

Children's Justice Initiative

Agenda

CHIPS Parent Attorney CLE

A conference designed to equip parents' attorneys with the substantive law and practice skills necessary to understand and implement concurrent permanency planning using a trauma lens

Application has been made for 3.0 standard CLE credits (Event Code 190311)

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

8:45 AM to 12:15 PM

8:45 – 9:00

Connect to Webex and Conference Phone

9:00 – 9:15

Welcome, Overview, and Instructions

Judith Nord, Staff Attorney and CJI Manager, State Court Administrator's Office

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9:15 – 10:15

1.0 standard credits

Using a Trauma Lens in Developing, Implementing, and Reviewing the Out-of-Home Placement Plan: Key Stakeholder Roles

Janine LePage, Crow Wing County Attorney's Office

- Requirements of the out-of-home placement plan (OHPP)
- Process to produce a quality OHPP designed to address trauma
- How each stakeholder contributes to developing, supporting, and monitoring implementation of the OHPP
- Developing measureable goals in the OHPP
- How the court uses the OHPP to review progress, including using the OHPP to benchmark progress towards permanency
- Each stakeholder's role when the OHPP is not working

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10:15 – 11:15

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Reducing Trauma for Children by Preserving Connections: Relative Involvement

Deb Beske Brown, Minnesota Department of Human Services

- Importance of engaging relatives in reducing trauma to children who are in foster care
- Elements of a comprehensive relative search
- Legal requirements for identification, notification, and engagement of child's relatives
- Required court findings regarding relatives search and engagement throughout the child's foster care placement
- How to talk to parents and relatives about concurrent planning and why relatives are important to the child from the very beginning of the child's placement
- How to support relatives as participants in court

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[Family Matters](#) - Importance of Involving Relatives

[Relative Search Letter - Sample Letter](#)

[Relative Search Letter - Child in Voluntary Foster Care for Treatment](#)

11:15 – 12:15

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Reducing Trauma to Children by Early Concurrent Planning: The “New” Permanency Progress Review Hearing for ALL Children

Ann Ahlstrom, Staff Attorney and CJI Manager, State Court Administrator’s Office

- Preparing for the Permanency Progress Review Hearing (PPRH) right from the beginning of the child’s placement
- Importance of relatives at the PPRH
- Out-of-home placement plan review requirements
- Principles of full disclosure and reducing trauma to children and families: there should be no surprises about the agency’s assessment of the parents’ progress toward reunification and Plan B at the PPRH
- Supports and services upon return home or after a legally permanent alternative home is ordered
- Child wellbeing and building the child’s social and medical history
- Making referrals through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and involving out-of-state relatives
- Required court findings from the PPRH

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12:15

Wrap Up and Adjourn

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