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National Forum Set

HARRISBURG, April 28, 2008 - The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges are sponsoring a three-day National Forum on Children, Families and the Courts this week from Wednesday to Friday in Philadelphia.

The conference, to be held at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel, 17th and Race Streets, is expected to be attended by more than 300 judges, child protection workers, social workers, marriage and family counselors and other professionals whose work takes them into juvenile and family courts. The forum will feature many workshops, panel discussions and networking sessions.

Pennsylvania's Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille and Zygmunt A. Pines, court administrator of Pennsylvania, will make welcoming remarks at the forum's opening session on Wednesday. Later that day, Supreme Court Justice Max Baer and state Secretary of Public Welfare Estelle Richmond will participate with others in a panel discussion focusing on the courts and issues affecting abused and neglected children.

On Thursday, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell, also First Lady of Pennsylvania, and Andrew Susko, president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and others will participate in a program focusing on civics education for young people and helping young people build stronger ties to their communities.

Planning for the forum has been spearheaded by the Judicial Education Department of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts with support from Justice Baer and AOPC's Office of Children and Families in the Courts. The forum is open to the media.



COURSE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008

2:00 – 6:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION	Mezzanine Foyer
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	WELCOME RECEPTION	Horizon Rooftop Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITS	Mezzanine Foyer
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	Philadelphia Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	WELCOME AND CONFERENCE MISSION	Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

- ✧ **Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille**, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- ✧ **Zygmunt A. Pines, Esq.**, Court Administrator of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- ✧ **Judge Susan B. Carbon**, President, NCJFCJ, Concord, NH
- ✧ **Mary V. Mentaberry**, Executive Director, NCJFCJ, Reno, NV

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	NATIONAL FORUM CHILDREN'S SUMMIT: THE FOUR UNDERPINNINGS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR	Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)
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Faculty: **Horacio Sanchez**, President and CEO, Resiliency, Inc., Durham, NC

Presiding Officer: **Kenneth Horoho, Jr., Esq.**, Immediate Past-President, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Pittsburgh, PA

The complexities of human behavior continue to place the juvenile and family court systems into a quandary. In spite of extensive research in human behavior, social history, and emotional and cognitive assessment there still remains uncertainty in appropriate sentencing and evaluation of effective rehabilitation programming. Advancements in neurobiology and brain science can provide a significantly enhanced paradigm for understanding and predicting human behavior. This paradigm will provide greater certainty of the appropriateness of alternative sentencing and the evaluation of rehabilitation models.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	NETWORKING BREAK AND EXHIBITS	Mezzanine Foyer
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	THE FOUR UNDERPINNINGS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR: PANEL DISCUSSION AND RESPONSE	Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Justice Max Baer**, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA

Estelle Richman, Secretary, Department of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA

Reverend Dr. Alyn E. Waller, Senior Pastor, Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA

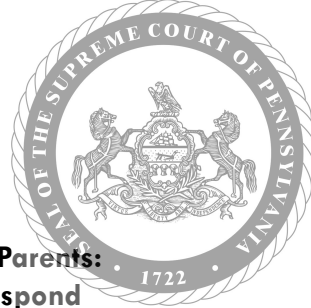
Salome Thomas-El, Principal, Russell Byers Charter School, Philadelphia, PA

Alba E. Martinez, J.D., President and CEO, United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

John A. Rich, M.D., M.P.H., Professor and Chair, Health Management and Policy Department, Drexel University School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA

Presiding Officer: **Frank Cervone**, Executive Director, Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia, PA

Leaders from various disciplines respond to the themes outlined by Dr. Sanchez in his keynote address. Also, the panel will address how various disciplines can work together to make children and families more resilient as they address adversity in their lives and issues both in and outside of the court system.



12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Horizon Rooftop Ballroom

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

**A-1 The Never Land of Never-Married Parents:
Why and How the Court Should Respond**

**Independence Ballroom
(Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Judge Karen Adam**, Pima County Superior Court, Tucson, AZ
Judge Stephen Rubin, Pima County Juvenile Court Center, Tucson, AZ
Presiding Officer: **Judge Dennis Kehm**, Retired, Festus, MO

By 2025, more than half of America’s children will be born to never-married parents, the majority of whom are over 25. This requires a paradigm shift for the courts and the supporting agencies, whose systems were designed for a family model which is no longer prevalent in our society. Simply doing the same things we’ve always done but substituting “never-married” for dissolution is not enough. This session will highlight the changing definition of family and current and future demographics. There will be a discussion of how never-married parents come to the court, what the special problems are, and how the court can more appropriately provide services to these families. Audience participation is encouraged and appreciated. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the issue and practical suggestions for handling these cases in and out of court.

A-2 Differentiating Domestic Violence from the Bench

Logans 2 (Lobby Level)

Faculty: **Judge Ramona A. Gonzalez**, La Crosse County, State of Wisconsin, La Crosse, WI
Judge Hugh Starnes, State of Florida, Twentieth Judicial Court, Fort Myers, FL
Presiding Officer: **Judge Susan B. Carbon**, President, NCJFCJ, Concord, NH

This workshop will focus on how judges might distinguish among the varieties of domestic violence, the implications for court-ordered sanctions and referrals to services, and the role of the court in making sure it has the information it needs to understand the dynamics going on in any given case featuring violence in an intimate relationship.

A-3 Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines

Salon 10 (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Judge Gayle Branum Carr**, Fairfax Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, Fairfax, VA
Presiding Officer: **Cheryl Lyngar**, Information Specialist, NCJFCJ, Reno, NV

Over the last 10 years there has been a renewed interest and focus on youth crime and how juvenile delinquency cases are processed in juvenile and family courts across the country. This workshop will provide an in-depth review and analysis of the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines and how implementation of the Guidelines will improve case processing of juvenile delinquency matters as well as improve outcomes for youth and families by utilizing evidence-based practices to promote system change and increase public safety.

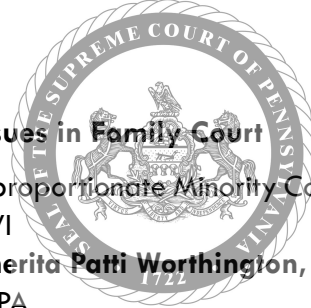
A-4 Court Automation: Information and Records

Salons 5 & 6 (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Judge Kim Berkeley Clark**, Administrative Judge - Family Division, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA
Richard McSorley, Esq., Philadelphia Municipal Court, Philadelphia, PA
Brian Dunbar, Esq., Deputy Director of the Children’s Court, Allegheny County Family Division, Pittsburgh, PA

Presiding Officer: **Judge Allen Slater**, 10th Judicial District Court, Div. 9, Olathe, KS

This session will discuss the experiences of the Allegheny County Juvenile Court in the implementation of their court automation system. The faculty will give a “live tour” of their e-filing system, and will demonstrate the court order process, outside e-filing, search functions and administrative functions.



A-5 Race, Diversity and Cultural Issues in Family Court **Salons 3 & 4 (Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Lindsey D. Draper**, Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator, Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, Madison, WI

Presiding Officer: **Judge Margherita Patti Worthington**, Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, Stroudsburg, PA

Just as the “face of America” has changed, so have the people receiving services through the judicial system. This workshop will examine the challenges facing Family Courts and practitioners in those courts, including cultural and language difficulties, the impact of immigration concerns, and challenges resulting from racial and ethnic differences.

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. NETWORKING BREAK AND EXHIBITS Mezzanine Foyer

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. WORKSHOPS

B-1 Safety for All: Improving Court Security **Salon 10 (Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Michael J. Valentine, Ph.D.**, Deputy Administrator, National Center for Judicial Security, Washington, DC

Michael Green, Judicial Security Inspector, U.S. Marshals Service, Wilmington, DE

John Muffler, Senior Inspector, Office of Protective Operations, U.S. Marshals Service, Philadelphia, PA

Presiding Officer: **Judge John E. Henriksen**, State of Delaware Family Court, Georgetown, DE

This presentation will discuss concepts of security in regards to the court system and the judiciary. Faculty will look at how security concepts are applied to individual court facilities, including perimeter security, access control and interior controls. Faculty will look at the use of closed circuit television, duress alarms, and other methods of security as they are incorporated into the day-to-day routine. Outside the courthouse faculty will discuss the application of security concepts to residences, routes of transportation and other areas. Security ideas will be discussed as to how participants can participate more in their own security. The concept of threat management will be examined. Who does the judiciary report threats to, how are they tracked or investigated? What kind of protection can be afforded to them in a time of emergency?

B-2 Interviewing Children **Logans 2 (Lobby Level)**

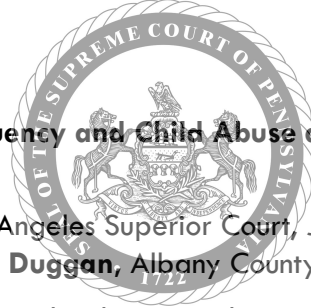
Faculty: **Judge Jane Pearl**, Family Court Supervising Judge, Kings and Richmond Counties, Brooklyn, NY

Tina Nixon, Executive Director, YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA

Steven V. Turner, Esq., Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Harrisburg, PA

Presiding Officer: **Judge Robert G. Bigham**, Court of Common Pleas of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA

This session will focus on the challenges involved in interviewing children and the impact of positive interviewing techniques. We will discuss issues including assessing the child, establishing trust and rapport, interviewing techniques and strategies, understanding fear and anxiety experienced by the child, and the impact of prior abuse experienced by the child.



B-3 The Link Between Juvenile Delinquency and Child Abuse and Neglect

**Salons 5 & 6
(Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Judge Michael Nash**, Los Angeles Superior Court, Juvenile Division, Monterey Park, CA
Presiding Officer: **Judge W. Dennis Duggan**, Albany County Family Court, Albany, NY

This workshop will address the relationship between the juvenile justice system and the child welfare system and how they can serve crossover youth through better communication, cooperation and coordination. It will also show how Los Angeles, one of the nation's largest jurisdictions, has attempted to incorporate these notions.

B-4 The Adolescent Brain

Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Horacio Sanchez**, President and CEO, Resiliency, Inc., Durham, NC
Presiding Officer: **Mary K. Kennedy, J.D., M.Ed.**, Judicial Education Specialist, Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, Mechanicsburg, PA

Some unique features of the adolescent brain – massive rewiring, chemical impact of puberty, and growing distinctions between the male and female brain – provide insight as to their thought process, emotions, and behaviors. In the same manner that the “Got Milk” ad campaign became synonymous with the need to drink milk for health throughout one’s life, a “Got Adolescent Brain” campaign might be needed in order to help adults understand why these individuals are so vulnerable throughout this phase of life. Come learn how they think, why they behave the way they do, and how to effectively reach the adolescent youth.

**B-5 Improving Outcomes for Pennsylvania’s Dependent Children:
The Family Group Decision Making/Juvenile Court Partnership**

**Salons 3 & 4
(Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Judge Todd A. Hoover**, Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Harrisburg, PA
Judge Charles Saylor, Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland County, Sunbury, PA
Peter Vriens, Director, Dauphin County Human Services, Harrisburg, PA
Patti Noss, Executive Director, It Takes a Village, Inc., Harrisburg, PA
Maryrose McCarthy, Administrator, Northumberland County Children & Youth, Sunbury, PA
Presiding Officer: **Sandy Moore**, Administrator, Office of Children & Families in the Courts, Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, Mechanicsburg, PA

Better outcomes for children require the coordination of social work practice, court leadership and involvement by those who provide care. This panel will discuss the innovative, inclusive, strength-based practice of Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) in the context of court-involved child welfare cases. Presenters will discuss the partnership that has developed between Pennsylvania’s Court Improvement Project and the Statewide FGDM Leadership Team which has significantly expanded this practice throughout the Commonwealth. Discussion will focus on the elements, values and processes of FGDM collaboration at a state and local level. This program is designed for participants who have basic knowledge of FGDM practice.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. PHILADELPHIA FAMILY COURT RECEPTION
(Walking maps available at registration desk)

Hosted by: **Judge C. Darnell Jones**, President Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, PA
Judge Kevin M. Dougherty, Administrative Judge - Family Division, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, PA



THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. EARLY BIRD ROUND TABLES** **Freedom Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)**
(Please see details on page 13)
- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND EXHIBITS** **Freedom Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)**
- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. THE RULE OF LAW AND OUR YOUTH: PENNCORD AND THE KEYSTONE PROGRAMS** **Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Judge Marjorie O. Rendell**, United States 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, PA
Andrew F. Susko, Esq., President, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Philadelphia, PA
Judge Ida K. Chen, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, PA
Grace Schuyler, Esq., Director, Government Affairs, Rite Aid, Camp Hill, PA
Myron Yoder, Allentown School District, Allentown, PA
Derrick L. Lopez, Pittsburgh Public School District, Pittsburgh, PA
The Chester High School Teen Court, Chester, PA

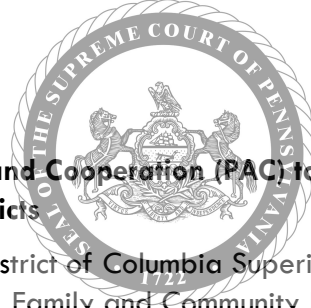
Presiding Officer: **Frank Cervone**, Executive Director, Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia, PA

Connecting youth to their communities and to the social systems that influence their lives provides them with tools necessary to successfully navigate the myriad challenges they encounter. Civics education for young people strengthens their community ties and encourages productive participation. This session will highlight model programs, curricular materials, and other resources that law and justice professionals can implement in their home communities.

- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. NETWORKING BREAK AND EXHIBITS** **Mezzanine Foyer**
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WORKSHOPS**
- C-1 One Family, One Judge, Five Courts** **Logans 2 (Lobby Level)**

Faculty: **Judge Karen Adam**, Pima County Superior Court, Tucson, AZ
Judge Stephen Rubin, Pima County Juvenile Court Center, Tucson, AZ
Presiding Officer: **Judge Dennis Kehm**, Retired, Festus, MO

This interactive session will explore the many ways in which family law, probate law, criminal law, mental health law, and juvenile law intersect. Separate proceedings lead to increased costs for litigants, conflicting court orders, and delayed permanency for children. The presenters will suggest simple ways to ensure that attorneys and families can avoid court appearances in multiple courts. Resources and references will be provided, including sample forms and links to on-line services and information.



C-2 Alternative Dispute Resolution:

Salons 3 & 4 (Lobby Level)

Using the Program for Agreement and Cooperation (PAC) to Resolve Divorce and Custody Conflicts

Faculty: **Judge Odessa Vincent**, District of Columbia Superior Court, Washington, DC
Darrell Hale, Branch Chief, Family and Community Programs, Washington, DC
Janice Buie, Manager, Child Protection Mediation Program, Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division, Washington, DC

Presiding Officer: **Judge A. Ellen White**, Campbell County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, Rustburg, VA

The Program for Agreement and Cooperation in Contested Custody Cases (PAC) is an education and mediation program that helps parents and other caretakers involved in a contested custody case understand the harm that conflict between them causes their children. Through participation in PAC, parents and other caretakers learn how to communicate positively, respectfully resolve their differences, and work together for the benefit of their children. The PAC program also includes a children's component for children ages 7-14. In the children's seminar, children receive education and instruction to help them with the stress they may be experiencing.

C-3 Ethical Issues in Family Court

Salons 5 & 6 (Lobby Level)

Faculty: **Judge Douglas Johnson**, Vice President, NCJFCJ, Omaha, NE

Presiding Officer: **Judge W. Dennis Duggan**, Albany County Family Court, Albany, NY

Juvenile and Family Court Judges are being called upon more and more to be problem-solvers, provide therapeutic jurisprudence, be involved in specialty courts, and be leaders in implementing Court reform and working with other community/court stakeholders. Participants will work on appropriate judicial demeanor, communication, leadership, hypothetical court problems, and how one might strategize to implement best practice reforms within the bounds of judicial canons. Additionally, participants will examine aspects of the American Bar Association's Judicial Code of Conduct Canon 4 (1990), which is now Canon 3 (2007), and a few other key areas.

C-4 ¿Qué Dijo? (What did he say?) Using Interpreters in Family Court

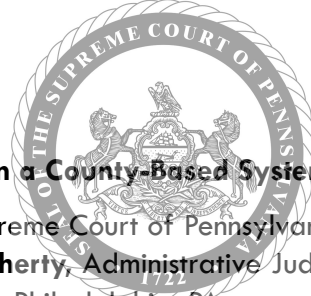
Salon 10 (Lobby Level)

Faculty: **Oswaldo R. Aviles**, Interpreter Program Administrator, Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, Philadelphia, PA

Judge Ida K. Chen, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, PA

Presiding Officer: **Judge John Lenderman**, Pinellas County, St. Petersburg, FL

The increase in linguistic diversity has brought about the need for facilitating communication. Interpreters are the link to accessing court services for persons of limited English proficiency. Working with interpreters in your courtroom requires an understanding of the interpretation process, heightened communication skills and sensitivity to the cultural aspects of a case. This workshop will present alternatives and strategies for making the most out of your use of interpreters.



C-5 Order Out of Chaos: Organizing Coherent Change in a County-Based System **Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Justice Max Baer**, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA
Judge Kevin M. Dougherty, Administrative Judge - Family Division, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, PA
Judge Carol Hanna, Court of Common Pleas of Indiana County, Indiana, PA
Judge Todd A. Hoover, Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Harrisburg, PA
Presiding Officer: **Sandy Moore**, Administrator, Office of Children & Families in the Courts, Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, Mechanicsburg, PA

Substantive and lasting change comes when those impacted are included in the change process. From this premise, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has led the State's Court Improvement Project through a unique infrastructure designed to allow for local input, regional collaboration, and statewide decision making. Pennsylvania's county driven system, combined with a history of individualism and local autonomy (67 counties and 60 judicial districts), poses unique challenges and opportunities in the creation of a unified child welfare system. The goal of Pennsylvania's efforts is to implement best practices throughout the Commonwealth, while preserving the autonomy and flexibility found in a county directed system. Challenges, opportunities and successes to date are highlighted.

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. LUNCHEON Horizon Rooftop Ballroom

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. WORKSHOPS

D-1 Child Development Salon 10 (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D.**, Psychologist, West Palm Beach, FL
Presiding Officer: **Judge Margherita Patti Worthington**, Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, Stroudsburg, PA

Research continues to inform judges, attorneys, mental health professionals and parents about the needs of children following divorce. This workshop will focus on the developmental needs of children, integrating that knowledge into useful parenting plans. A focus on joint physical custody will be included, as well as a focus on children's wishes and their suggestibility.

D-2 Taxation Issues in Family Law Cases Salons 5 & 6 (Mezzanine Level)

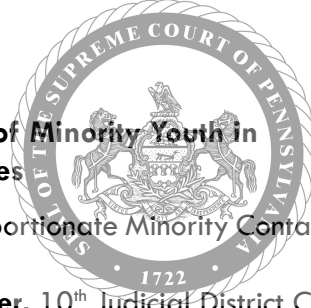
Faculty: **Judge John Lenderman**, Pinellas County, St. Petersburg, FL
Presiding Officer: **Judge John E. Henriksen**, State of Delaware Family Court, Georgetown, DE

This session is a primer on U.S. divorce taxation for family judges and lawyers. We will discuss the shifting of income rules for alimony; dependency exemptions; child care credits; and child tax credits. Federal ERISA rules will be explained for use and need of QDRO's.

D-3 Meth and Families: Parenting Risk and Meth Use – Promoting Resiliency in Children Birth to Three Salons 3 & 4 (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Judge Peggy Walker**, Juvenile Court of Douglas County, Douglasville, GA
Presiding Officer: **Judge David R. Workman**, Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County, Lancaster, PA

Recognizing indicators for meth use and knowing the impact of a caregiver's use of meth on children are necessary skills for judges and other professionals making recommendations and decisions about the placement and custody of children under age three. This session will also discuss practice implications for meeting the needs of our youngest and most vulnerable children.



D-4 Poverty and Over-Representation of Minority Youth in Dependency and Delinquency Cases **Logans 2 (Lobby Level)**

Faculty: **Lindsey D. Draper**, Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator, Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, Madison, WI

Presiding Officer: **Judge Allen Slater**, 10th Judicial District Court, Div. 9, Olathe, KS

The disproportionate representation of minority youth in child welfare and delinquency cases often demonstrates how much the two systems overlap. The workshop will include discussion of factors that have been identified as contributing to over-representation and the work that has been done to lessen the disproportionate representation in various systems.

D-5 The Unhealthy Truth: Health Care and Children in the Courts **Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Calvin B. Johnson, M.D.**, Secretary of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA
Carol E. Tracy, Esq., Executive Director, Women’s Law Project, Philadelphia, PA
Christine Trinkl Dougherty, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney, Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia, PA

Robin Mekonnen, Project Director, The Children’s Stability and Well Being Study, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Safe Place, Philadelphia, PA

Presiding Officer: **Melita J. Jordan**, Director, Bureau of Family Health, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Harrisburg, PA

Courts face many challenges when addressing the needs of children in foster care. This presentation addresses medical care services and care coordination for children placed in foster care. The “unhealthy truth” is that, while courts significantly contribute to the health and welfare of foster children, substantial health care issues persist within this population. Evidence of racial disparities compound an already complex issue. Discussion will focus on the systems of care needed to enhance health care delivery to the foster care population and on the importance of courts partnering with health and human service agencies.

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. NETWORKING BREAK AND EXHIBITS Mezzanine Foyer

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. WORKSHOPS

E-1 Child Development (continued) **Salon 10 (Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D.**, Psychologist, West Palm Beach, FL

Presiding Officer: **Judge Margherita Patti Worthington**, Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, Stroudsburg, PA

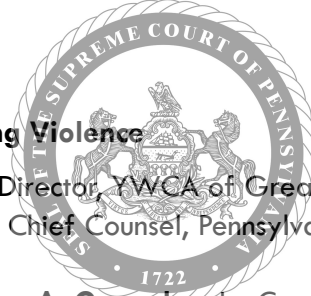
As a result of this presentation, participants can expect to learn what parents can do to help children adjust most easily to their divorce, including how to change how they consider the needs of children in divorce and how to take home a new understanding of children’s suggestibility.

E-2 On the Road Again: Resolving Relocation Cases Involving High Conflict Parents **Salons 3 & 4 (Mezzanine Level)**

Faculty: **Judge W. Dennis Duggan**, Albany County Family Court, Albany, NY
Judge Dennis Kehm, Retired, Festus, MO

Presiding Officer: **Judge Karen Adam**, Pima County Superior Court, Tucson, AZ

Of all family disputes, relocation-custody cases are the most difficult to resolve. This session will look at various techniques that can assist a judge in reaching settlements on all types of contested custody cases and focus on all the factors that go into getting the best outcome in a relocation case.



E-3 Modern Challenges: Teen Dating Violence Salons 5 & 6 (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Tina Nixon**, Executive Director, YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA
Steven V. Turner, Esq., Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Harrisburg, PA

Presiding Officer: **Judge Ramona A. Gonzalez**, La Crosse County, State of Wisconsin, La Crosse, WI

Teens are frequent victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Understanding the phenomenon and multiple level impact of teen dating violence will assist judges in assessing victims, witnesses and perpetrators both in the courtroom and throughout the juvenile justice system.

E-4 Using Problem-Solving Court Principles to Get Results Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Judge A. Ellen White**, Campbell County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, Rustburg, VA
Judge James Rausch, Bexar County, San Antonio, TX

Presiding Officer: **Judge Stephen Rubin**, Pima County Juvenile Court Center, Tucson, AZ

In this workshop, you will discover how you can help “break the cycle” of payment non-compliance by learning what problem-solving techniques are and how to implement them in the child support courtroom. A recent data collection study reveals that using problem-solving tools and techniques will positively impact child support collections while providing effective alternatives to incarceration.

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER RECEPTION
(Trolleys to begin leaving the 17th Street Exit of the hotel at 6:15 p.m.)

Hosted by: **The Pennsylvania Bar Association**

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. EARLY BIRD ROUND TABLES Freedom Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)
(Please see details on page 14)

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Freedom Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. WORKSHOPS

F-1 Self-Represented Litigants: Top 10 Dos and Don'ts Salons 5 & 6 (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Judge Judith L. Kreeger**, 11th Judicial Circuit Court, Miami, FL

Presiding Officer: **Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D.**, Psychologist, West Palm Beach, FL

Sixty-five percent of all family law cases filed in United States courts have at least one self-represented party. By the time those cases conclude, the proportion of self-represented litigants increases to 85%. This workshop will present ten “dos” and “don'ts” for judges, general masters and magistrates who face operational and ethical dilemmas when handling these cases.

F-2 Judicial Tools to Improve Court Practice in the Child Support Docket Salon 10 (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Judge A. Ellen White**, Campbell County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, Rustburg, VA
Judge James Rausch, Bexar County, San Antonio, TX

Presiding Officer: **Judge Karen Adam**, Pima County Superior Court, Tucson, AZ

This workshop will introduce three new tools developed by NCJFCJ to assist courts in establishing appropriate orders for financial and medical support and in integrating problem-solving techniques in child support cases.



F-3 Challenges in Mental Health Cases Logans 2 (Lobby Level)

Faculty: **Toni Heineman**, Executive Director, A Home Within, San Francisco, CA
Presiding Officer: **Cheryl Lyngar**, Information Specialist, NCJFCJ, Reno, NV

Psychological issues, ranging from the serious mental illness of a parent or child through allegations of parental alienation, raise complex questions for those working in juvenile, dependency, and family court. Often the underlying problems are masked by the anxiety stirred by the judicial process itself. In this workshop we will identify some key concepts and questions that can guide the courts in understanding and addressing the usual and unusual emotional stresses facing families during their involvement with the legal system.

F-4 What Doctors Want Judges to Know and What Judges Want Doctors to Know in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases Salons 3 & 4 (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Judge Cindy Lederman**, 11th Judicial Circuit Court, Miami, FL
Sarah Springer, M.D., Pediatric Alliance PC Southwestern Division; Uptown Pediatric Associates, Pittsburgh, PA
Presiding Officer: **Danielle Pugh-Markie**, Associate Project Manager, NCJFCJ, Reno, NV

Doctors are frequently called upon to offer expert testimony in child abuse and neglect cases. This session will “bridge the gap” between doctors and judges.

F-5 Collaboration Rocks Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

Faculty: **Marc Cherna**, Executive Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Pittsburgh, PA
Judge Kim Berkeley Clark, Administrative Judge - Family Division, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA
Cynthia K. Stoltz, Esq., Administrator, Allegheny County Children’s Court, Pittsburgh, PA
Presiding Officer: **Kenneth Horoho, Jr., Esq.**, Immediate Past-President, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Pittsburgh, PA

Learn how unprecedented collaboration among the Department of Human Services, the Court, stakeholders and community partners has succeeded in transforming the Allegheny County child welfare system into a national model. Collaborative synergy, initially forged to deal with a crisis, continues to this day, focusing on superior permanency outcomes for children and their families.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. NETWORKING BREAK Mezzanine Foyer

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

Presiding Officer: **Frank Cervone**, Executive Director, Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia, PA

11:30 a.m. EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT Independence Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

EARLY BIRD ROUNDTABLES



Join our outstanding facilitators and fellow participants for an open and informative discussion of the topics listed below.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008, 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Freedom Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

- *Resources for Problem-Solving Family Courts*
- *Sharing Ideas for Managing High Conflict Family Law Cases*
- *Hot Tips for Managing Expanding Caseloads*
- *The Philadelphia Grow Project*

Resources for Problem-Solving Family Courts

Facilitator: **Judge Allen Slater**, 10th Judicial District Court, Div. 9, Olathe, KS

Problem-solving courts focus on creating a continuum of services for individuals who have a chronic involvement with the justice system because of medical or social problems. These courts seek to use their authority to bring about positive social change. Problem-solving courts include drug courts, mental health courts, gun courts and other specialized courts. This session will assist you in finding resources when starting a problem-solving court or to help in your existing court.

Sharing Ideas for Managing High Conflict Family Law Cases

Facilitator: **Judge Karen Adam**, Commissioner, Pima County Superior Court, Tucson, AZ

If you hear family law cases, you know that sitting on a family law bench can be an extremely challenging assignment as you are called upon to make decisions that will impact families for the rest of their lives. High conflict cases may involve the dissolution of marriage, child custody and visitation, child support and other family issues. Come and share your ideas and suggestions on how to effectively manage the most complex issues in domestic relations.

Hot Tips for Managing Expanding Caseloads

Facilitator: **Judge Judith Kreeger**, 11th Judicial Circuit Court, Miami, FL

As the economy declines, heightened stresses fracture families, driving them into family court. At the same time, state court budgets are strained, leaving judges to do more with less resources. At this roundtable we will share “hot tips” about managing expanding caseloads to decide difficult issues during these difficult times.

The Philadelphia Grow Project

Facilitators: **Katherine Adam**, Philadelphia GROW Project, Philadelphia, PA
Jennifer Breaux, Philadelphia GROW Project, Philadelphia, PA

The Philadelphia GROW Project is a team of public health researchers who carry out evidence-based research to inform policy decisions that can prevent child hunger and promote children’s health. Data is gathered from caregivers seeking services for children under age three at St. Christopher’s Hospital in North Philadelphia. The team follows up with families identified as experiencing hunger to help them gain access to food assistance, public assistance programs, social services, job training programs, or free legal assistance. The Philadelphia GROW Project will speak about the physical, emotional, and cognitive effects of hunger on young children in Philadelphia, as well as address the barriers families face accessing these vital services.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008, 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.



Freedom Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

- *Relocation, Child Custody and Visitation Issues*
- *Ich Bin Ein Berliner*
- *Mental Health Issues that Keep You Awake at Night*
- *Juvenile Sex Offenders – Registration and Treatment*

Relocation, Child Custody and Visitation Issues

Facilitators: **Judge W. Dennis Duggan**, Albany County Family Court, Albany, NY
Judge Dennis Kehm, Retired, Festus, MO

The purpose of this roundtable discussion is to provide an open forum on issues relating to user friendly family courtrooms. Judges Duggan and Kehm will answer follow-up questions from their joint presentation on Relocation as well as custody problems in high conflict cases. It is hoped that all participants in this discussion will contribute and gain new insight in lowering anxiety levels and weathering these storms.

Ich Bin Ein Berliner

Facilitator: **Judge Ida K. Chen**, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, PA

“ICH BIN EIN BERLIN,” exclaimed President John F. Kennedy on June 26, 1963 at the Rudolph Wilde Platz near the Berlin Wall. But what did he really say? What was the message he was trying to convey? Come to the informal round table discussion and share your thoughts and experiences with Judge Ida Chen who speaks Mandarin with a Philadelphia accent on how the courts can work with diversity, language, multiculturalism, interpreters and translators, in order to ensure equal access to justice.

Mental Health Issues that Keep You Awake at Night

Facilitator: **Toni Heineman**, Executive Director, A Home Within, San Francisco, CA

What are the mental health issues that keep you awake at night? Parental Alienation, Substance Abuse, Borderline Personality Disorder, ADHD, Early Onset-Bipolar Disorder, Reactive Attachment Disorder--are they real or used for legal advantage? Bring your questions and answers to breakfast to share with your colleagues. Dr. Toni Heineman, a psychologist with 30 years of experience in and around the court system will moderate the conversation about the confusions and how we can help each other live with them.

Juvenile Sex Offenders - Registration and Treatment

Facilitator: **Judge John E. Henriksen**, State of Delaware Family Court, Georgetown, DE

The group will discuss the effects of sex offender registration and notification requirements for juvenile sex offenders on public safety and on juvenile rehabilitation efforts, noting the recent addition of Adam Walsh federal legislation, and how we as judges and participants in the juvenile justice system should be approaching this issue. The discussion will include consideration of whether a juvenile when turning 18 should be able to expunge his or her juvenile sex offender record, as well as whether to do so should cause the removal of the name of the juvenile from the sex registry and notification requirements under state and possible federal law.