

Foundations 48 Mini Conference
Ideas and Concepts For Improving The Child Protection System
March 24, 2014 William Mitchell College of Law

8:30-9:00 am

Welcome and Introduction To The Foundations 48 Initiative
Hon. Mark Ireland, Second Judicial District
Requested continuing education credit .5 hours

After brief welcome, Judge Ireland will describe the Second Judicial District to better act in the “best interest of the child” through its Foundations 48 initiative and how it is incorporating mediation into the Emergency Protective Care hearing. Powerpoint provided.

9:00-10:00 am

Brain Science, Drug Addiction, and the Family Court
Ken Winters, Ph.D.
Professor, University of Minnesota, Department of Psychiatry
Requested continuing education credit 1 hour

Dr. Winters is presenting on the latest research in neuroscience and brain development as it relates to the drug addiction and how best the court system can respond and manage juveniles and parents who are chemically dependent. This speech is a shorter version of the presentation that Dr. Winters will be giving as the keynote address at the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges at its national conference in Monterey California on March 2, 2014.

10:00 – 10:15 am

BREAK

10:15 -11:00 am

Juvenile Panel
Moderated by Anne Tyler Gueinzius, Esq. who is the managing attorney at the Children’s Law Center.
Requested continuing education credit .75 hour

Ms. Gueinzius will moderate a panel of youth who have been involved in the child protection system and foster care. The youth will provide their perspective on the legal system, their interaction with attorneys and the court, and offer suggestions on how the legal system can be improved.

11:00-12:00

Knowing and responding to the children's needs in the first 48 hours
Anne R. Gearity
PhD, LICSW has a mental health practice in Minneapolis and is clinical faculty at the University of Minnesota School of Social Work
Requested continuing education credit 1 hour

Anne R. Gearity, PhD, LICSW has a mental health practice in Minneapolis and is clinical faculty, U of MN, School of Social Work and department of child psychiatry and the infant and early childhood child welfare certificate program. She provides consultation to agencies, schools and systems serving at risk young children. She is the author of

Developmental Repair, an intervention model available online at www.washburn.org

12:00- 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00-1:30

20 Innovative Ideas: Best Practices, Initiatives, and Model Courts
Sarah Dunne
Law Clerk to the Hon. Mark Ireland

Ms. Dunne will identify and briefly present about twenty innovative ideas that have been initiated by courts through-out the country. Attendees will receive supplemental information about each innovative idea, which they can research independently.

Requested continuing education credit .5 hour

1:30-2:15

Parent Panel

Moderated by Joanna Woolman, William Mitchell Child Protection Clinic

Requested continuing education credit .75 hour

Professor Woolman will moderate a panel of three to four parents who have been involved in the child protection system. The parents will provide their perspective on the legal system, their interaction with attorneys and the court, and offer suggestions on how the legal system can be improved.

2:15-2:30

BREAK

2:30-3:30

Defining the Role of the Guardian ad Litem

Amy Schutte, First Judicial District Guardian ad Litem Program Coordinator

Laura Miles, First Judicial District Guardian ad Litem Program Coordinator

Requested continuing education credit 1 hour

The guardians ad litem will present on how best the court and other stakeholders can utilize a guardian ad litem, and how best to communicate and collaborate with a guardian ad litem in a child protection case. The guardians ad litem will discuss best practices from districts in Minnesota.

3:30-4:30

Hennepin County's Co-Parent Court: an Experiment in Enhancing Parenting Resources for Children in Poverty

Hon. Bruce Peterson, Fourth Judicial District

Requested continuing education credit 1 hour

Judge Peterson will describe the Fourth Judicial District's pilot program to engage fathers and support co-parenting for parents in paternity cases. Judge Peterson will discuss the pilot's improvements in child support collections and father involvement and will suggest lessons for father involvement that can be applied to the child protection system.

