



BEYOND THE BENCH 2025

Coming Together Again to Support Children, Families & Communities

NOVEMBER 17–19, 2025 || DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

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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Probation Officers

We are pleased to announce that Beyond the Bench has qualified for Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) credits for our corrections and probation officer participants. The certification number is 01564367: This year, 58 sessions are approved for STC credits. Sessions of interest for our corrections and probation officer participants may include

Pre-conference Offerings Include:

- The Tiered Foster Care Rate Structure—Overview, Implementation Status, and How the Bench Can Prepare
- 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
- Promoting a Kin First Culture; aligning all the child serving systems
- Children, Youth, Families & Firearms: Risk-Reducing Prohibitions and Promising Practices
- Children Exposed to Violence: Understanding Trauma and Supporting Resilience in the Judicial System
- Measuring Progress in County-Based Care for Realigned Youth

Core Conference Workshops Include:

- Emerging Issues Impacting Youth: Navigating the New AI Landscape
- Five Years In: The Evolution of SYTF Placement Under SB 823
- When the Past Won't Let Go: Sealing Juvenile Records & Rethinking Lifetime Labels
- Youth Power Zones: Building Youth-Led Healing Communities
- The OYCR Ombudsperson Division Role, and System Impact
- Applying the Racial Justice Act in Juvenile Court
- Beyond Confinement: Advancing Youth Success Through the Stepping Home Model and Less Restrictive Programs
- Juvenile Justice Legal Update
- Transfer Hearings: An Examination of WIC 707(a)(3).