



CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM FOSTERING HOPE AND INNOVATION: NEW POSSIBILITIES DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES

JUNE 8-10, 2021 | VIRTUAL EVENT

AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

9:00AM TO 10:30AM

WELCOME AND GENERAL SESSION

Fostering Hope

The 5th Annual CCR Conference will open with a keynote presentation by Casey Gwinn and Dr. Chan Hellman, co-authors of the award-winning book "Hope Rising: How the Science of Hope Can Change Your Life." Hope can be learned. Join us to find out how.

SPEAKERS:

Chief Steve Sentman, Orange County Probation Department and CPOC President

Casey Gwinn, Esq., President of Alliance for HOPE International

Dr. Chan Hellman, Director, The Hope Research Center

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 1: Fostering Hope: Putting the Science into Action

Were you inspired by keynote presenters Casey Gwinn and Dr. Chan Hellman? Are you wondering how to create a hope-oriented organization? In this breakout session, we will learn more from Casey Gwinn and Dr. Chan Hellman about the implementation of hope. We will also hear about how Shasta County is working to implement the science of hope throughout their county. Chief Tracie Neal will talk about becoming a Hope Navigator and how she has incorporated these skills into decision making and improving services within probation.

SPEAKERS:

Casey Gwinn, Esq., President of Alliance for HOPE International

Dr. Chan Hellman, Director, The Hope Research Center

Chief Tracie Neal, Shasta County Probation Department

Fernanda España, Program Assistant, Alliance for HOPE International



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TUESDAY, JUNE 8 CONTINUED

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 2: Home-Based Care: Supporting Foster Youth, Resource Parents and Foster Families Agencies

Youth impacted by foster care who are served and supported by probation need what all youth need – a loving home with unconditional support. How can probation departments and foster family agencies work together and bridge gaps in service delivery to expand home-based care for teenage youth? This session will focus on how this is being done by Alameda County Probation and Family Builders, FFA. How is this environment created and sustained once a resource parent is found? That takes partnership, patience, support and perseverance – all elements that can be cultivated with foster parent mentoring, collaboration, proper allocation of resources for ongoing support and commitment. Jennifer Rexroad will share what works in supporting resource parents with specific attention to youth served by probation.

SPEAKERS:

Adrienne Chambers, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Field Services, Alameda County Probation Department

Jill Jacobs, Executive Director, Family Builders

Jennifer Rexroad, Executive Director, California Alliance of Caregivers

MODERATOR:

Kim Suderman, LCSW; Consultant, County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) of California

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

9:00AM TO 10:30AM

WELCOME AND GENERAL SESSION

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Update

The California Department of Social Services will provide a high-level overview of where California is at in preparing for Part I (Prevention Activities Under Title IV-E) and Part IV (Ensuring the Necessity of a Placement that is not in a Foster Family Home) of FFPSA implementation. Casey Family Programs will highlight planning efforts from a national perspective. There will be two separate coffee and conversation sessions throughout the remainder of the conference that will allow participants to have open dialogue about Part I and Part IV of FFPSA.

SPEAKERS:

Chief Jennifer Branning, Lassen County Probation Department

Peter Watson, Senior Director, Technical Assistance Unit, Casey Family Programs

Kelly Winston, Bureau Chief, Child Welfare Policy & Program Development Bureau, California Department of Social Services

Lisa Witchey, Bureau Chief, Integrated Practices & Resource Development Bureau, California Department of Social Services

Alicia Bernstein, Manager, Provider Policy Unit, California Department of Social Services



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 CONTINUED

11:00AM TO 12:15PM

Coffee and Conversation – Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Part IV

Make sure to grab some coffee and join us! This informal session will allow for an opportunity for open dialogue with counties and the California Department of Social Services concerning Part IV (Ensuring the Necessity of a Placement that is not in a Foster Family Home) of FFPSA.

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 3: Macro to Micro: Strategies to Help Prevent Out-of-Home Placements

From the largest county in the nation to one of the smallest rural counties in California, Los Angeles County Probation Department and Calaveras County Probation Department will be co-presenting on universal principles of placement prevention efforts. Participants will learn about unique and exceptional strategies that are specific to each and every county in California. This session will provide an in-depth look at examples from two very different counties, as well as a robust, interactive discussion to highlight successes statewide.

SPEAKERS:

Chief Samuel Leach, Calaveras County Probation Department

Jeannette Miller, Deputy Probation Officer III, Calaveras County Probation Department

Kelli Whittle, Deputy Probation Officer III, Calaveras County Probation Department

Paul Vinetz, Bureau Chief, Los Angeles County Probation Department

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SESSION 4: Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) 101

In 1978, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was passed to protect the best interests of Indian children and promote the stability of Indian tribes and families by establishing minimum federal standards for the removal of Indian children and placement of Indian children. This session will highlight the unique issues that affect Indian children and the history behind the passage of the ICWA. Participants will learn more about the law and the ICWA's application in probation cases.

SPEAKERS:

Geneva Shaw, Training and Curriculum Development Director, California Tribal Families Coalition

Mica Llerandi, Advocacy and Policy Associate, California Tribal Families Coalition



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THURSDAY, JUNE 10

9:00AM TO 10:30AM

WELCOME AND GENERAL SESSION

Importance of Self-Care & Wellness

It is far too easy to put aside one's own self-care when work and home life require you to attend to everyone else. Thursday's keynote presenter will provide insight and practical skills about self-care and wellness. Building our own resiliency and maintaining a healthy life balance is critical to our collective work in California to improve the lives of foster youth and their families.

SPEAKERS:

Chief John Keene, San Mateo County Probation Department

Kelly Rath, Administrator of Equity & Wellness, Oregon Department of Corrections

11:00AM TO 12:15PM

Coffee and Conversation - Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Part I

Would you like to hear more about the county opt-in program for Part I (Prevention Activities Under Title IV-E) of FFPSA? Please be sure to grab some coffee and join us! This informal session will kick-off with the California Department of Social Services sharing some answers to frequently asked questions and afterwards participants will have the opportunity to have open dialogue concerning this component of FFPSA.

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 5: Addressing Service Gaps in California for Youth in Foster Care

At the beginning of this year, all out-of-state programs were decertified by the California Department of Social Services. This breakout session will look at key findings of why youth were originally placed out of state by county probation departments and some lessons learned during the process of returning youth back into California. This session will further explore the work that is presently being done to help address many of the service gaps for youth in foster care.

SPEAKERS:

Kevin O'Connell, Research Analyst, Chief Probation Officers of California

Leticia Galyean, Chief Operating Officer, Seneca Family of Agencies

Christine Stoner-Mertz, Chief Executive Officer, CA Alliance of Child and Family Services and the Catalyst Center

Alex Volpe, Program Manager, Catalyst Center

MODERATOR:

Dr. Adolfo Gonzales, Chief Probation Officer, Los Angeles County Probation Department



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THURSDAY, JUNE 10 CONTINUED

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 6: Educational Tips & Strategies for Supporting Youth as They Return to In-Person Education

The Los Angeles County Office of Education provides statewide technical assistance to help child welfare and probation departments improve educational outcomes among youth who are impacted by child services systems. This session will highlight a range of tips and strategies to consider as youth start to transition back to in-person education, including some of the entitlements they can access, best practices, and ways to recognize and address the additional trauma they may experience.

SPEAKERS:

Kimberly Faulkner-Camacho, M.S., P.P.S., Coordinator III, Technical Assistance Program, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program

Michelle Lustig, Ed.D, MSW, Program Director, Foster Youth Technical Assistance Program, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Elizabeth Clews, Youth Advocate, Students in Foster Care

Calli Oxford, Foster Youth Services Program Manager, Lassen County

MODERATOR:

Chief Jennifer Branning, Lassen County Probation Department

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