



The Maine Judicial Branch Family Division Presents:
Substance Use Disorders and the Child Welfare System
May 2 and 3, 2019
Sunday River, Newry

AGENDA – Thursday, May 2, 2019

- 8:15 - 8:45 **Registration**
- 8:45 - 9:00 **Welcome & Introduction**
Hon. Susan Oram, Chief Judge, Hon. Susan Sparaco, Deputy Chief Judge, Maine District Court
- 9:00 - 9:30 **Keynote Address**
Alexis Balkey, MPA, National Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Program at Children and Family Futures, Inc.
- 9:30 - 10:30 **“Drugs 101” and Treatment Modalities**
Brandy Rogers, LCPC, LADC, Brandy Rogers Counseling
Marty Burgess, LCSW, Violence No More
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Break**
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Effective Advocacy Panel for Clients with Substance Use Disorders (statutory deadline v. resource availability, health insurance barriers)**
 - Ariel Gannon, AAG
 - Angela Thibodeau, Esq., Parent Attorney
 - Liam Shaw, LCSW, MBA
 - Mary Zmigrodski, Esq., GAL
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Lunch (gather & return to seat)**
- 12:30 - 1:15 **Lunch presentation: Domestic Violence, Substance Use, and Child Protective Cases**
 - Andrea Mancuso, Esq. Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
 - Matthew Perry, Program Director at A Different Choice
 - Christine Theriault- CDC Tobacco and Substance Use Prevention Program (5 mins.)
- 1:15 - 1:30 **Break**
- 1:30 - 2:30 **Break Out Session 1**
 - A. GAL Administrative Updates and Best Practices (Travel reimbursement forms, applying for additional hours, FTM attendance)**
 - Hon. Susan Sparaco, Deputy Chief Judge, Maine District Court
 - Tracy Jacques, Coordinator, Guardian ad Litem Services
 - B. Family Recovery Courts: Extension from the Keynote with Emphasis on Maine Courts**
 - Hon. Susan Oram, Chief Judge, Maine District Court
 - Hon. John Lucy, Maine District Court
 - Alyssa Oliver, Maine Pretrial
 - Wendy Karnes, LSW, OCFS Supervisor
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C. Duel System Involvement: Intersection Between Juvenile Justice and Protective Custody Cases

- Tanya Pierson, Esq., ADA
- Michael Kearney, Esq., AAG
- Christopher Northrop, Esq., Juvenile Defense Attorney

D. Effective Advocacy Q&A- Extension of Plenary Session

- Ariel Gannon, Esq., AAG
- Angela Thibodeau, Esq., Parent Attorney
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2:30-2:45

Break

2:45-3:45

Break Out Session 2

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C. Duel System Involvement: JV and PC

- Tanya Pierson, Esq., ADA
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D. Effective Advocacy: Plenary Extension and Q&A

- Ariel Gannon, Esq., AAG
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3:45-4:00

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Hon. Susan Sparaco, Deputy Chief Judge, Maine District Court



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- 7:30 - 8:15 **Registration**
- 8:15 - 8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Hon. Susan Sparaco, Deputy Chief Judge, Maine District Court
- 8:30 - 9:30 **DHHS Update**
Bobbi Johnson, Associate Director, Child Welfare Services
- 9:30-10:30 **A View from the Bench:**
- Hon. Susan Sparaco, Deputy Chief Judge, Maine District Court
 - Hon. Michael Roberts, Maine District Court
 - Hon. Valerie Stanfill, Maine District Court
- 10:30-10:45 **Break**
- 10:45-11:45 **Effective Family Team Meetings/ Creating Individualized Reunification Plans**
- Brandy Rogers, LCPC, LADC
 - Erika Bristol, Esq., Parent Attorney
 - Chelsea Peterson, Esq., GAL
 - Maura Keaveney, Esq., AAG
 - Betty Prest, Child Protective Caseworker, Dept. of Health and Human Services, 11:45-
- 12:15 **Lunch (gather & return to seat)**
- 12:15-1:15 **Lunch Presentation: Appellate Updates**
- Hunter Umphrey, Esq., AAG
 - Amy Mc Nally, Esq., Parent Attorney
- 1:15-2:00 **YLAT Presentation- Former Youth in Care Panel**
- Participants are TBD
- 2:00-2:15 **Break**
- 2:15-3:15 **Maine Enhanced Parenting Project (MEPP) and Successful Graduate Stories**
- Liam Shaw, LCSW MBA
 - MEPP Graduate(s)
- 3:15-4:15 **Ethics: Ethical Considerations When Representing a Substance Using Client**
- Aria Eee, Esq., Deputy Bar Counsel, Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar
- 4:15-4:30 **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**
Hon. Susan Sparaco, Deputy Chief Judge, Maine District Court