



BEYOND THE BENCH 2025

Coming Together Again to Support Children, Families & Communities

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Beyond the Bench is a multidisciplinary statewide conference devoted to children, youth, and families in the California court system. The first conference was held in 1988 and traditionally was a biennial event convening over 1,200 professionals. This year's conference will be the first one since 2019. Sessions will address core legal issues in juvenile dependency and delinquency cases and crossover legal issues between juvenile and other legal areas, including domestic violence, tribal court–state court jurisdiction, mental health, and trauma-informed practice.

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Court-Appointed Special Advocates

This year, the following workshops may be of interest to CASA directors, staff, and volunteers:

Pre-conference Workshops Include:

- Children Exposed to Violence: Understanding Trauma and Supporting Resilience in the Judicial System

Plenary Session:

- The Adolescent Brain: Insights from Neuroscience and Implications for Juvenile Courts

Core Conference Workshops Include:

- Early Intervention and Special Education: Practical Tools for Advocacy
- Reforming Mandated Reporting: Reducing Family Involvement in California's Child and Family Court System
- Making Every Move Matter: Building Child-Focused, Developmentally Sensitive Transitions in Foster Care
- Advancing Safe & Holistic Psychotropic Medication Practices for California's Youth
- Doing the Right Thing at the Right Time: Ethics, Neuroscience, and Epigenetics in Foster Care Advocacy
- Fostering Sibling Connections: What Lawyers, Judges, and All of Us can do to Protect Sibling Bonds in Dependency Cases
- My Crown and My Glory
- From the Life to Legalese and Back Again: Communication Strategies for Working with and Empowering CSEC Youth

The Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, provider #4781, is an approved Minimum Continuing Legal Education provider.

The Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, provider #58804, is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for Board of Behavioral Sciences licensees.

The Judicial Council of California is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Judicial Council of California maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This conference has been submitted for STC credits for probation officers for appropriate courses. Approval is pending.