A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Child Advocacy

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November 13-14, 2014
Kalahari Resort & Convention Center
Wisconsin Dells, WI

A Conference Targeting Guardian ad Litem Practice Issues

Professionals encouraged to attend:

- Guardians ad Litem
- Social Workers
- Judges/Court Commissioners
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Prosecutors
- Public Defenders
- Juvenile and Family Court Lawyers
- Other Professionals Working with Children and Families

For information on professional education credits see page 5

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ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

We invite professionals whose work impacts the well-being of children and families to come together to learn from each other, as well as experts in the fields of:

- law
- child welfare
- psychology
- child development and more

This conference will focus predominantly on guardian ad litem practice issues in the child welfare system. However, most topics cut across systems to engage all professionals working to serve children and families. This conference will provide you with information and skills to help you make the best recommendations and decisions in your practice.

TOPICS ADDRESSED

- Bridges Out of Poverty
- Registers of language
- Domestic violence in child custody cases
- Addressing opiate addiction in child welfare
- 2014 statutory and case law updates
- Sesame Street’s incarceration initiative
- Evidence-based parenting programs
- Addressing ethical dilemmas
- Dealing with the difficult client and communication in the digital age
- Parental roles and physical discipline
- Self-harm behaviors in children and adolescents
- Effectively presenting child testimony
- Confidentiality issues around the release and exchange of information
- Role of men in disadvantaged and complex families
- CPS Appeals and upcoming changes effective 2015
- Understanding legal relationship options, permanency options and funding
- Reengineering front-end juvenile justice practices; changing trajectories of youth through alternative strategies

REGISTRATION

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- Registrations are only accepted online
- Advance registration is required
- There will be no on-site registration

To Register:
1. Go to Through the Eyes Registration
2. If you do not have a PDS Online account, follow the instructions to create one.
3. Once logged into PDS Online, search for “Through the Eyes of a Child”
4. Visit our payment site to complete your conference payment after your PDS Online registration is complete. We strongly recommend credit card payment.

For registration or conference questions, please contact WCWPDS at 608-890-3965 or training@wcwts.wisc.edu

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date/Times:
Thursday, November 13 and Friday, November 14, 2014.
Check-In: 8:00-9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 13.
The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. each day, and will end at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday and 2:45 p.m. on Friday.

Location:
Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.
Exit 92 off I-90/94. www.kalahariresorts.com/wisconsin

Cancellation Policy:
If you cancel your registration on or before October 28th, you will receive a refund, minus a $25 administrative fee. Confirmed registrants who cancel on or after October 29th are responsible for the entire fee. Substitutions from the same agency/firm are permitted. Please contact WCWPDS at training@wcwts.wisc.edu to arrange an attendee substitution.

Overnight Accommodations:
A block of rooms has been set aside for this conference. Please call 1-877-253-5466 and ask for block #23051. The $70 State Rate will be honored at the time of check in for single occupancy guests. A double, triple or quad room is $119 with conference attendance. This room block is held until October 13, at which time any unused rooms will be released. A one-night deposit is required at the time of reservation. We recommend booking your lodging early due to other large events taking place at the Kalahari.
9:00 a.m. Welcome & Conference Announcements

9:15 a.m. Plenary I: Bridges Out of Poverty
Jodi Pfarr, M.Div; Consultant, aha! Process, Inc.

Bridges Out of Poverty uses the lens of economic class and provides concrete tools and strategies for a community to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty. Participants will review poverty research, examine a theory of change, and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Plenary I - continued
Jodi Pfarr, M.Div; Consultant, aha! Process, Inc.

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Workshops

Registers of Language
Jodi Pfarr, M.Div.
Consultant, aha! Process, Inc.

This session will explore how to effectively communicate with someone in the formal or casual registers of language. It will look at the language experiences for individuals living in generational poverty and other economic classes.

Identifying, Understanding & Accounting for Domestic Violence in Child Custody Cases: Part 1 of 2
Loretta M. Frederick, J.D.
Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, Battered Women’s Justice Project
Hon. Marshall Murray, J.D.
Circuit Court Judge, Milwaukee County

Structuring parenting arrangements in cases involving domestic violence can be challenging for Guardians ad litem and other family court practitioners. Recent developments in the field, the topic of this session, will help GALs to apply a systematic, behaviorally-specific method of assessing domestic abuse and to develop concrete parenting recommendations that account for the context and implications of abuse.

The Lives Our Families Deserve: A System-Change to Addressing Addiction in Child Welfare Cases
Rebecca Foley, J.D., MSW
FDTC Coordinator, Milwaukee County Family Drug Treatment Court
Hon. Mary Triggiano, J.D.
Presiding Judge, Children’s Court Division, Milw. Co.

Family Drug Treatment Courts (FDTC) are a non-adversarial, collaborative, cross-systems approach to addressing alcohol and drug addictions by parents in child welfare cases. Learn about best practices in FDTCs and the successes and challenges of the first Family Drug Treatment Court in the state of Wisconsin. Hear the voices of the participants and professionals involved in the Milwaukee County FDTC.

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Workshops

Sesame Street’s Little Children, Big Challenges Incarceration Initiative
Julie Poehlmann-Tynan, Ph.D.
Professor and Department Chair, UW-Madison School of Human Ecology

Leslie Shear, J.D.
Clinical Associate Professor, UW-Madison Law School and Director, Family Law Project at the Frank J. Remington Center

The incarceration of a parent can be challenging for both children and their caregivers. In this workshop, learn about Sesame Street’s initiative to help young children with incarcerated parents and their families. Dr. Poehlmann-Tynan served as an advisor to Sesame Street to develop and evaluate the materials.

Ethics: Dealing with the Difficult Client and Communication in the Digital Age
Sally Anderson, J.D.
Vice President - Claims, Wisconsin Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company

This workshop will explore ideas for dealing with difficult clients (a problem familiar to family practice lawyers) and issues created by the changes in how lawyers communicate with clients as a result of technology.

Curious about the conference faculty? Check out their bios here.
### Re-engineering Front-end Juvenile Justice Practices; Changing Trajectories of Youth through Alternative Strategies

**Denny Atherton, MA, LCSW**  
Technical Assistance Team Leader - JDAI, Annie E. Casey Foundation  
**Mark Mertens, MSW**  
Manager, Youth & Family Services Division, Outagamie Co.

Juvenile Justice Systems in Wisconsin and across the country are changing the way they initially assess and process referred youth. Research on adolescent brain development and the adverse impact of unnecessary detention has fostered the development of alternative strategies. This workshop focuses on proven practices that safely reduce our overreliance on detention and incarceration, with reduced system penetration and better outcomes for delinquent and dual status youth.

### Identifying, Understanding & Accounting for Domestic Violence in Child Custody Cases: Part 2 of 2

**Loretta M. Frederick, J.D.**  
Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, Battered Women’s Justice Project  
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### 2014 Statutory and Case Law Updates (offered both Thursday and Friday)

**Michelle M. Zaccard, J.D., Attorney**  
Walworth County Corporation Counsel  
**Molly J. Jasmer, J.D., Senior Attorney**  
Waukesha County Corporation Counsel

This seminar will review the 2014 published and unpublished case law relevant to Chapter 48. In addition, this seminar will provide a review of laws passed in 2014 affecting Chapter 48.

### Self-harm Behaviors in Children and Adolescents

**Peggy Scallon, M.D.**  
Clinical Associate Professor, Residency Training Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, UW School of Medicine and Public Health

In this session, Dr. Scallon will discuss an array of self-harm behaviors in children and adolescents.

### The Child Witness: Effectively Presenting Child Testimony

**Matt Torbenson, J.D.**  
Assistant District Attorney and Team Captain of the Child Protection & Advocacy Unit, Milwaukee Co. District Attorney’s Office

The focus of this presentation will be on how to effectively prepare and present child testimony; participants will learn about appropriate expectations for children in the courtroom, ways to prepare the child witness before testimony, and how to protect the child witness in the courtroom.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2014

### 9:00 a.m.  Plenary II: Protective Factors Through the Eyes of a Child Psychologist

**Marc Wruble, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, UW-Platteville; Director and Child Psychologist, Platteville Family Resource Center, Inc.**

This keynote presentation will identify, define, and make recommendations about how to effectively assess behavioral, cognitive, and emotional parenting protective factors, and combine them with child resilience factors to assess the goodness-of-fit between the parents’ competencies and the child’s needs.

### 10:30 a.m.  Break

### 10:45 a.m.  Workshops

**Heroin and the Connection to Prescription Narcotics**

**Kurt F. Klomberg, J.D.**  
District Attorney, Dodge County  
**Brian Prieve, Special Agent**  
WI Department of Justice

The presenters will discuss their experience in investigation and prosecution focusing on prescription opioids and heroin. The session will address how good citizens become addicted to opioids through pain management and eventually turn to heroin. Topics will include prevention, prescriptions disposal, opioid seeking behavior, and the scope of the problem.

### 4:15 p.m.  Conclusion of the First Day of Conference

### Delegation of Power by Parent, Minor Guardianship and Child Welfare: Understanding Legal Relationship Options, Permanency Options and Funding

**Danuta Kurczewski, J.D.**  
Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Wisconsin  
**Rändi L. Othrow, J.D.**

This workshop will delineate legal options available to third party caregivers to obtain legal rights to make medical, educational and other important decisions for children. It will provide an overview of 2014 changes to ways that parents can bestow caregivers with the power of attorney for care and custody. The workshop will explain current guardianship options under Wisconsin law clarifying legal differences between Chapter 54 and Chapter 48 guardianship and explaining funding sources for each type of guardianship.

### 12:15 p.m.  Lunch

### 1:15 p.m.  Workshops
Corporal Punishment: The Interconnect between Medical and Criminal Justice Issues
Amy Brown, MS, Sensitive Crimes Manager, Dane County District Attorney’s Office
Barbara Knox, M.D., Medical Director, University of WI Child Protection Program, American Family Children’s Hospital
This presentation will provide an overview of research regarding negative physical, psychological and development outcomes for children when parents use corporal punishment; present case examples of excessive corporal punishment; explore the roots of criminal child abuse in excessive use of corporal punishment; and discuss a new Dane County deferred prosecution program addressing racial disparities and corporal punishment.

Evidence-based Effective Parenting Programs
Marc Wruble, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, UW-Platteville; Director and Child Psychologist, Platteville Family Resource Center, Inc.
This workshop will identify empirically-based assessments to assess the health, functioning, and attachment of the child and parent, and then review treatment programs proven to improve children’s functioning, the parent-child relationship, attachment, and decrease the risk of child maltreatment.

Ethics: Confidentiality Issues around the Release and Exchange of Information
Stephanie M. Hopkins, J.D., Law Offices of Hopkins & Hopkins LLP
Gloria Marquardt, MSW, J.S., Health Information Supervisor, HIPAA Compliance Officer
Gretchen Viney, J.D., Clinical Professor, Director, Lawyering Skills Program, University of Wisconsin Law School
Join a spirited panel discussion on this complex topic. Bring your questions with you.

Information and Solutions to Help Families Struggling with Opiate Addiction: A Legal, Treatment and Personal Perspective
Kurt F. Klomberg, J.D.
District Attorney, Dodge County
Skye Tikkanen, MS, NCC, CSAC, LPC, CS-IT, Connections Counseling, LLC
Opiate addiction has been called an epidemic by the CDC. This workshop will provide a brief summary of the problem of opiate addiction in Wisconsin and will offer a wide range of solutions; from prevention and legal interventions to treatment and public health approaches. Families in recovery will share their personal struggles and how they reunited through recovery.

The Role of Men in Disadvantaged and Complex Families: Implications for Serving Fathers
Lonnie Berger, Ph.D., Professor of Social Work and Director of the Institute for Research and Poverty, UW-Madison
This presentation will consider disadvantaged men’s roles as partners/spouses and (biological or social) parents, including their involvement with children. It will focus on men’s transitions into and out of multiple family configurations and the implications of these transitions on family functioning, as well as whether and how policies might consider the multiple family roles that these men occupy at a given time and over the course of their lives.

2:45 p.m. Conclusion of Conference

"Through the Eyes of a Child” has been approved for 12 hours of Continuing Legal Education for use toward the Wisconsin mandatory CLE requirement. This total includes 3 Ethics and Professional Responsibility (EPR) hours, 12 Guardian ad Litem minor hours, 0 Guardian ad Litem adult hours, and 12 Guardian ad Litem family hours. Individual lawyers must report their hours of actual attendance on a timely filed CLE Form 1.
The Wisconsin Judicial Education Committee has approved this conference for 4 Judicial Education credits.
If you are a social worker, the subject matter of this program can be used toward your continuing education requirement.