

**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

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WELCOME/Grand Hall

8:45-9:00 AM

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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-convince 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

**Kindness in Crisis**

***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 uses state funds to provide community-based alternatives to youth who would otherwise be incarcerated. Using a holistic, positive youth development approach, the program provides youth and their families services that lead to overall long-term positive outcomes.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE/EVALUATIONS/CEU CERTIFICATES

4:00 PM