

AGENDA
Fourth Judicial Circuit Juvenile Justice Council
Common Ground: Community, Kids, Courts & Education
November 16, 2021, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Castle Ridge Conference Center
Centralia, Illinois

REGISTRATION 8:00-8:45 AM

WELCOME/Grand Hall 8:45-9:00 AM

FATHER GREGORY BOYLE/Grand Hall OPENING PLENARY SPEAKER 9:00-11:00 AM

In a nation deeply divided and plagued by poverty and violence, Boyle offers a snapshot into the challenges and joys of life on the margins. A moving example of unconditional love during difficult times, this keynote is guaranteed to shake up our ideas about people. Boyle shares what three decades of working with gang members in Los Angeles has taught him about faith, compassion and the enduring power of kinship. He also invites us to find kinship with one another and re-convinces us all of our own goodness. Father Greg Boyle makes amazingly winsome connections between things like service and delight, and compassion and awe — amazing, because he works in an urban setting others describe in terms of crime and despair.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1 11:00-12:15 PM

Finding Hope – Teen Suicide

Presented by: Jeff Morris, Six-Time Suicide Attempt Survivor

This workshop will teach participants the importance of dealing with stress, anxiety and depression in a healthy way; myths about suicide; warning signs; what to say and not say to a suicidal person; and how to help someone who is suspected to be suicidal.

Welcome to Prison

Presented by: Jonathan Masters, Educational Consultant, Author of The Throwaway Kids and Maggie Rose

This interactive session utilizes excerpts from the Throwaway Kids and a short documentary to help the audience experience what a stint in a juvenile detention/DJJ facility would really be like.

LGBTQ Issues in Mental Health

Presented by: Chas Swearingen, Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center

This session will educate on the basics of LGBTQ as well as mental health issues unique to the LGBTQ population. We will focus primarily on hurdles children in the LGBTQ community face, but the information can be applied to adults as well

LUNCH 12:15-1:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION 2 1:30-2:45 PM

Kindness in Krisis

Presented by: Jonathan Masters, Educational Consultant, Author of The Throwaway Kids and Maggie Rose

We all have tools to deal with difficult people, but what happens when we reach the end of our utility belt? Using the acronym STOP to counteract the tendency to repeat ourselves, make threats, and/or get closer and louder, this presentation will equip us to pursue the gentlest, most beneficial resolutions.

Autism Spectrum Disorders and the Juvenile Justice System

Presented by: Sherri Luttrell, Illinois Center for Autism

With 1 in 34 individuals now being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, it is with almost absolute certainty that you will be encountering them in your work. Do you ever worry about how to interact with these individuals? What to expect? How to help them? How to talk with them? This presentation will give you the background knowledge and interaction strategies you will need for successful engagements.

The Basics of Juvenile Training

Presented by: Ericka Sanders, Associate Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit

Attendees of this training will gain a basic understanding of the path a case takes from temporary custody to permanency; the relevant statutory and court requirements for preparing and filing reports; and the reasonable efforts finding and the steps an agency should take to improve outcomes for children and parents.

REDEPLOY ILLINOIS/Grand Hall

CLOSING PLENARY SPEAKER 3:00-4:00 PM

Presented by: Colleen Sheehan, Circuit Court Judge of Cook County, and Erica Hughes, Redeploy Illinois Statewide Coordinator

Redeploy Illinois seeks to decrease youth incarceration in Department of Juvenile Justice through evidence-based community programs that maintain public safety and promote positive outcomes for youth. This presentation will include descriptions of the program, target population and services provided; goals and objectives for the program; information on stakeholder engagement; and illustrations of success.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE/EVALUATIONS/CEU CERTIFICATES

4:00 PM