



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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Lived Experience

This year, the following workshops may be of interest to lived experts:

Pre-conference Offerings Include:

- Please Don't Give Up on Us: Stories from Incarcerated Youth and Children in California;
- It Works! Restorative Justice Practices with Justice-Involved Youth and Adults;

Core Conference Workshops Include:

- The Intersection of Collaborative Courts and Community Support in Engaging Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth: The Role of Harm Reduction in the Courtroom and Beyond;
- When the Past Won't Let Go: Sealing Juvenile Records & Rethinking Lifetime Labels;
- Reforming Mandated Reporting: Reducing Family Involvement in California's Child and Family Court System
- Youth Power Zones: Building Youth-Led Healing Communities;
- 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.