

CHILDREN
in the
COURTS
CONFERENCE



April 25-27, 2016
Embassy Suites
Little Rock, AR

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration

The registration and information area is located on the first floor of Embassy Suites.

Conference Materials & Handouts

All of the handouts speakers submitted in advance and at the conference are available at <http://www.arjdc.org/children-in-the-courts.html>.

Open Discussion Areas

The Envoy room will be available Monday and Wednesday and the Diplomat on Tuesday for conference attendees to gather, talk and have their refreshments.

Need Assistance?

Please ask conference staff at the registration area if you have questions or need assistance.

Name Badges

Name badges should be worn at all times in order to be allowed entrance to conference sessions.

Breaks

We are happy to offer refreshments during breaks. Please be respectful to others by moving away from the refreshment tables to visit with your colleagues. The Envoy room is available on Monday and Wednesday and the Diplomat is available on Tuesday for people to gather.

Cell Phones

Please turn your cell phones to silent or to vibrate. If you must answer a call during a session please do so outside the conference room and away from the doors.

CLE Credits

This conference is approved for 12 general CLE hours and an 2.5 ethics hours. Your CLE form and the session description indicate which sessions count for your particular line of practice.

Lunch

Lunches are not provided at the conference. There is a restaurant on the first floor of the hotel. This booklet also includes a list of nearby restaurants.

Lost and Found

Please check at the registration desk for lost or found items.

Parking

Parking is available at the hotel and is complimentary to all conference attendees.

Payment

For questions about payment for the conference please check at the registration desk.

Smoking

Smoking, tobacco or e-cigarettes, is not permitted in workshops or meeting rooms at the conference.

Session Descriptions

Session descriptions are included in this booklet. Many of our sessions were designed for all legal professionals.

Enjoy the conference!

CONFERENCE AGENDA

AT A GLANCE

| Monday April 25 | Tuesday April 26 | Wednesday April 27 |
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| | 8:00 Registration Begins | 8:00 Registration Begins |
| | 9:00-10:15 Ethics Plenary | 8:30-10:00 3 Concurrent Sessions |
| 10:00 Registration Begins | 10:15-10:30 Break | 10:00-10:15 Break |
| | | 10:15-11:45 3 Concurrent Sessions |
| | 10:30-12:00 3 Concurrent Sessions | 11:45-12:00 Break |
| 12:30-2:00 Large DN Session DR Session | 12:00-1:30 Lunch on Your Own | 12:00-1:00 3 Concurrent Sessions |
| 2:00-2:15 Break | 1:30-2:45 3 Concurrent Sessions | |
| 2:15-3:30 3 Concurrent Sessions | 2:45-3:00 Break | |
| 3:30-3:45 Break | 3:00-4:15 3 Concurrent Sessions | |
| 3:45-5:00 3 Concurrent Sessions | | |

CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 25

10:00 AM: Registration Opens

12:30PM –2:00 PM

Plenary: Dual Status Youth: Innovative Successes for Maltreated Youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System

The Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice will provide participants with the most up to date research, field experiences, practices, publications and guidance from local communities participating in the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Project One site based initiative and the jointly sponsored MacArthur Foundation - OJJDP field initiative focusing on dual status youth.

Speaker: John Tuell, BSW, MA, Executive Director for Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice at Robert F. Kennedy's Children's Action Corps.

Room: Ambassador IV-VII

CLE: 1.5 DN

Domestic Relations Split Session Regarding Guardianships:

- Termination of Consensual Guardianships In the Matter of W.L., a Minor, 2015 Ark. 289, 467 S.W.3d 129, *Andy Taylor, Taylor and Taylor Law Firm, Domestic Relations Attorney ad Litem*

- Nuts and Bolts on Non-Consensual Guardianships, *Andrew Ballard, Ballard & Ballard, Domestic Relations Attorney ad Litem*

Room: Ambassador I-II

CLE: 1.5 DR

2:00 PM-2:15 PM: Break (refreshments provided)

2:15 PM-3:30 PM

Medical Evaluation of Skin Injuries

An overview of the identification of injuries related to abuse and neglect, how children may disclose the abuse, and how to properly document injuries.

Speaker: Dr. Rachel Clingenpeel, Center for Children at Risk, Arkansas Children's Hospital, UAMS

Room: Ambassador IV

CLE: 1.25 DN

Rights, Responsibilities and Resources: Working with Parents with Disabilities

Many of the families involved in our cases have disabilities that need to be addressed. This session will highlight how to work with parents with disabilities and their rights when seeking services.

Speaker: Roberta Sick, Project Director of the Crime Victims with Disabilities Project and the Safety and Sexual Violence Prevention Project, Partners for Inclusive Communities - University of Arkansas

Room: Ambassador V-VII

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

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MONDAY, APRIL 25

Strengths and Challenges of LGBTQ Youth

LGBTQ youth are particularly vulnerable when there is abuse or conflict in the home. An important part of advocating for these youth is understanding the unique needs and strengths of LGBTQ youth.

Speaker: Dr. Catherine Crisp, PhD, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, School of Social Work

Room: Ambassador I-II

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

3:30 PM-3:45 PM: Break (refreshments provided)

3:45 PM-5:00 PM

Caregiver Drug Abuse and the Effects on Children

This session will discuss how caregiver drug abuse can effect children physically and developmentally.

Speaker: Dr. Karen Farst, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at UAMS, Arkansas Children's Hospital

Room: Ambassador IV

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

Hotlines, Recordings, Photos - Oh My! Protecting your Child Client from Overexposure in Litigation

Session will cover basics of making a report to the Arkansas Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, best practice models for "what happens next" after an AAL makes a Hotline report, and protecting the child client when the child has been subjected to audio or video recording and photographing. Session will also touch on ideas for addressing multiple, sometimes invasive, physical examination of the child by caregivers, medical personnel and investigation agencies.

Speaker: Hadley Hindmarsh, Hindmarsh Law Firm, P.A., Domestic Relations Attorney ad Litem

Room: Ambassador V-VII

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

Making Successful and Timely Relative Placements

Professionals review the importance of relative placement and how to best begin the process.

Speakers: Judge Barbara Elmore, First Division Circuit Court, 23rd Judicial District

Kimberly Bibb, Dependency-Neglect Attorney ad Litem

Kendall Sample, Parent Counsel

Sherry Mangrum, DCFS Director, Area 8

Room: Ambassador I-II

CLE: 1.25 DN

CONFERENCE AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

8:00: Registration Opens

9:00 AM-10:15 AM

Current Developments in Legal Ethics

An update of recent opinions from the American Bar Association on a variety of topics.

Speaker: Chief Justice Howard Brill, Arkansas Supreme Court

Room: Ambassador IV, V, VI, & VII

CLE: 1.25 Ethics

10:15 AM-10:30 AM: Break (refreshments provided)

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

It's All About Relationships: Partnering for Better Outcomes for Children and Families

Interactive workshop about collaboration and conflict resolution between participants in the court and human services.

Speakers: Renia Robinette, Attorney ad Litem Program Director, Brian Welch, Parent Counsel Program Director, Mary Beth Luibel, Arkansas State CASA Director, Mischa Martin, Interim DCFS Director, Beki Dunigan, Assistant Director DCFS, Christin Harper, Policy and Professional Development Administrator, DCFS

Room: Ambassador IV

CLE: 1.25 DN

Child Advocacy Centers

An overview of what the Children's Advocacy Centers do and how they can be a resource to those in the field.

Speaker: Stacy Thompson, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas

Room: Ambassador V-VII

CLE: 1.25 DN

Part 1: Recognizing Domestic Violence

An interactive session that raises awareness and empathy regarding families experiences domestic violence. This session can be followed by Responding to Domestic Violence at 3:00-4:15.

Speakers: Rebecca Tucci, J.D., Domestic Violence Program Director, Administrative Office of the Courts and Judge Kristin Clark, District Court Judge, Yell County

Room: Envoy

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

1:30 PM-2:45 PM

Dependency-Neglect (DN) Case Law Update

An interview of appellate judges regarding trends and highlighted dependency-neglect cases from the previous year.

Speaker: Judge Rita Gruber, Arkansas Court of Appeals, and Judge Waymond Brown, Arkansas Court of Appeals, Connie Hickman Tanner, Director of Court Services, Administrative Office of the Courts

Room: Ambassador IV

CLE: 1.25 DN

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TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Ethical Considerations for using Mental Health Professionals in Court

Mental health professionals can be an incredible resource for a variety of cases. This session will provide an overview of how to best use these professionals to obtain necessary information.

Speaker: Hadley Hindmarsh, Hindmarsh Law Firm, P.A., Domestic Relations Attorney ad Litem; Kelly Hamman, LCSW, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences– Child Study Center

Room: Ambassador V-VII

CLE: 1.25 Ethics

Special Education: 504s and IEPs

Education services such as 504 plans and Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) can be daunting for any professional. This session will provide an overview of the programs and the processes to connect families with the services.

Speaker: Tiffany Tackett Kell, J.D., MPH, William H. Bowen School of Law, Mediation Clinic

Room: Envoy

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

2:45 PM-3:00 PM: Break (refreshments provided)

3:00 PM-4:15 PM

Domestic Relations (DR) Case Law Update

Highlights of recent trends and prominent cases from the previous year.

Speaker: Andy Ballard, Ballard & Ballard, Domestic Relations Attorney ad Litem

Room: Ambassador IV

CLE: 1.25 DR

The Set-up: The Role of Attachment in the Development of PTSD

Many of the families with whom we work have complex needs. Abuse and family conflict can have lasting effects on youth and families including post-traumatic stress disorder and difficulties with attaching and bonding.

Speaker: Susan Kilman, LCSW, Central Arkansas VA

Room: Ambassador V-VII

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

Part 2: Responding to Domestic Violence

Once domestic violence has been identified, it is important that families are connected to appropriate resources within the community. This session follows the 10:30 session on Recognizing Domestic Violence and will provide the audience with next steps of working with families experiencing domestic violence.

Speakers: Rebecca Tucci, J.D., Domestic Violence Program Director, Administrative Office of the Courts and Judge Kristin Clark, District Court Judge, Yell County

Room: Ambassador I-II

CLE: 1.25 DN, 1.25 DR

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM: Registration Opens

8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Evidentiary Issues with Social Media

This session will cover the problems that can arise when using social media as evidence during a case and how to overcome them.

Speaker: Hugh Finkelstein, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, 20th Judicial District

Room: Ambassador IV

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

Interviewing Youth

This session will cover the unique skills and tips for interviewing youth to obtain in-depth information.

Speaker: Carla Fuller, Dependency-Neglect and Domestic Relations Attorney Ad Litem

Room: Ambassador V-VII

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

Psychological Evaluations for Children and Adolescents

This session will cover the structure of child and adolescent psychological evaluations and provide the audience with an understanding of how to interpret the information.

Speaker: Dr. Glenn Mesman, Assistant Professor in Psychiatry, UAMS

Room: Ambassador I-II

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

10:00 AM-10:15 AM: Break (refreshments provided)

10:15 AM-11:45 AM

Developing and Telling the Persuasive Story

As attorneys, we have to paint a picture for the judge. This session will discuss how to marry factual content and legal requirements to create a persuasive argument for the court.

Speaker: Michael Johnson, Visiting Professor, William H. Bowen School of Law

Room: Ambassador IV

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

Trauma, PTSD and the Brain

Dr. Cisler discusses his research regarding the impact that trauma has on the brain, specifically the physiological and developmental delays that can occur. His recent research focuses on how trauma and abuse can impact the neural networks for developing youth.

Speaker: Dr. Josh Cisler, Assistant Professor, Psychiatric Research Institute, UAMS

Room: Ambassador V-VII

CLE: 1.5 DN, 1.5 DR

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

DCFS CANS/FAST Assessment Model and Case Planning-What's in it for me?

An overview of the new CANS/FAST assessments and how the various parties can participate and benefit from them.

Speaker: Treeca Dyer, Attorney ad Litem

Brooke Harris, CANS/FAST Program Manager, DCFS

Shanice Johnson, OCC Attorney

Room: Ambassador I-II

CLE: 1.5 DN

11:45 AM-12:00 PM Break (refreshments provided)

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Hearsay! Hearsay!

We rely on many reports and testimony for the court from social workers, schools, CASA, mental health professionals and other potential witnesses. This session will discuss the rules regarding hearsay and considerations for attorneys.

Speaker: Michael Johnson, Visiting Professor, William H. Bowen School of Law

Room: Ambassador IV

CLE: 1 DN, 1 DR

Resisting the Ripple Effect – Understanding Secondary Trauma and the Importance of Self Care

This sessions provides the attendees with an understanding of vicarious trauma that we as professionals may experience when working with youth and families who are exposed to trauma. Taking care of ourselves allows us to provide better services to our clients.

Speaker: Janelle von Storch, LPC, Arkansas Families First

Room: Ambassador V-VII

CLE: 1 DN, 1 DR

Working Toward Smooth Transitions for Teens in Foster Care

A panel discussion of the policies and resources available for older youth who are transitioning out of care.

Speakers: Christin Harper, Policy and Professional Development Administrator, DCFS

Kandis Romes, Transitional Youth Services Program Specialist, DCFS

Sherri Burris, DCFS Transitional Youth Services Coordinator, DCFS Area VIII

Room: Ambassador I-II

CLE: 1 DN

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NEARBY RESTAURANTS (ALL WITHIN 1 MILE FROM HOTEL)

Alley Oops

11900 Kanis Road / 501-221-9400

Website: <http://www.alleyoopslr.com/menu/>

Comfort food in a cozy, friendly environment, including burgers and blue-plate lunch specials

The Butcher Shop Steakhouse

10825 Hermitage Road / 501-312-2748

Website: <http://www.thebutchershoplittlerock.com/menus.html>

Old-school joint serving thick cuts of aged beef grilled over hickory charcoal plus hot apple pie

Community Bakery

270 S. Shackelford Road / 501-224-1656

Website: <http://communitybakery.com/cafe-menu/>

A local full-line retail bakery, café restaurant, and dessert coffeehouse

Corky's Ribs & BBQ

12005 Westhaven Drive / 501-954-7427

Website: <https://www.corkysbbq.com/locations/little-rock/menu>

Local BBQ chain serving hickory-smoked ribs and comfort sides in a folksy space with a 50's vibe

David's Burgers

101 S. Bowman Road / 501-227-8333

Website: <http://www.davidsburgers.com/#!nemu/cw7>

Local chain including burgers, fries, and ice cream designed in the spirit of the butcher shops of the 1950's and 60's

El Torito

303 Bowman Road #310 / 501-224-0444

Mexican chain featuring burritos, fajitas, and a tequila bar in an informal setting

Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken

400 N. Bowman Road #9 / 501-400-8745

Website: <http://gusfriedchicken.com/west-little-rock-arkansas-location/>

The style and attitude of an old-school, blues-infused southern eatery

IHOP

11601 Hermitage Road / 501-954-7737

Website: <http://www.ihop.com/menus/main-menu>

Your breakfast place for a "come-as-you-are" meal, like pancakes that are made just for you

Kebab House

11321 W. Markham Suite #4 / 501-246-4597

Website: <https://locu.com/places/kebab-house-little-rock-us/#menu>

Local restaurant serving Mediterranean food

Kobe Japanese Steakhouse

11401 Financial Centre Pkwy / 501-225-5999

Website: <http://www.kobelr.com/menu.html>

Steak, seafood, and teriyaki chicken off the grill plus sashimi and specialty rolls in a modern setting

Kris & Sam's Lunch Box and Cookie Store

1208 S. Bowman Road / 501-223-3110

Website: <http://krisandsams.com/menu-category/menu/>

With cookies, brownies, cake balls, and other treats, they also feature a healthy lunch menu including their famous Chicken Salad sandwich, fresh salads, and original wraps

Larry's Pizza

801 S. Bowman Road Suite 5 / 501-400-8260

Website: <http://www.larryspizzaofarkansas.com/bowmanmenu.pdf>

Buffet-style pizza and salad bar during lunch hours

Lenny's Sub Shop

11401 Financial Centre Pkwy Suite 103 / 501-225-9800

Website: <http://www.lennys.com/menu/cold-subs.cfm>

Chain restaurant specializing in Philly-style cheesesteaks and submarine sandwiches

Markham Street Grill & Pub

1131 W. Markham Street / 501-224-2010

Website: <http://markhamstreetpub.com/menu>

Located in Little Rock's Midtown District, Markham Street redefines what "bar food" can be

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McAlister's Deli

12019 Westhaven Drive / 501-228-7727
Website: <http://www.mcalistersdeli.com/menu/starters>
Easygoing counter-service chain known for its sandwiches, stuffed baked potatoes, and sweet tea

Mimi's Café

11725 Chenal Parkway / 501-221-3883
Website: <http://www.mimiscafe.com/mobile/mobilemenu.aspx>
Casual chain restaurant serving French and American staples in a rustic-inspired setting

MOOYAH Burgers, Fries, & Shakes

10825 Kanis Road Suite A / 501-313-4905
Website: http://www.mooyah.com/menu_nutrition/
Counter-serve chain for custom burgers, including poultry and veggie versions, plus fries and shakes

On the Border

11721 Chenal Parkway / 501-218-8840
Website: <http://home.ontheborder.com/>
Casual restaurant chain featuring Tex-Mex standards such as fajitas, burritos, and grilled meats

Panera Bread

10701 Kanis Road / 501-954-7773
Website: <https://www.panerabread.com/panerabread/documents/nutrition/Menu-Retail.PDF>
This salad, sandwich, and soup chain also includes a fresh bakery

P.F. Chang's China Bistro

317 S. Shackleford Road / 501-225-4424
Website: <https://www.pfchangs.com/menu/main>
Asian-themed casual dining restaurant chain

Purple Cow

11602 Chenal Parkway / 501-224-4433
Website: <http://purplecowlr.com/purple-cow-menus/>
Gourmet hamburgers, hand-dipped milk shakes, and diner specialties

Senor Tequila

1101 S. Bowman Road Suite A-1 / 501-954-7780
Website: <http://senortequilaark.com/menu/3098386>
Casual central Arkansas chain that includes margaritas and Mexican food

Shotgun Dan's Pizza

10923 W. Markham Street / 501-224-9519
Website: <http://www.shotgundans.com/menu.pdf>
Long-running operation turning out thin-crust pizza with lots of toppings, plus wings and sandwiches

Star of India Restaurant

301 N. Shackleford Road Suite C-4 / 501-227-9900
Website: <http://www.lrstarofindia.com/menu.html>
Strip-mall storefront offering a range of Indian favorites from a lunch buffet or dinner menu

Subway

1111 S. Bowman Road / 501-224-7827
Website: <https://www.subway.com/menu/>
Build-your-own submarine sandwich chain restaurant

Tokyo House

11 Shackleford Drive / 501-219-4296
Website: <http://www.tokyohouselr.com/>
Japanese fare from the menu and an all-you-can-eat sushi and seafood buffet

Tropical Smoothie Café

11900 Kanis Road Suite D-3 / 501-221-6773
Website: <https://www.tropicalsmoothie.com/>
In addition to smoothies, this franchise offers sandwiches, wraps, salads, soups, and flat breads

Whole Hog Café

12111 W. Markham St / 501-907-6124
Website: <http://www.wholehogcafe.com/menu/>
Local BBQ chain dishing out ribs, brisket, and other standards in a laid-back atmosphere

Wingstop

11321 W. Markham Suite #2 / 501-224-9464
Website: <http://www.wingstop.com/menu/>
Casual counter-serve chain serving a variety of chicken wings and sides in an aviation-themed space

