



CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION

FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE 2023

Pathways to Prevention and Wellness

 **JUNE 27 – 28, 2023**  **SACRAMENTO, CA**



AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

8:00am REGISTRATION

➤ *Ballroom A Foyer*

8:30am – 3:00pm PROVIDER FORUM

➤ *Ballroom A2 & A7*

9:00am – 9:10am WELCOME

Chief Jennifer Branning, Lassen County Probation Department;
President, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ *Ballroom A1*

9:10am – 10:25am KEYNOTE

BUILDING RESILIENCY IN THE YOUTH WE SERVE

Trauma is a force that affects all people in countless ways, including their professional lives. In this general session, through MelRo's experience, learn about how to lead our youth and families through a trauma informed lens to promote resiliency.

Speaker: MelissaRoshan "MelRo" Potter, MelRo's Voice LLC

Moderator: Stephanie Anderson, Probation Foster Care Specialist, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ *Ballroom A1*

10:25am – 10:45am BREAK

➤ *Ballroom A2 & A7*

10:45am – 11:45am GENERAL SESSION

VOICES OF THOSE WITH LIVED EXPERTISE - WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM FORMER JUSTICE INVOLVED YOUTH

This general session will highlight the voices of former probation youth in foster care, what was most impactful to them that led to their path to wellness and success. We will hear their important messages that can improve our work with young people today.

Panel: Youth Panel

Moderator: Chief Wendy Mondfrans, Lake County Probation Department

➤ *Ballroom A1*

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11:45am – 12:45pm **LUNCH**

 **Ballroom A1**

12:45pm – 2:45pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

 **LOVE OVER LABELS**

This breakout session is part of the Love Over Labels training that is provided by the Glenn County Office of Education. Often people label individuals because of their current or past behaviors rather than looking deep within the person and understanding their past trauma. This session will look at removing the stigma that youth in foster care carry and further look into providing a better support system for them to build resiliency. Part of the session will include a panel of current or former probation-supervised youth. They will share their experiences and provide feedback on how staff can better support youth in foster care.

Speaker: Leilani Miller, School Resource Specialist/Officer, Glenn County Office of Education
Youth Panel

Moderator: Chief Jennifer Branning, Lassen County Probation Department; President, Chief Probation Officers of California

 **Ballroom A3-A4**

 **KIN-FIRST AND FAMILY-CENTERED PRACTICES IN PROBATION**

This session will highlight methods and strategies to increase a youth's network of support by focusing on family finding efforts that help to keep youth connected with family members so they may remain with family in their communities. The session will include an overview of legal mandates for probation around family finding efforts and feature a panel of probation staff from around the state who will highlight their work at upfront family finding and the utilization of the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM) to support their family finding efforts. The session will conclude with a presentation by the Center for Excellence in Family Finding, Engagement and Support. The Center will share how they can assist probation departments in family finding efforts.

Panel: Paul Vinez, Bureau Chief, Placement and Child Welfare Services Bureau, Los Angeles County Probation Department
Jennifer Martinez, Assistant Division Director, Santa Cruz County Probation Department
Angie Schwartz, Deputy Director, California Department of Social Services
Stacey Jackson, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Siskiyou County Probation Department

Moderator: Robert Friend, Director of the National Institute for Permanent Family Connectedness (NIPFC)

 **Ballroom A5-A6**

 **THE 'INVISIBLE INJURIES' OF NEURODEVELOPMENTAL TRAUMA: WHAT IT MEANS AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT FOR SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH**

Pre-and-postnatal trauma exposure impacts the way in which a new brain organizes and develops. Trauma histories are strongly associated with youth with conduct problems whose 'visible' behaviors may consequently include impulsivity, chronic truancy, use of violence, risk-taking, substance abuse, emotional blunting, and a pattern of engagement that demonstrates a disregard for the rights of others. The persistence of maladaptive brain functions leaves many youth struggling to fit and belong.

Speakers: Dr. Kate Messina, PhD, LCSW, Wisdom PathWay Institute

Moderator: Chris Van Orden, Deputy Probation Officer II, Napa County Probation Department

 **Ballroom A8-A9**



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2:45pm – 3:00pm **BREAK**

 **Ballroom A2 & A7**

3:00pm – 4:50pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

★ UTILIZING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO MAXIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCCESS FOR YOUTH WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

This session will look at the various funding streams to support youth who are in foster care with complex needs. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will discuss the availability of Innovative of Model of Care (IMC) rates to support foster children and Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) with complex needs unable to be met in existing Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) programs. Also, CDSS will provide a high-level overview of two different state complex care funding resources: 1) county capacity building to address gaps within the continuum of care and 2) child-specific funding. Following CDSS' presentation, there will be a panel that will consist of Monterey, Riverside, and San Bernardino Probation Departments. They will share their experience submitting for and utilizing child-specific funds. This session will also include how to easily complete the child-specific request form. County probation departments are encouraged to come to this breakout session with a possible child-specific funding case scenario they have in mind. There will be Q&A to follow to assist in the child-specific submittal process.

Panel: *Michael Ford, Manager, Rates Oversight Unit, California Department of Social Services*
Ty Morgan, Manager, California Department of Social Services
Kyle Borg, Supervising Probation Officer, San Bernardino County Probation Department
Eric Raley, Division Director II, San Bernardino County Probation Department
Gregory Glazzard, Probation Division Manager, Monterey County Probation Department
Marlo Mendoza, Probation Service Manager, Monterey County Probation Department
Shannon Crosby, Division Director, Riverside County Probation Department

Moderator: *Stephanie Anderson, Probation Foster Care Specialist, Chief Probation Officers of California*

 **Ballroom A3-A4**

★ SUPPORTING YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE: CREATING A SUPPORT NETWORK FOR YOUTH TO THRIVE

This session will look at how probation and community-based providers support youth in foster care by maintaining connections to their family, natural supports, and their community. In this session attendees will hear how programs in three different counties are working together to support youth in foster care. Santa Barbara County Probation will discuss their Wraparound Program, Shasta County Probation will share their approaches to supporting foster youth while in an STRTP program and San Diego County based Voices for Children will discuss how their program serves youth in foster care by assigning CASA volunteers to youth who may be residing in an STRTP and Resource Family setting. The session will provide attendees with an opportunity to enhance their existing support efforts for youth in Foster Care or consider new approaches to increase support.

Panel: *Brittany Nelson, PsyD, RPT-S, Program Manager Wraparound/FURS, CASA Pacifica*
Jeremy Kenyon, Juvenile Division Director, Shasta County Probation Department
Kelly Grant Jones, Juvenile Justice Program Manager, Voices for Children, CASA Program, San Diego County
Alyssa Lowery, Deputy Probation Officer II, Juvenile Division, Shasta County Probation Department
Erin Cross, Probation Manager, Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Moderator: *Rob Doty, Consultant, Consultant, Chief Probation Officers of California; Retired Juvenile Division Director; Santa Cruz County Probation Department*

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★ UNDERSTANDING THE COURT PROCESS FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS (NMDS)

This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of AB 12 and the requirements and procedures related to extended foster care for probation supervised youth. Requirements for youth who remain wards under Welfare and Institutions section 602 past their eighteenth birthday will be addressed, and how this compares to youth under section 450 jurisdiction.

Speaker: Daniel Richardson, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Judicial Council of California

Moderator: Kathy Martinez, Consultant, Chief Probation Officers of California; Retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer; Santa Clara County Probation

➤ **Ballroom A8-A9**

4:50pm – 5:00pm **END OF DAY WRAP-UP**

Moderator: Stephanie Anderson, Probation Foster Care Specialist, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ **Ballroom A1**

5:00pm – 6:30pm **NETWORKING RECEPTION – SHERATON GRAND HOTEL, GRAND NAVE FOYER**

➤ **1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA (Directly across from the Convention Center)**

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7:30am **REGISTRATION**

➤ *Ballroom A Foyer*

8:30am – 8:40am **WELCOME**

Chief Tracie Neal, Shasta County Probation Department;
Juvenile Services Committee Chair, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ *Ballroom A1*

8:40am – 10:10am **KEYNOTE**

MANAGING AND UNDERSTANDING WELLNESS WHILE SUPPORTING FOSTER YOUTH - PART 1

Dr. Pickens, a national trauma expert and CEO & Founder of iOpening Enterprises, will highlight the importance of self-care and wellness in his keynote address as well as evidence-based practices for attendees to sustain staff wellness. This presentation will leave participants inspired, re-energized, and equipped to support foster youth in a trauma-informed way while taking care of themselves in the process!

Speaker: Dr. Isaiah Pickens, Chief Executive Officer, iOpening Enterprises

Moderator: Rosemary Lamb McCool, Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ *Ballroom A1*

10:10am – 10:30am **BREAK**

➤ *Ballroom A2 & A7*

10:30am – 11:45am **GENERAL SESSION**

DISCUSSION ON WELLNESS FOLLOWED BY SKILLS AND TOOLS FOR ADDRESSING SECONDARY TRAUMA - PART 2

This session shifts the focus to agency staff and provides strategies for managing stressors that impact staff's ability to effectively do their jobs. Participants generate and practice self-care strategies that can promote their health at work and in life. Strategies include identifying secondary traumatic stress and burnout, incorporating supervision processes that support staff who are involved in traumatic situations at work and how to sustain well-being through organizational strategies that proactively support staff.

Speaker: Dr. Isaiah Pickens, Chief Executive Officer, iOpening Enterprises

Moderator: Rosemary Lamb McCool, Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

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11:45am – 12:45pm **LUNCH**

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12:45pm – 2:45pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

★ **IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS:
FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY AS ONE PROVEN PREVENTION STRATEGY**

This interactive session will cover the stages of implementation strategies of evidence-based practices, challenges and how to overcome those through one county's experience implementing various EBPs. Participants will learn about the core phases of Functional Family Therapy as one therapeutic intervention proven to prevent further system involvement for youth of color and lessons learned applicable to any evidence-based program.

Speakers: Robert Edmisten, Probation Supervisor, Sacramento County Probation Department
Sasha-Noelle Udom, LCSW, Senior Consultant, Functional Family Partners

Moderator: Kathy Martinez, Consultant, Chief Probation Officers of California; Retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer;
Santa Clara County Probation

➤ **Ballroom A3-A4**

★ **GUIDELINES FOR TREATING AND SUPERVISING YOUTH WHO HAVE COMMITTED A SEXUAL OFFENSE**

Youth ordered into foster care sometimes require a specialized treatment program centered around their sexual offense and any trauma or victimization they may have previously suffered. At the end of 2022 the California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) released its report titled "Guidelines for Treating and Supervising Youth Who Have Committed a Sexual Offense" This breakout session will feature Dr. Heather Bowlds of CASOMB, outlining the report recommendations and review best practices for working with youth who have committed a sexual offense.

Speaker: Dr. Heather Bowlds, Director, California Division of Juvenile Justice, CASOMB Member

Moderator: Rosemary Lamb McCool, Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ **Ballroom A5-A6**

★ **PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION: WHAT EVERYONE
WORKING WITH YOUTH SHOULD KNOW**

A multitude of resources and programs exist to help foster youth achieve their academic goals. Many times, it's about knowing who and/or where to go to seek out the resources and what to ask for. This session will highlight various community college and four-year university programs and tuition assistance programs that you can help foster youth access as well as review the educational and vocational services available to probation foster youth via the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR).

Panel: Kellie Nadler, Regional Coordinator, Rising Scholars, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

Thalia Marroquin, Program Manager, NextUp, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

Colleen Ganley, Program Specialist, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

Aaron Michael Greene, Director, Project Rebound, California State University Sacramento

Mark Erlichman, Deputy Director, Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Division, California Department of Rehabilitation

Moderator: Chief John Keene, San Mateo County Probation Department

➤ **Ballroom A8-A9**

2:45pm – 3:00pm **CLOSING**

Moderator: Rosemary Lamb McCool, Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ **Ballroom A1**