



The Maine Judicial Branch Family Division Presents:
Reunification: Moving Forward Together
May 1 and 2, 2018
Augusta Armory

AGENDA – Tuesday, May 1, 2018

- 7:15-8:15 Registration
- 8:15-8:30 Welcome and Introduction
Hon. Susan Oram, Chief Judge, Maine District Court
- 8:30-9:00 Keynote Address
Family Recovery Court Graduate
- 9:00-10:00 Maine Child Welfare Data
Christopher Church, J.D., M.S., Law and Policy Director, Children's Law Center, University of South Carolina School of Law
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 Six Core Skills/Best Practices in Child Protection Cases
Christopher Church, J.D., M.S., Law and Policy Director, Children's Law Center, University of South Carolina School of Law; Donald Duquette, J.D., Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law, Founding Director, Child Advocacy Law Clinic, University of Michigan School of Law
- 11:30-12:00 Discussion of Morning Presentations and Report-Out by Region
- 12:00-12:30 Gather Lunch and Return to Seat
- 12:30-1:45 Lunch Presentation, Panel Discussion: LGBT Considerations in Child Protection Law
Mary Bonauto, Civil Rights Project Director, GLAD; Polly Crozier, Esq., GLAD; Lise Wagner, Assistant Attorney General; Zachary Paakkonen, Esq.
- 1:45-3:00 ICWA Panel – Historical Trauma, Former Foster Youth/Foster Parent, ICWA Legal Standards
Esther Anne, Policy Associate; Alivia Moore, Foster Parent and Former Foster Youth; Hon. Eric M. Mehnert, Chief Judge, Penobscot Nation Tribal Court; Nora Sosnoff, Chief, Child Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-4:15 Motivational Interviewing
Rhonda DiNovo, LMSW, MSW, Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 4:15-4:30 Closing Remarks
Hon. Susan Oram, Chief Judge, Maine District Court
- 4:30 Adjourn



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AGENDA – Wednesday, May 2, 2018

- 7:15-8:15 Registration
- 8:15-8:30 Welcome and Introductions
Hon. Susan Oram, Chief Judge, Maine District Court
- 8:30-10:15 The Importance of Family Defense
Martin Guggenheim, J.D., Fiorenzo LaGuardia Professor of Clinical Law, New York University School of Law
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:00 Six Core Trial Advocacy Skills
Donald Duquette, J.D., Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law, Founding Director, Child Advocacy Law Clinic, University of Michigan School of Law
- 12:00-12:30 Gather Lunch and Return to Seat
- 12:30-2:00 Lunch Presentation, Best Practices, Working with the Department, Working with Mental Health Providers, Client Advocacy
Bobbi Johnson, LMSW, Associate Director of Child Welfare Services, DHHS; Brianna Gutierrez, Esq., General Counsel, Office of Child and Family Services, DHHS; Liam Shaw, MBA, LCSW, Region 2 MEPP Coordinator, Maine General Medical Center; Erika Bristol, Esq.; Zachary Paakkonen, Esq.; Kristina Hanley, Esq.; Andrew Wright, Esq.; Suzanne Thompson, Esq.
- 2:00-3:00 The Impact of Removal
Monique Mitchell, Ph.D, Assistant Professor, Center for Child and Family Studies, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-4:15 Ethics in Child Protection Cases
Aria Eee, Esq. Deputy Bar Counsel, Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar; Seth Levy, Esq.; Christopher Leddy, Esq.
- 4:15-4:30 Closing Remarks
Hon. Susan Oram, Chief Judge, Maine District Court
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