdemeanor direct" calendar, two years in drug court, followed by two years in a domestic Violence assignment, which for one of those years, she served as supervising judge of three dedicated DV departments. Before her appointment to the bench, Judge Overton was a Deputy Public Defender for three years, followed by 18 years at the San Jose City Attorney's Office, where she handled a variety of civil litigation matters, including employment law cases, false arrest/excessive force cases, unfair business practices cases, public nuisance cases, and gang abatement cases – including the case of *People of the State of California vs. Acuna*, the first civil gang abatement case to be considered by the California Supreme Court, resulting in statewide precedent.

James M. Owens is assistant county counsel in the Dependency Division of the Office of the County Counsel Los Angeles. He manages 100 Attorneys who staff 20 trial courts, 15 regional offices, and 600 appellate matters on an annual basis. He serves as Chair for the County Counsel's Association Child Welfare Study Section and Vice-Chair of the Citizen's Review Panel for the California Child Abuse Protection and Treatment Act.

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Tracy Prior has been a prosecutor for 11 years. She has done over 50 trials, specializing mostly in Child Abuse and Domestic Violence cases. She is currently the Assistant Chief of the Family Protection Division at the San Diego District Attorney's Office. Tracy has taught at the state and national levels and has presented to international audiences. Tracy teaches to prosecutors, medical professionals, law enforcement, treatment providers and victim advocates. She was named 2005 San Diego County Prosecutor of the Year.

Rachel Rios is the director of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Division of Parole Operations. She has worked for DJJ/CYA for over 25 years. She has served in many capacities including Parole Agent, Parole Unit Supervisor, Community Services Consultant, Assistant Superintendent, and Youth Authority Administrator.

Cosette Reiner is a supervising deputy probation officer in the Ventura County Probation Agency. Ms. Reiner currently oversees various grant funded and a commitment programs in the Juvenile Facilities. She has worked for the Probation Agency since 1997, after a career as a manager in the private sector. During her years of county service, she has worked with at risk youth and adult offenders in schools, residential facilities, community settings, and programs, including the Healthy Returns Initiative. She earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology, graduating with top honors from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Abigail Roseman, a graduate of University of Wisconsin, and Southwestern University School of Law, has been a member of the State Bar of California since 1978. Abigail began her legal career as a civil litigator in Los Angeles County, representing corporate and commercial clients. However, for the past 20 years, her practice has focused primarily on child advocacy issues. She represents children, parents, grandparents, foster parents, and other interested parties in cases involving child abuse and neglect, custody and visitation, guardianships, adoptions, and education issues. She is a contract attorney for dependency matters in El Dorado County. Abigail has led trainings on educational rights and individual education plans, guardianships, dependency practice, and legal ethics.

Ann Rosewater provides consultation services to foundations, universities, nonprofit and governmental organizations in strategic planning and policy development. She held several senior positions at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, including regional director for eight southeastern states, counselor to the Secretary, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Children and Families and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Services Policy. During her tenure at HHS, she chaired the Departmental Steering Committee on Violence Against Women and was a member of the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women, chaired by the Attorney General of the United States and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Kristine Rowe is a member of the State Bar of California. She began her work at Center for Community Solutions in 2004. For over 40 years, the non-profit organization Center for Community Solutions has been assisting victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and elder abuse. Ms. Rowe worked for three years at the San Diego Family Justice Center as the DV TRO Clinic Manager. Later, as Director of Legal Services, she supervised the activities of four DVRO Clinics in various parts of San Diego County. She has been an active member of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team since 2007. She is also an active member of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council and sits as the Co-Chair for the DV Council Legal Action Committee. As the current Chair of San Diego's DV Stakeholders Meetings, she facilitates the coming-together of DV Legal Service Providers, Mediators, Court Facilitators, Law Enforcement, and Judges in order to work through some of the DV related issues that hinder self-represented litigants and stand in the way of justice.

David Ruiz is the probation services manager of Juvenile Placement Services for Fresno County Probation. Under Mr. Ruiz' leadership, Fresno County has emerged as a leader in successfully following the mandates of AB 490 and rules 5.650 and 5.651 of the California Rules of Court, to the extent that Fresno County now serves as a model for other counties.

Elizabeth Sanchez has been a member of Project WHAT! since the summer of 2009. She joined Project WHAT! because of her experience having her father incarcerated for a majority of her life and wants to speak about the issue. In the fall of 2009, she began her junior year at San Francisco State and is pursuing a Bachelors degree in journalism. In the future, she hopes to use what she has learned from Project WHAT! to take the issue of children with incarcerated parents to a broader audience, and use her writing to help change lives.

Angie Schwartz is an attorney at The Alliance for Children's Rights, focusing on litigation and policy reforms that will improve the lives of children in foster care. Prior to joining the Alliance, Angie was with the Public Interest Law Project and, prior to that, the National Center for Youth Law. In those positions, Angie played an instrumental role in the passage of AB 1633 and AB 1331, two pieces of legislation aimed at improving foster children's access to social security benefits and ensuring benefits are in place prior to emancipation. Angie was a Skadden fellow at the National Center for Youth Law, earned her B.A., Magna Cum Laude, from American University, and her J.D. with distinction from Stanford Law School.

Hon. Shawna Schwarz was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as a judge of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County. Judge Schwarz is currently assigned to juvenile dependency and has also heard cases of domestic violence, civil harassment and elder abuse in family court. She has trained more than 750 social workers, community-based organization staff, and community members on domestic violence issues in dependency court. In addition, she trains court-appointed special advocates and various service providers in the juvenile dependency process. She was appointed commissioner of the Juvenile Dependency Court in December 2001, where she presided over the cases of more than 800 abused and neglected children in Santa Clara County. She spent seven years as the directing attorney at Legal Advocates for Children & Youth, where she represented

children in guardianship, emancipation, education, and other legal matters. Judge Schwarz received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University and went to Santa Clara University School of Law.

Hon. Pat Sekaquaptewa is the executive director of the Nakwatsvewat Institute, a nonprofit organization committed to furthering governance, justice, and education projects in Indian country. She presently serves as a justice on the Hualapai Appellate Court and has also served as a judge with the Hopi and Little Traverse Bay Band Tribal Courts. She is also a trained mediator. For the past six years she served as the director of the University of California, Los Angeles's Native Nations Law and Policy Center and its Tribal Legal Development Clinic. As a full-time lecturer in law at UCLA, she provided instruction in constitution and statutory drafting and tribal court development, and trained and supervised law student clerks for the Hopi Appellate Court. She is the cofounder and former associate director of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, where she worked in the field with over 100 different tribes in their justice system development. In 1998 she worked for the law firm of Alexander & Karshmer, which represented American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and intertribal organizations.

Gary C. Seiser is a certified child welfare law specialist (National Association of Counsel for Children [NACC]). He has worked in the field for over 25 years, the first five of which were as a commissioner of the Superior Court of Riverside County, hearing juvenile dependency cases. Mr. Seiser is currently a supervising deputy with the Office of County Counsel, Juvenile Dependency Division, in San Diego and was a member of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care (2006-2009). He has handled over 60 published appellate decisions, and coauthors California Juvenile Courts Practice and Procedure (Matthew Bender & Co.), California's leading treatise on juvenile law and practice. His writing in that treatise has been cited by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the California Supreme Court, and numerous California appellate courts. Mr. Seiser is a popular speaker at conferences throughout the state and has trained for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (Reno), the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, and the Public Child Welfare Training Academy, Southern California region.

Robin Sherman Young, Ph.D., has been the director of Family & Children's Services Division with the San Bernardino County Superior Court since December 2006. Within the division of Family & Children's Services there is Family Court Services mediation, Juvenile Dependency Court mediation, Probate Court investigation, guardianship and conservatorship, treatment courts, mental health counselor's office and the operations of Juvenile Court countywide including Juvenile Traffic. Prior to this position Ms. Sherman Young was a Family Court Services Supervisor in San Bernardino County Superior Court. Ms. Sherman Young has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and a Master's degree in social work.

Hon. Sherri Sobel is a juvenile court referee of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. In 2007, she became the first referee ever awarded California's Juvenile Court Judge of the Year. As chair of Los Angeles' juvenile court's education committee she implemented Los Angeles' 317(e) program, through which education law attorneys, working pro bono, represent juvenile court children before the public school system. Referee Sobel has delivered presentations at the local, state and national levels on special education issues in the juvenile justice system, and has written numerous books and articles on juvenile court-related education issues. Since 2002 she has been teaching at Cal State Long Beach. Prior to earning a law degree Referee Sobel was an English teacher.

Hon. Dean T. Stout is a judge of the Superior Court of Inyo County, and has served as a Superior Court judge since 1997. He was named the 2006 Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year for California. Judge Stout has served as a member of the California Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee since 2003. Judge Stout also serves on the statewide Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, and the Judicial Council's Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force. He is a former chair of the

California Judges Education & Research (CJER) Rural Courts Education Committee. Judge Stout previously served as the Assistant District Attorney for the County of Inyo, after serving as the Inyo County Public Defender.

Shannon M. Sullivan has worked for the County of Santa Cruz for seven years, representing the county's child protection agency. She began her legal career representing children in family court and adults in all aspects of legal work relating to families and children. Ms. Sullivan has been a foster care provider and has a current foster license. She became interested in a legal career as the result of her leadership and activism in local and state branches of National Organization for Women and continues to appear on local panels providing tolerance training on lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender issues.

Daniel Szrom is a staff attorney at Legal Advocates for Children & Youth in Santa Clara County, where he represents dependent children in Juvenile Court and participates in the Juvenile Court's Dependency Drug Treatment Court. Prior to representing children in Santa Clara, Dan represented dependent children as a staff attorney at Sacramento Child Advocates. He is originally from Chicago, Illinois.

Kelly Tait is a judicial branch communication consultant who has designed and conducted a variety of communication skills seminars nationally and internationally. In addition to seminars and workshops, she also provides individual feedback to judges, attorneys, and court staff about demeanor, style, and related communication skills. Ms. Tait has taught speech communication (persuasion, interpersonal and small group communication, public speaking, and intercultural communication) at the University of Nevada, Reno for 14 years, as well as teaching for the University of Maryland in Heidelberg, Germany. She has been on the faculty of the National Judicial College since 2002; she also has taught for the National Judicial Institute of Canada, National Tribal Judicial Center, Judicial Education Institute of Trinidad and Tobago, National Association of Women Judges, California Judicial Council, and the New York State Judicial Institute, among many other organizations. Ms. Tait is on the National Association of State Judicial Educators (NASJE) Diversity Committee and is the adult education representative on the NASJE News Editorial Board. Her recent publications include the NASJE News article "Lessons From and For Experts" (2009) and the "Communication Tools" chapter (co-author) in *Handling Cases Involving Self-Represented Litigants: A National Bench Guide for Judges* (2008).

Kevin Thurber is executive director of South Bay Dependency Attorneys for Parents in Santa Cruz County. He is a Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist, and he has a Masters in Public Administration. He has been an annual speaker for new attorneys at the California Public Defender's Association, Juvenile Law Conference on Dependency matters. He had previously been a panel attorney with the San Mateo County Private Defender Program, a staff attorney at the California Administrative Office of the Courts, and a panel attorney with the former Conflicts Administration Program in Santa Clara County.

Hon. Anthony A. Trendacosta is a commissioner of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, where he is currently assigned to Department 417 of the Monterey Park Children's Court. Prior to becoming a commissioner, Commissioner Trendacosta served as General Counsel of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board. In September 1998, he was appointed as referee for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, and he became appointed as Court Commissioner in January 2005. Commissioner Trendacosta received his B.A. from California State University, Northridge, and his J.D. from the University of La Verne. He is a member of the Center for Judicial Education Juvenile Law Committee.

Danielle Butler Vappie is a staff attorney with the Law Office of Emma Castro, a law firm of Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers (LADL). As a staff attorney, Ms. Vappie has represented hundreds of parents and litigated cases from detention through extraordinary writ. She assists her office in its writ department by reviewing files,

transcripts and drafting statutory writs. Ms. Vappie also serves on the Dependency Court 0-3 committee, formed to address the needs of this unique population. A lawyer since 2004, Ms. Vappie has been with LADL since its inception.

William C. Vickrey has served as Administrative Director of the California Courts since 1992. Prior to assuming this statewide leadership position, he was the state court administrator for the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts, and also served as executive director for the Utah State Division of Youth Corrections. He is a past president of the Conference of State Court Administrators. Mr. Vickrey is a recipient of the Warren E. Burger Award, the highest honor of the National Center for State Courts, for his significant contributions to the field of court administration. He has received the Judicial Council's Judicial Administration Award for outstanding leadership in judicial administration and for significant contributions to the California courts. Among the many other awards and recognitions he has received, in 2006, Mr. Vickrey was presented with the Opening Doors to Justice Award for his contributions to access to justice through the development of court program services to meet the diverse needs of children, families, and self-represented litigants. In 2000, he received the Leadership Award from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals for his vision and leadership in the development of drug court programs across the state. In Utah, Mr. Vickrey received the James Larson Award from the Utah Corrections Association for outstanding contributions to that field. Mr. Vickrey is co-author of "The Utah Court of Appeals: Blueprint for Judicial Reform," *Utah Bar Journal*, and "Managing Transition in a Youth Corrections System," University of Chicago. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Utah.

Hon. Gary Vincent has worked as bench officer over dependency matters for 30 years. In Orange County, he has served as a Pro-Tem from 1985-1990, Referee from 1990-2000, and as a Commissioner from 2000-2007. During his time in Orange County he was also given the responsibility of the county's Dependency Drug Court. Commissioner Vincent retired in 2007, taking a Pro-Tem position with Riverside County hearing dependency cases and accepting the challenge of overseeing the Family Preservation Court. He has been a critical component of this dependency drug court program for about 18 months, bringing great insight from his experience in Orange County.

Monique Visentin is a parole agent in the Interstate Services Unit and has extensive knowledge in the area of Interstate Compact laws, rules, and procedures. She has served CDCR for over 21 years in various capacities such as Safety Officer, Correctional Sergeant, and Correctional Youth Counselor.

John A. Wagner is the director of the California Department of Social Services. Mr. Wagner has more than 15 years of senior policymaking experience in the field of human services. From 2004-2007, he served as assistant secretary for children, youth and families for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, where he coordinated policies and programs for the Office of Children, Youth and Families with other state agencies. He has also served as commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, in several capacities for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and as a project coordinator and policy analyst for the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services. Mr. Wagner earned a master's degree in public administration from the JFK School of Government at Harvard University, a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Marquette University.

Rob Waring is a staff attorney at the East Bay Children's Law Center (EBCLO) who has litigated mental health care confidentiality on behalf of foster youth. He has a B.A. in Political Economy from Princeton University and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law, where he organized a conference assessing the legacy of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Prior to joining EBCLO, he represented foster children for the Alameda County

Public Defender's Office. He spent six years as the Legislative Counsel for the California Judges Association and Juvenile Court Judges of California, where he worked with the State Legislature on issues concerning the courts. He has taught classes in Legal Ethics and in Law and Popular Culture at the USF School of Law.

Bernard Warner was appointed chief deputy secretary for California's Division of Juvenile Justice by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2005. Mr. Warner has more than 30 years of diversified criminal justice experience. He has been an administrator in juvenile justice in the states of Washington, Arizona, and Florida. He has also served as the criminal justice policy advisor to the governor of the Washington State and as the executive director of a nonprofit social services agency. Mr. Warner currently serves as President of the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators and received the national Outstanding Administrator Award in 2009. He has served on the National Board of the American Parole and Probation Association and the International Association of Community Corrections. Mr. Warner has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Southern Illinois University and completed the management program at the University of Washington School of Business.

Hon. Roger Warren is the AOC Scholar-in-Residence. From 1996 to 2004, Judge Warren served as president and chief executive officer of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), the national judicial reform organization. During his tenure as president, new NCSC initiatives were established to promote public trust and confidence, best practices, civil justice reform, and racial and ethnic fairness. Before joining NCSC, Judge Warren served for 20 years on the Sacramento County trial courts, where he held various positions including presiding judge of the Superior Court. Judge Warren was executive director of Legal Services of Northern California before his appointment to the bench in 1976. He was a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow from 1969 to 1971. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Williams College, a master's degree in political science from the University of Chicago, and a juris doctorate from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was Projects Editor of the University of Chicago Law Review.

Jennifer K. Williams is a deputy city attorney in San Francisco, serving as general counsel to the San Francisco Department of Human Services. She began her legal career in 1993 handling dependency cases in the Riverside County Counsel's office and has been a guest speaker at numerous statewide county counsel conferences. A former California Bar Grader, Ms. Williams also conducts numerous client trainings and works with the Board of Supervisors on legislation affecting foster youth and other public assistance recipients.

Oliver Williams, Ph.D., is the executive director of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, and a Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota, in St. Paul. He is also the Director of the Safe Return Initiative that addresses the issues of prisoner reentry and domestic violence. He has worked in the field of domestic violence for more than twenty-nine years. Dr. Williams has worked in battered women's shelters, developed curricula for batterers' intervention programs, and facilitated counseling groups in these programs. He has provided training across the United States and abroad on research and service-delivery surrounding partner abuse. Dr. Williams' extensive research and publications in scholarly journals and books have centered on creating service delivery strategies to reduce violent behavior. Dr. Williams received a bachelor's degree in social work from Michigan State University; a Masters in Social Work from Western Michigan University; a Masters in Public Health and a Ph.D in Social Work both from the University of Pittsburgh.

Hon. Christopher G. Wilson is currently the presiding judge of the Superior Court of Humboldt County. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law, and was elected to the bench in November of 1998. He is a member of the Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executive Advisory Committees Joint Legislative Working Group, and has participated in the effort to form a coalition of state and tribal court leaders to discuss common

issues and cooperation on a statewide level. Of Judge Wilson's twelve years on the bench, he has served in the Family and Juvenile Division for six years.

Anna Wong joined Community Works in 2006 as the Director of Project WHAT! She also manages policy efforts at Community Works, representing the organization in its work with the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership and Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB). In 2008-09, Anna completed a fellowship with the Women's Policy Institute, a training program in California's legislative process sponsored by the Women's Foundation of California. Previously, she was the Knowledge Sharing Coordinator at Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the nation's largest community development intermediary. Anna earned a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Lisa Wunderlich has worked for the Department of Public Social Services in Riverside County for 17 years in various capacities, including the cash assistance, food stamps and Medi-Cal programs, and the Welfare-to-Work program. For the last 10 years, Lisa has developed, implemented, and evaluated Social Service programs and written county and department policies. She is currently the Senior Administrative Analyst for the Program Development and Support Unit for the Children's Services Division in Riverside County.

Katheryn Yetter is the senior attorney for the Family Violence Department of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). In this capacity, she oversees the training and technical assistance provided to the public through the Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody. Ms. Yetter also is responsible for legal research, writing, and analysis on projects concerning domestic or family violence that incorporate child protection, custody, and visitation-related topics and policies. Previously, she was the staff attorney for the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence where she served on both the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force and the Legal Aid Services of Oregon's Communities in Partnership to Stop Violence Against Women and Children. Most recently, Ms. Yetter was a policy analyst for the Oregon Judicial Department in the areas of juvenile, criminal and family law. Ms. Yetter is a graduate of Willamette University College of Law and the University of Oregon.

Debra Zanders-Willis was appointed as the director of Child Welfare Services for the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency in March 2009. She began her career with the County of San Diego in 1989 as a Protective Services Worker, conducting child abuse investigations and assisting families reunify with their children. During her career with the County of San Diego Ms. Zanders-Willis worked as a supervisor in adoptions, a program manager in the Central Region and an Assistant Deputy Director overseeing multiple centralized programs: the child abuse hotline, foster care/foster home licensing, county adoptions, Drug Endangered Children, and Family to Family Initiatives. Ms. Zanders-Willis earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of California, San Diego. She earned her Master's in Counselor Education at San Diego State University.

