

AGENDA
Fourth Judicial Circuit Juvenile Justice Council
Common Ground: Community, Kids, Courts & Education
November 15, 2022, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Castle Ridge Conference Center
Centralia, Illinois

REGISTRATION/WELCOME

8:00-8:30 AM

A TIME FOR HEALING: HOPE & RESILIENCE FOR TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN

SHARON BEHRENS & MIA BEHRENS/Grand Hall

8:30-10:00 AM

A multidisciplinary session, the session will teach Guardians ad Litem and Prosecutors in juvenile abuse and neglect, as well as attorneys in juvenile delinquency cases, how to identify some of the side effects of childhood trauma, explain several different interventions that are available and effective, as well as encourage hope when those interventions are not successful. The session will teach attorneys how to work with other agencies, parents, and foster parents to be proactive in finding and using assistance in addressing childhood trauma.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1 10:15-11:15 AM

Core Legal Principles in ICAC Cases

Presented by: David Haslett and Shannon O'Brien, Illinois Attorney General's Office

This session will cover the core legal principles involved in Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Cases. Topics covered include search and seizure, Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM), relevant statutes and emerging issues.

Children's Homes in Illinois: An Underused Resource

Presented by: Arvin Moden, Oblong Children's Christian Home

A brief overview of the Children's Homes in IL will be given including types of children served, ages, length of stay and cost (if any). He will feature the program of the Oblong Children's Christian Home as an example of how children and teen's lives can be changed for good. This presentation will help those seeking out-of-home placement for children and youth make appropriate referrals.

This breakout session will give Guardians ad Litem insight into the life of a child in a residential home placement to give informed understanding about the benefits and risks of such a placement. It will also help attorneys understand the services provided by residential home placement as opposed to a licensed foster home, and how to advocate for correct placement and services possible in the setting.

Balancing the Scales of Criminal Justice with ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis)

Presented by: Dave Jaques and Ann Ramey, Visions, LLC

In this presentation, participants will learn, discuss, and receive information about the science of Applied Behavior Analysis as it relates to commonly used behavioral interventions. This will include utilizing everyday terms, as well as providing examples and strategies to implement. The presentation provides a foundation in applying behavioral strategies with EVERYONE & ANYONE, regardless of their historical background and

diagnosis. Finally, we will share how Visions is currently serving the criminal justice population and community and all that we can do to support you.

The Everyday Practical Approach to Working with Traumatized Youth

Presented by: Carla Stalnaker, Clinton County Probation

In the past few years we have heard a great deal about the science and impact of trauma on kids and youth. So, now what? This session will give you every day practical tools, tips, etc. to assist you in working with traumatized youth, youth on the Autism Spectrum, ADHD youth, and really just youth in general. You will learn do's and don'ts of working with youth that cost little to no money.

This multidisciplinary session will help attorneys in their roles as Guardians ad Litem or State's Attorneys preparing children for testimony better understand how to work with traumatized youth and how to speak to them without re-traumatization.

LUNCH 11:30-12:30 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION 2 12:30-1:30 PM

Google CyberTip Stops Sexual Assault of Child

Presented by: Amanda Wimmersberg, Illinois Attorney General Police

This case study reviews the investigative process of a CyberTipline Report made by Google to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's (NCMEC) CyberTipline. The ICAC Investigator will discuss the examination of (1) digital records produced as a result of a search warrant execution to Google and (2) EXIF data to identify potential victims. In addition, she will discuss the execution of search warrant to residence, apprehension and arrest of suspect, and identification and recovery of victim. The case study will conclude with the prosecution and sentencing of suspect.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys, along with other participants, will learn about the process by which these cases identify victims and potential victims and bring perpetrators in front of the Court.

Level Up Your Individualized Education Program (IEP) Knowledge

Presented by: Shelley Kenow, IEP Consultant

This session will be an overview of what special education is and is not, how someone gets an IEP, what should be in an IEP, where the information comes from, and how a student in the Redeploy program with an IEP should be handled.

Although multidisciplinary, attorneys will learn how to use a child's IEP to argue for more lenient sentencing or better programming during probation. It will also help attorneys understand how probation officers use IEPs to recommend services in the Redeploy programs.

Understanding and Interpreting Psychological Evaluations

Presented by: Dr. Jeremy Jewell, Jewell Psychological Services LLC

Have you ever found that psychological evaluations are full of jargon and difficult to understand? This session will describe and clarify information that is typically found in psychological evaluations. Scores and statistics that are often reported will be explained in laymen's terms. Implications from findings with regard to recommendations and client treatment goals will also be discussed.

For the attorney, psychological evaluations are very useful tools in negotiating pleas or arguing sentencing recommendations. The ability to understand these evaluations will be learned during this session.

ICAC: Sexting & Sextortion

Presented by: Christine Feller and Bryanna Stevens, Illinois Attorney General's Office, and Special Agent Robert Kraemer, Illinois State Police

This block covers the role of ICAC and the need for ongoing prevention efforts. Sexting and sextortion data will be shared alongside a case example illustrating how a local subject manipulated minors online. This session will also share strategies for the successful interviewing of sextortion victims. Resources for prevention and awareness will be provided.

CASA in Your Community

Presented by: Libby Moeller, Illinois CASA

Illinois CASA, together with its local member programs, supports and promotes court appointed volunteer advocacy for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Our vision is an Illinois in which all children thrive in a safe, permanent and loving home. Join us to learn what that looks like in your community.

Guardians ad Litem will learn how to use the CASA resource in achieving the best interests of the children involved.

Courtroom 101: From Swearing-In to Cross-Examination

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

Your first time testifying in Court? Or could you use a refresher about effective testimony practices? Do you know the difference between effective direct and cross examinations? If you are a veteran in the courtroom or if you are afraid you'll raise the wrong hand when called to testify, there will be some pointers and tricks of the trade to hone your skills or ease your mind. This session is appropriate for lawyers and anyone who might be called to testify.

CALLING ALL HOPE DEALERS! EVERYONE HAS A STORY, EVERY STORY DESERVES HEROES 3:00-4:00 PM

Presented by: Hasan Davis

Hasan Davis will share his experience of often interrupted transitions through education, justice, and social support systems. Simultaneously navigating learning disabilities, poverty and delinquency, Hasan seemed destined to become another statistic. But Hasan was lucky to find that on his journey there were champions, like his mother and alternative school teacher, who found ways to engage, encourage and empower him. With the support of these "Hope Dealers," Hasan was able to transcend his mounting list of "failures" to become an advocate for himself and eventually a champion for others experiencing difficult times. Hasan will share some of the core strategies and creative thinking that these Hope Dealers deployed to help him find the courage to complete what he calls the "JD shuffle" going from Hasan Davis, Juvenile Delinquent to Hasan Davis, Juris Doctor. Come ready to celebrate, recharge and recommit to being the Hope Dealers that you are, the Heroes their stories deserve.

This session will tie up the conference with a real life example of how support and programming works. It provides attorneys with the crucial understanding of youth in trauma and developing compassion and drive for working solutions to provide these youth with ideas that could reimagine how state's attorneys and public defenders handle youth in the juvenile delinquency system. Most attorneys working in this system do not have the training or experience with the type of trauma and life situations the youth they deal with experience in their lives. This session is an amazing opportunity for attorneys to peek into the lives of those they prosecute and defend, and to get all support people and service providers on the same page and mindset when approaching the children they serve.