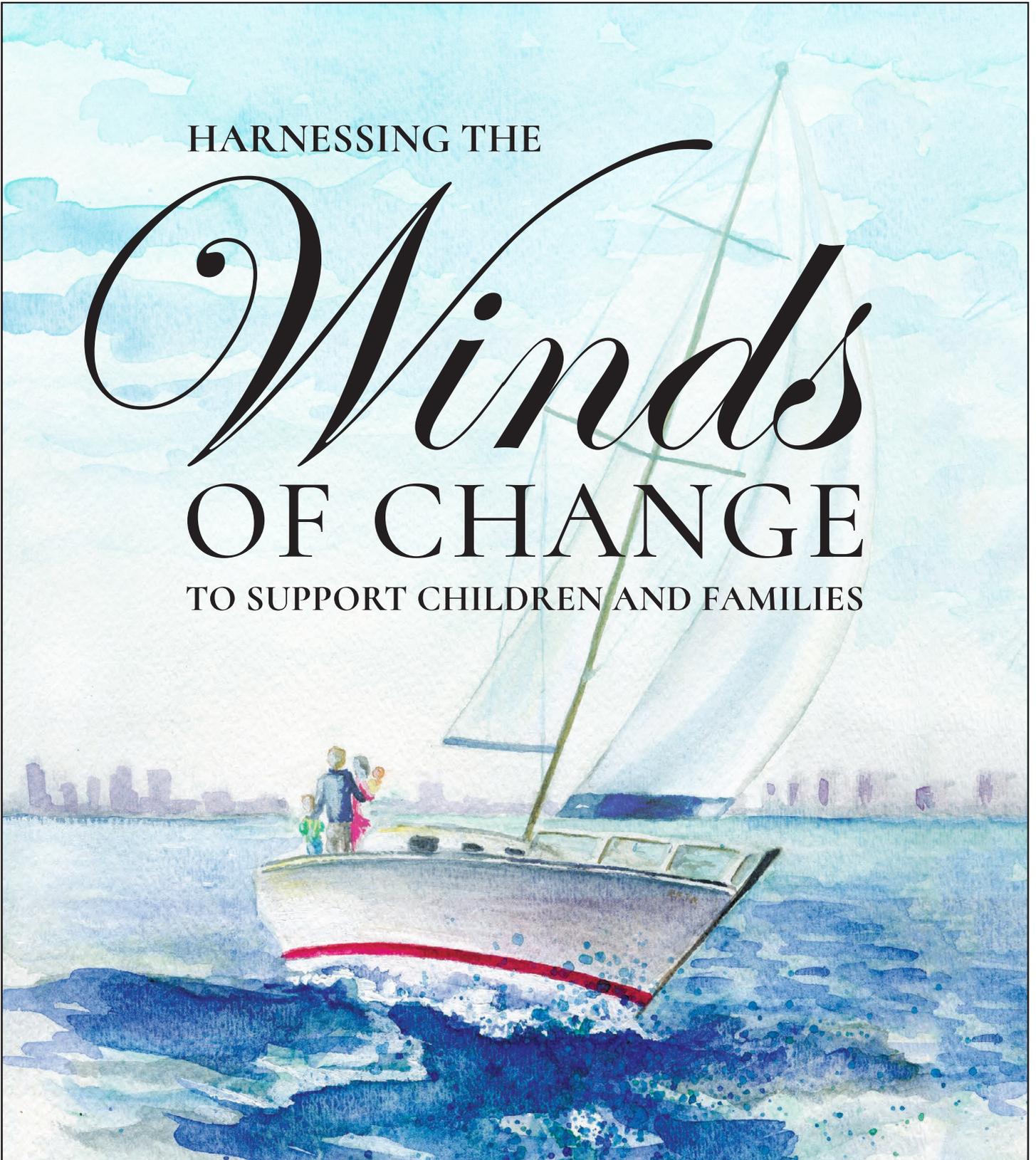


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Welcome to the FFTA 31st Annual Conference!

The theme for this year's conference is "Harnessing the Winds of Change" which is a reflection of the on-going changes occurring both in our field and here at FFTA. Our goal for this conference is to offer you the tools and skills needed to "harness" these changes and continue to improve the lives of the children and families we serve. At last year's conference, FFTA proudly announced an expanded focus on family-based treatment in addition to our continuing focus on Treatment Foster Care. This change reflects the belief our members share that treatment within a family—whether that family is a kin family, a foster family, a bio family or an adoptive family—provides the best opportunity for children and families to thrive and be successful.

This year's conference will bring together over 700 leaders and professionals from across North America to share knowledge, inspire each other and network. We are honored to provide a forum where we come together as professionals serving hundreds of thousands of children, adults and families in a shared mission of impacting the cycle of abuse, neglect and trauma affecting those we serve.

The workshops and speakers have been chosen to provide you the opportunity to learn and experience effective models of care as well as new and emerging best practices in family based treatment.

We are excited to be in the great city of Chicago and hope that you take advantage of everything the city has to offer. Many of Chicago's best attractions are close by for you to enjoy as you catch up with friends and colleagues.

Thank you for being part of the FFTA conference this year.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone involved in the provision of family-based treatment services, or who has an interest in the field, including:

- CEOs and Executive Level Staff
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- Supervisors and Administrative Staff
- Researchers and Evaluators
- Case Managers and Line Staff
- Social Work Professors and Students
- Board Members
- Foster Parents

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ABOUT FFTA

The Family Focused Treatment Association (FFTA), established in 1988 as the Foster Family-based Treatment Association, is the leading advocate for the development, evaluation, recognition, and funding of family-based treatment services for children and youth with emotional, behavioral, developmental, or medical needs. FFTA's membership of over 450 agencies provides an array of child welfare and mental health services to over 500,000 vulnerable children and youth each year, in nearly every state and Canadian province. In carrying out its mission to *strengthen agencies that provide family focused treatment services*, FFTA promotes program standards; provides cutting edge resources, technical assistance and professional development opportunities; encourages research and evaluation; supports grassroots advocacy; and inspires the development of evidence-informed practices.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Saturday, July 15, 2017	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	FFTA Council of Chapter Chairs' Meeting
Sunday, July 16, 2017	11:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Conference Registration
	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Refreshment Break
	3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Opening Session , Speaker: Sixto Cancel <i>Sponsored by Casey Family Programs</i>
	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	FFTA Committee and Chapter Meetings
Monday, July 17, 2017	7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Conference Registration
	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health</i>
	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Address , Speaker: Bryan Samuels <i>Sponsored by The MENTOR Network</i>
	10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break
	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Banquet Luncheon (<i>RSVP required – see registration form for details</i>) <i>Co-sponsored by The Bair Foundation, Pressley Ridge, Lilliput Families and KVC Health Systems</i>
	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break <i>Sponsored by Youth for Tomorrow</i>
	3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Nonmember Refreshment Break
	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	FFTA Chapter Development Workshop
	5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Foster Parent Reception <i>Sponsored by Family Care Network, Inc.</i>
Tuesday, July 18, 2017	7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Conference Registration
	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by our Conference Exhibitors</i>
	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Refreshment Break <i>Co-sponsored by CARF International, Centerstone and Dominos</i>
	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Optional Networking Luncheon, Speaker: Gerald Nebeker, Ph.D. <i>Sponsored by Casey Family Programs (additional fee – see page 27 for details)</i>
	1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	2:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Board of Directors' Meeting
	3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break <i>Co-sponsored by The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and The Children's Shelter</i>
	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Open Evening Meeting, Speaker: Amelia Franck Meyer, MS, MSW
Wednesday, July 19, 2017	7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by The Annie E. Casey Foundation</i>
	8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break
	10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Concurrent Workshops
	11:45 a.m.	Conference Adjourns



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To make reservations, call **(888) 421-1442**. You must identify yourself as an attendee of the “FFTA” conference in order to get the discounted rate. Alternatively, make your reservations on-line at www.ffa.org/conference-hotel. Reservations must be made **no later than June 23, 2017**, or before the “room block” becomes full to receive the conference discount. Remember to inquire about the hotel’s deposit and cancellation policies when making your reservation.

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Chicago has developed a reputation as a must-visit destination for diners. In fact, Chicago is one of only three cities in the country to have its culinary chops rated by the prestigious Michelin Guide. With incredible shopping on The Magnificent Mile, world premiere performances in its famed Theater District and one of the country’s most active nightlife scenes, this city is always buzzing. Chicago also vaunts more than 60 museums and five regional Tony Award-winning theaters. Chicago is home to two baseball teams including World Series champions, the Chicago Cubs.

Millennium Park, deep dish pizza and Wrigley Field are all compelling enough reasons to visit Chicago, but the city’s most endearing quality is its people. Chicago’s neighborhoods represent more than 100 countries and it’s through this diversity and profound city culture that it has the country’s best restaurants, theaters and museums. Enjoy your visit to Chicago! Plan your visit at www.choosechicago.com.



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SUNDAY, July 16 | MONDAY, July 17



OPENING SESSION

Sixto Cancel

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

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Transforming Practice

Sixto Cancel is the founder and CEO of Think of Us, a non-profit dedicated to leveraging technology to improve the life outcomes of youth aging out of the foster care system. Cancel was selected as Forbes Top 30 Under 30 Social Entrepreneurs in 2017. He has been recognized by the White House as a White House Champion of Change, a Millennial Maker by BET, and was named one of the Top 24 Changemakers in government under 24 in the country by the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council and SparkAction. He has participated in several White House briefings around technology, foster care and LGBTQ issues. In the spring of 2016, Cancel and his team co-organized and executed the first White House Foster Care and Technology Hackathon. Since 2010, he has served as a Young Fellow at Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, where he has worked on youth engagement, asset development and permanency. Currently, he leads a working committee that focuses on the learning of vulnerable youth demographics for Dell. Cancel is one of the executive panel members on the National Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Neglected or Delinquent Children and Youth. Additionally, he is serving as a consultant for the Children's Bureau Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative via the Centers for States. System transformation has often been an administrative burden and has not always shown clear results. Today's political climate is forcing agencies to think differently about their administrative work. How do we have radical transformation of system practice with limited resources and constant resistance to change? This presentation will provide practical examples, moving stories, analysis of myths and pitfalls, and concrete steps your agency can take to leverage technology, data and multimedia to transform the way you help people build permanency and develop your clients' ability to thrive.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Bryan Samuels

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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Bryan Samuels

Evidence-based Policy and Practice in Child Welfare

Bryan Samuels is the Executive Director of Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, one of the nation's leading research and policy centers focused on improving the well-being of children and youth, families, and their communities.

Under Samuels' leadership, Chapin Hall has continued to build its reputation as a center for excellence in data analysis, innovative research, and policy expertise. He has also helped establish Chapin Hall as a national leader on issues ranging from child well-being to youth homelessness.

Before joining Chapin Hall, Samuels was appointed by President Barack Obama as Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), making him from 2010-2013 the highest-ranking federal child welfare policymaker in the country. As ACYF Commissioner, he emphasized the importance of child well-being and the use of data-driven approaches to improve the welfare of vulnerable children and youth. Samuels has over twenty years of experience in child welfare, including having served as the Chief of Staff of Chicago Public Schools under Arne Duncan and as Director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. He was also a lecturer at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration from 1997 to 2003. Samuels has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame and a master's from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.

Child welfare is a rapidly changing field. Much of this change is driven by efforts to integrate research evidence into policy-making and service delivery. In his keynote presentation, Samuels will discuss how these changes affect provider agencies and their frontline staff. What are federal and state agencies doing to integrate research evidence into their requirements? What is the most relevant research evidence for practitioners? Calling on his experience as the federal government's leading policymaker in child welfare, Samuels will address these questions and discuss how Chapin Hall is working with state, county and private agencies to effect change.

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A1 Primal Leadership: The Intersection of Emotional Intelligence, Trauma-Specific, and Effective Leadership Presenters: D. Grebenik, M. Klemp-Johnson	CLIN, SM	I, A	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
A2 Designing, Implementing and Supporting Behavior Management Techniques in Home Settings Presenter: A. Kennedy	CLIN	A, S	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
A3 Understanding and Healing Trauma: An Orientation to TBRI® Presenters: J. Crewes, A. Purvis	CLIN	I, A	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
A4 Millennials in the Workplace – Talkin’ Bout my Generation Presenter: B. Pattullo	ADM	I	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
A5 Partnering for Permanency: How Agencies Can Help Waiting Foster Children Presenters: B. Clarke, B. Hill	ADM, CLIN	I	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
A6 Addressing Suicide Risks in the LGBTQA Population Presenters: T. Titus, M. Galbreath	ADM, CLIN	I, A	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
A7 The Healing Power of Relationships Presenters: C. Goins, A. Harris, L. Stewart	ADM, CLIN	I, A, S	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
A8 Preventing Maltreatment Before it Occurs is Within Our Reach Presenters: A. Templeman, A. Harfeld	ADM, SM	I, A, S	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

A1 Primal Leadership: The Intersection of Emotional Intelligence, Trauma-Specific, and Effective Leadership

CLIN, SM/I, A

Building on an understanding of trauma-specific concepts, this presentation will incorporate emotional intelligence and leadership concepts to create effective leadership strategies. Practical suggestions will be discussed on how to utilize reflective supervision and the characteristics of emotional intelligence in leading a team, agency and industry.

Debi Grebenik, MSW, Ph.D., and Margot Klemp-Johnson, MA, Alia Innovations

A2 Designing, Implementing and Supporting Behavior Management Techniques in Home Settings

CLIN/A, S

The process of assessing, designing and implementing behavior management techniques in a home setting takes informed assessment, individualized methods and multi-linear analysis. This presentation will use the methods of Israel Golddiamond, Ph.D., to provide strategies for implementation in a therapeutic foster family, which is much like a natural system. Learn how to provide a behavior analytic assessment that informs behavior supports in a more naturalistic way.

Anne Kennedy, MA, BCBA, RISE Services

A3 Understanding and Healing Trauma: An Orientation to TBRI®

CLIN/I, A

Trust Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) is an evidence-based parenting model rooted in research, tempered by humanitarian principles. TBRI® addresses relationship-based traumas such as institutionalization, multiple foster placements, maltreatment and neglect. Participants will learn about: Early trauma factors which impact long-term development; The impact of trauma on brain development and neurochemistry, therefore impacting behavior; How trauma influences attachment; and evidence-based parenting tools to dissolve behaviors, support attachment and help children heal.

Jill Crewes, MSW and Amanda Purvis, BSW, The Adoption Exchange

A4 Millennials in the Workplace — Talkin’ Bout my Generation

ADM/I

Presented in an interactive, fun lecture format, we will discuss the varying generations, from the Silent Generation to Millennials and beyond. Experiences and events that shaped the way each generation views success and happiness will be explored. We will conclude by exploring how organizations can embrace the differences and strengths of each generation to work toward a vibrant, flourishing working environment.

Betsy Pattullo, MS, LBSW, LCPAA, Arrow Child and Family Ministries

A5 Partnering for Permanency: How Agencies Can Help Waiting Foster Children

ADM, CLIN/I

During this workshop you will hear from both a public child welfare professional and a director of a private, older child adoption program. Explore how private adoption agencies and public child welfare agencies can effectively partner with each other to find permanent and loving adoption families for waiting children.

Beverly Clarke, The Barker Adoption Foundation; Brandi Hill, Prince George’s County Department of Social Services

A6 Addressing Suicide Risks in the LGBTQA Population

ADM, CLIN/I, A

In June of 2014, Tiffany began his transition to Tyler in both his personal and professional life. Tyler struggled with depression and suicidal ideation prior to and during his transition. Learn how those in the helping profession can address suicidal risks in the LGBTQA population. This workshop will empower clinicians, placing agencies and foster parents with tools necessary to support LGBTQA children in their care. Tyler is a therapist who works with children placed in therapeutic foster care and has used his experience to advocate for change for LGBTQA youth.

Tyler Titus, LPC, Harborcreek Youth Services; Miranda Galbreath, LPC, Albion State Prison



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SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENT BREAK 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

A7 The Healing Power of Relationships

ADM, CLIN/I, A, S

Relationships are absolutely necessary for any of us to survive, learn, work, love and procreate. The most important gift you can give your child is the capacity to form and maintain relationships. This workshop will focus on helping you become more attuned so that you can help families and children become more attuned to building healthy attachments.

Cynthia Goins and Amber Harris, Bridgn Gaps, LLC; Lawanda Stewart, LISW-S, Life Start

A8 Preventing Maltreatment Before it Occurs is Within Our Reach

ADM, SM/I, A, S

In March 2016, the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities issued recommendations in the seminal report, “Within Our Reach.” Since then, the federal government and over 30 jurisdictions have acted to implement the Commission’s strategy. What can we learn from the action at the federal, state and local levels? How can we drive changes that will save children’s lives now and start to advance the fatality prevention plans needed to diminish the reach of this preventable tragedy?

Amy Templeman, Alliance for Strong Families and Communities; Amy Harfeld, Children’s Advocacy Institute



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FFTA WORKSHOP OVERVIEW MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

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Code • Workshop	Track	Level	Time
B1 Challenging Behavior: How Can ABA Help our Youth? Presenters: C. Norris, S. Buchanan	ADM, CLIN	A, S	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B2 Dynamic-Adaptive Leadership in Chaotic, Uncertain Times Presenter: J. Roberts	ADM, SM	A, I	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B3 Partnering with Treatment Parents: Retention-Focused Performance Evaluations Presenters: A. Strickler, A. Trunzo, E. Crisp, M. Allan	ADM, RES	I, A, S	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B4 “Leave Me Alone... Wait, Come Back!” Rubber-Band Relationships with Children in Foster Care Presenter: S. Parse	CLIN	I	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B5 Improving Fidelity to Trauma-informed Care Using the Trauma-informed Agency Assessment Presenters: K. Olson, R. Culp	ADM, SM	A	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B6 Training Ain’t Learning Presenters: Z. Duffy, M. Bernard	ADM, CLIN	I	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B7 Developing Successful Partnerships with Kinship Families Presenter: D. Garron Lewis	CLIN	I, A	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B8 Which Families? All Families. Presenters: M. Murray, D. Bartosik, T. Holahan	CLIN	I	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B9 Solutions-based Journalism as Advocacy for Children in Care Presenters: D. Heimpel, B. Curiel, K. Phagan-Hansel	ADM	I	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B10 Collaborative CQI: Unleashing the Power of Highly Engaged Staff Presenters: S. Shimshock, M. Claps	CLIN	I, A, S	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B11 Implementing Sexual Exploitation Prevention Education Through a Trauma-informed Lens Presenters: K. Casey, A. Flood, C. Keys	CLIN, SM	I, A	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B12 Young Leader Panel Presenters: FosterClub All-Stars	CLIN	I, A, S	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
B13 High Performance Management: Managing Change Presenters: E. Strickland, A. Deakin	ADM, SM	I, A	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
B14 Meaningful Use of the CANS/Attachment Regulation Competency (ARC) Mapping Tool in Treating Complex Trauma Presenters: N. St. Jean, K. Leffler, The Hawkins’, D. Lowery	ADM, CLIN	A	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
B15 The Art and Necessity of Strategic Planning Presenter: F. Crawford, Jr.	SM	A, S	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
B16 Teaching a Fish to Climb: Transforming your Mindset to Meet the Needs of Children Presenters: J. Van den Brink, K. Bryan	ADM, CLIN	I	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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B17 Wearing Trauma Glasses: What Does It Mean to Be Trauma-informed? Presenters: M. Lunka, D. Wallschlaeger	CLIN	I, A	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
B18 Data to Strengthen the Change and Healing Process Presenters: R. Vernetson, B. Stephens	ADM, CLIN	I, A	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
B19 Trauma-informed Supervision: Introspection, Reflection and Situational Leadership in Foster Care Presenter: C. Cave	ADM, CLIN	A	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
B20 Parenting In OZ: A Trauma-informed Parenting Training Presenter: R. Van Leeuwen	CLIN	I, A, S	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
B21 What Fires Together Wires Together: Understanding and Managing Complex Trauma Presenter: P. Van Eys	CLIN	A, S	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
B23 RPC Trauma Training for Foster Parents: A Collaborative Implementation Effort Presenters: D. Clevenger, K. Peterson	CLIN	I	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
B24 Achieving Mission - A Business Perspective Presenter: M. Duarte	SM	I	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
B25 FFTA's Transformational Collaborative Outcome Management (TCOM) Learning Community Presenters: P. Brylske, M. Lardner, C. Kiesel, S. Shimshock	ADM, CLIN	A	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
B26 Building Kinship Competency in the Context of Strong Public/Private Partnerships Presenters: K. Alvord, B. Johnson	ADM	I	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
B27 Getting Solid Presenters: FosterClub All-Stars	CLIN	I, A, S	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
B28 Caring for Substance Exposed Kids Presenter: S. Blythe	CLIN	I, A	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
B29 Improving Treatment Parent Satisfaction through Assessment, Benchmarking and Collaboration Presenters: J. Mihalo, K. Celedonia, A. Strickler	ADM, RES	I, A, S	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

B1 Challenging Behavior: How Can ABA Help our Youth?

ADM, CLIN/A, S

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) has long been used to effect behavior change. Learn about ABA and how the SOAR program at Creative Community Services is using this scientific approach to reduce problem behavior and produce socially significant change for youth in and out of foster care.

Courtney Norris, MSED, BCBA and Sally Buchanan, Creative Community Services

B2 Dynamic-Adaptive Leadership in Chaotic, Uncertain Times

ADM, SM/I, A

America has crossed a threshold of change with significant potential consequence for our human services industry. Whether working in the private or public sector, we are facing political, fiscal, public policy and practice model challenges — so what do we do? This workshop is designed to provide executives and administrators a fresh perspective on leadership, and tools to successfully navigate the stormy waters of change. We will cover the characteristics of effective leaders, a description of Dynamic-Adaptive Leadership, the process of Dynamic-Adaptive Leadership, implementing Dynamic-Adaptive Leadership and conducting an assessment of Dynamic-Adaptive Leadership strengths for yourself and other leaders within your organization.

Jim Roberts, Family Care Network, Inc. (FCNI)

B3 Partnering with Treatment Parents: Retention-Focused Performance Evaluations

ADM, RES/I, A, S

Review results from a study examining the effectiveness of using retention-focused performance evaluations with treatment parents. A randomized control trial was used to determine if the evaluation would increase satisfaction, empowerment, and motivation/engagement for treatment parents who received a retention-focused performance evaluation compared to treatment parents who received evaluations previously used by the organization. Results will be discussed and implications for incorporating results into everyday practice will be provided.

Amy Strickler, Ph.D., NCC, Annette C. Trunzo, Ph.D., MSW, Erica Crisp, MSW, and Michelle Allen, Pressley Ridge

B4 “Leave Me Alone... Wait, Come Back!” Rubber-Band Relationships with Children in Foster Care

CLIN/I

Many children and youth in foster care and group homes have experienced childhood traumas and have learned to become relationship-wary. To avoid deeper loss and pain, many have learned to control disappointment by sabotaging relationships. This inspiring workshop explores these self-defeating behaviors, offering valuable insights and skills needed to maintain a helping role with very challenging youth.

Steve Parese, Ed.D., TACT2 Training



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- Register 10 staff members or 10 foster parents from the same agency and the 11th registration is **COMPLIMENTARY**.

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B5 Improving Fidelity to Trauma-informed Care Using the Trauma-informed Agency Assessment

ADM, SM/A

The Trauma-informed Agency Assessment (TIAA) is a performance improvement tool that measures seven domains of trauma-informed care as assessed by agency staff and by clients.

Presenters from KidsPeace, an agency that provides foster care and community-based health services in eight states, will discuss the results of the quality improvement initiatives they developed from the results of the TIAA. They will share the success of strategies used to improve the agency's (and each state's) performance on this measure over a one year period of time.

Ken Olson, LCPC, KidsPeace New England; Ray Culp, MS, KidsPeace National Centers



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B6 Training Ain't Learning

ADM, CLIN/I

Professional development is a top ranked need expressed by employees. SAFY is committed to changing its organizational culture from "training" to "learning," targeting individualized professional development and continuous quality improvement. Our goal is to create an environment supportive of passion, mistakes, curiosity, reflection, transparency and collaboration which invites staff to stay, never give up, and improve the lives of the youth and families we serve. We will share innovative approaches used to make this shift, barriers encountered and lessons learned.

Zita Duffy, MSW, LISW-S and Marion Bernard, Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY)

B7 Developing Successful Partnerships with Kinship Families

CLIN/I, A

This interactive session will explore the dynamics of recruiting and working with kinship families. Participants will hear first-hand from a kinship caregiver and program director of a highly successful kinship program in Northern California about the ways in which kinship families differ from traditional foster families. Learn strategies for building trust and successful engagement with caregivers, kinship children and the agencies that support them.

Dynell Garron Lewis, M.Ed, MPA, Lincoln

B8 Which Families? All Families.

CLIN/I

Explore and examine issues and challenges faced by agencies and foster and biological families as they work through the journey of foster care. Therapeutic foster parents and agency staff will gain perspective on the multiple challenges youth face in defining "family" as they transition through the foster care experience. The support of therapeutic foster youth in identity formation has great impact on their later ability to learn essential life skills, solve problems effectively, develop short and long range goals, and claim a positive sense of self.

Maureen Murray, LCSW, Donald Bartosik, MS, LMFT and Thomas Holahan, Together Facing the Challenge, Duke University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

B9 Solutions-based Journalism as Advocacy for Children in Care

ADM/I

"Solutions-based journalism" focuses on educating readership not just on societal problems, but on engaging people in a conversation around meaningful and effective solutions to those problems. This workshop is geared toward helping individuals and organizations that serve children and young people touched by the child welfare system to use the media to amplify their advocacy.

Daniel Heimpel, Bryan Curiel and Kim Phagan-Hansel, Fostering Media Connections

B10 Collaborative CQI: Unleashing the Power of Highly Engaged Staff

CLIN/I, A, S

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) has become ubiquitous in child welfare. More data is available today than ever before. However, taking time to engage practitioners to unpack and make meaning of the data is sorely missing. In this workshop, participants will learn how Casey Family Programs engages staff at all levels of the organization in collecting, analyzing and synthesizing data, creating a culture of well-informed best practitioners.

Stephen Shimshock, Ph.D. and Matthew Claps, MSW, Casey Family Programs

B11 Implementing Sexual Exploitation Prevention Education Through a Trauma-informed Lens

CLIN, SM/I, A

Gain an understanding of the impact of trauma on increasing youth vulnerabilities for sexual exploitation, trafficking, and unhealthy relationships; principles of trauma-informed practice and implementation within community settings; and lessons learned from working with at-risk youth and confirmed minor survivors of trafficking. Through guided discussion and group and individual activities, this interactive learning forum will provide participants with an opportunity to develop concrete strategies to implement in their programs, and gain access to resources for vulnerable populations.

Kimberly Casey, MPP and Aria Flood, MPH, Love146; Christine Keys, LMSW, Klingberg Family Centers

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B12 Young Leader Panel

CLIN/I, A, S

Join FosterClub Young Leaders as they share the wisdom they've gained in their transitioning process. Topics for discussion may include permanency, adoption, transition planning, recruiting teen foster homes, transitional housing, activating youth advisory councils, education, health, court and self-advocacy, disabilities and community involvement.

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B13 High Performance Management: Managing Change

ADM, SM/I, A

This workshop is an extension of past highly rated FFTA presentations focused on High Performance Management topics including Decision Making (2013, 2014) and Managing by Numbers (2015). Managing Change will educate you on best practices in change management initiatives. Child welfare organizations are often faced with the forces of change, both internally and externally. However, managing change is often a struggle for organizations, leading many change management projects to fail over time. Explore a framework for managing change within your own organization and share best practices.

Eric Strickland, MBA, 3LS, Inc.; Alistair Deakin, JD, KaleidaCare Management Solutions

B14 Meaningful Use of the CANS/Attachment Regulation Competency (ARC) Mapping Tool in Treating Complex Trauma

ADM, CLIN/A

How can we effectively utilize a trauma-focused and family-informed assessment as a decision support tool in practice? Meaningful assessment includes engaging the youth and family, and utilizing information from any range of sources that guide, inform and support practice. Explore the meaningful use of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and its use as an information decision support tool when integrated with the Attachment, Self-Regulation, and Competency (ARC) Framework. A video example of case material will be presented.

Nicole St. Jean, Psy.D., Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; Kimberly Leffler MSW, LGSW, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, and Dante Lowery, Kennedy Krieger Institute



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B15 The Art and Necessity of Strategic Planning

SM/A, S

With a rapidly changing, and often unstable landscape, non-profits face huge challenges to stay relevant. It is critical that non-profit executives and boards stay ahead of the curve with respect to the vision, mission, and services of their agencies. This workshop will focus on the intent and meaning of the strategic planning process, and offer a concrete formula to undertake this important task. We will brainstorm how to get to desired outcomes of a strategic planning process and share experiences in previous efforts which proved to be successful (or not).

Frank Crawford, Jr.

B16 Teaching a Fish to Climb: Transforming your Mindset to Meet the Needs of Children

ADM, CLIN/I

How can an organization harness its culture to raise the bar of treatment foster care services? Learn how the Children's Guild uses a unique model, entitled Transformation Education, to provide cohesive and comprehensive services. Through this model the agency is able to set a new standard for foster parents and staff while providing effective treatment foster care services for children and families. Essentially this model focuses on shifting the mindset of the adults involved, rather than focusing on the youth's behaviors.

Jillayne van den Brink, LCSW-C and Keisha Bryan, LCSW-C, The Children's Guild

B17 Wearing Trauma Glasses: What Does It Mean to Be Trauma-Informed?

CLIN/I, A

We know the importance of being trauma-informed but what does it look like in action? We'll walk through practical techniques staff and families can use to put theory into practice. Techniques will draw from Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross's TBRI® model, the ACES research study, and the work of Dr. Bruce Perry and Dr. Dan Siegel. Walk away ready to implement at least one new technique when you return to the office, increasing healing and reducing disruptions.

Michelle Lunka, MS, LAMFT and Dawn Wallschlaeger, MSW, HRT, Inc.

B18 Data to Strengthen the Change and Healing Process

ADM, CLIN/I, A

Trauma healing is arduous, and rarely linear. Biological, kinship and treatment families who are in the trenches of change, are often unable to see the slow but important progress toward healing. Families often report "point in time" updates and treatment teams frequently respond without examining progress over time. Learn from presenters who piloted an assessment tool to use with families to explore change, efficacy and progress to guide treatment decisions, resiliency, and increase hope through the change process.

Ryann Vernetson, MA, LPCC and Benjamin Stephens, MSW, Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY)

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

B19 Trauma-informed Supervision: Introspection, Reflection and Situational Leadership in Foster Care

ADM, CLIN/A

Implementation of trauma-informed services requires additional supervisory strategies to support staff development, enhance staff's judgment and reduce burnout. Reflective Supervision offers a consistent approach to increase staff's opportunities and capacity for self-reflection, self-awareness, and collaborative problem solving. Situational Leadership offers a consistent approach to skill development based on staff competence, confidence and willingness. This workshop offers a framework to consistently incorporate the ingredients of effective supervision into a foundation that includes a strength-based developmental, task-centered approach.

Cathy Cave, Inspired Vision, LLC

B20 Parenting In OZ: A Trauma-informed Parenting Training

CLIN/I, A, S

"Parenting In OZ" is an experiential, memorable, trauma-informed, parenting curriculum designed to help parents and staff understand and respond therapeutically to the acting-out behaviors often exhibited by children who have experienced the trauma of neglect, abuse and loss. Utilizing the vivid imagery from The Wizard of OZ, this unique training is an entertaining, multi-sensory approach to working with trauma that both professionals and parents cannot help but remember and integrate into their work.

Rolf Van Leeuwen, MSW, Alternative Family Services

B21 What Fires Together Wires Together: Understanding and Managing Complex Trauma

CLIN/A, S

The newborn brain lays down 700 neural synapses per second in the first year! Circuitry for essential functions is foundationally complete in the first months/years of life. Knowing the facts about the early effects of maltreatment and the earliest history of our children orients us toward effective therapeutic intervention. This workshop takes you on the fascinating journey of the developing brain, considers when and how to intervene to correct the effects of early adversity, and offers helpful resources.

Patti van Eys, Ph.D., Omni Visions, Inc.

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B23 RPC Trauma Training for Foster Parents: A Collaborative Implementation Effort

CLIN/I

A collaborative team, made up of the Duke Center for Child and Family Health (a community practice site within the National Child Traumatic Stress Network), Alliance Behavioral Healthcare MCO, and private providers, has joined together in 2017 to implement the NCTSN Resource Parent Curriculum (RPC) Facilitator Training in order to increase the spread of RPC to 10 new counties in North Carolina. Learn how this trauma-informed training curriculum is providing tips and tools to parents raising children in the child welfare system or institutional care.

DeVault Clevenger, MA, LCSW, Pinnacle Family Services; Kate Peterson, MS, PMP, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare

B24 Achieving Mission - A Business Perspective

SM/I

How do we operationalize mission in an industry that is under resourced and in a state of reform? To ensure survival in this environment it is critical for a business to strategically manage its resources to effectively and efficiently maximize opportunities and mitigate threats. Explore from a corporate perspective the elements that a social service agency needs to consider and integrate in order to achieve its mission. Discover how corporate governance integrates into your agency's strategic and risk management processes, and the processes that drive performance improvement.

Martha Duarte, CPA, Alternative Family Services, Inc.

B25 FFTA's Transformational Collaborative Outcome Management (TCOM) Learning Community

ADM, CLIN/A

The FFTA TCOM Learning Community was developed as a project of the FFTA Research Committee and brings together TFC providers who have a common interest and the experience to increase the meaningful use of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and related tools (CANS-Trauma, FANS-Trauma, FAST, ANSA, ANSA-Transition, etc.). We will share the accomplishments of the Learning Community and its effort in supporting TFC providers. This will be an interactive workshop. Please come prepared with questions.

Paul Brylske, MSW, LCSW-C, Therapeutic Foster Care at the Kennedy Krieger Institute; Mark Lardner, MSW, LCSW-C, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago; Cassandra Kisiel, Ph.D., Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; Stephen Shimshock Ph.D., Casey Family Programs

B26 Building Kinship Competency in the Context of Strong Public/Private Partnerships

ADM/I

Now more than ever, there is demand for agencies that can work effectively to support children, youth and caregivers in kinship care. Designed for both public and private child welfare professionals, this workshop highlights promising family finding, engagement, and kinship practices achieved through strong private/public partnerships. The workshop will be particularly useful for agencies wishing to expand or develop internal competencies to work with kinship families. Learn practical tips for building private/public partnerships that lead to better outcomes for children in kinship care.

Karen Alvord, LCSW, MBA and Beverly Johnson, LCSW, Lilliput Families

B27 Getting Solid

CLIN/I, A, S

Gain an understanding of how to help young people understand and prepare for permanency. Enjoy a fun, interactive workshop filled with discussion and stories regarding the rewards of permanent relationships. Understanding youth perspectives about permanency will help participants better engage and prepare youth for finding and maintaining lifelong relationships.

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B28 Caring for Substance Exposed Kids

CLIN/I, A

Identify the potential short-and long-term implications for children who are exposed to substances in utero. We will explain the process of infant withdrawal and offer evidence-based strategies to manage withdrawal symptoms. The physical, cognitive, social and behavioral implications of in utero substance exposure will be discussed and strategies to mitigate these will be presented using case study examples.

Stacy Blythe, RN, BN, Ph.D., School of Nursing and Midwifery, Western Sydney University

B29 Improving Treatment Parent Satisfaction through Assessment, Benchmarking and Collaboration

ADM, RES/I, A, S

Consider the importance of various factors for treatment parent satisfaction and retention. We will present results from a three part project to: further validate a standard measure of collecting satisfaction data; collect standardized satisfaction data from several organizations; and share information in a learning collaborative and benchmarking initiative focused on treatment parent satisfaction as well as innovative and effective strategies to improve treatment parent satisfaction.

Jennifer Mihalo, MS, Karen L. Celedonia, MPH and Amy Strickler, Ph.D., Pressley Ridge



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C1 Legacy of Leadership: What is the Picture you will Leave Behind? Presenter: P. Stephenson	SM	A, S	8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
C2 Public Policy Issues Impacting Treatment Family Care Presenter: L. Boyd	ADM, SM	I, A	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
C3 The Making of a Man: Raising African American Youth in Foster Care Presenters: B. Hill, S. Reid Swain	CLIN	I	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
C4 Transforming Parent Training: Promising New Practices in Trauma-informed Parenting Presenters: N. Marino, D. Chapman, L. Neal, J. Bartlett	RES, SM	I	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
C5 Promoting Placement Stability in Foster Care Presenters: A. Salcedo, G. Fobbs	CLIN	I	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
C6 Hiding in Plain Sight: CSEC Youth Identification in Child Welfare Presenters: K. Grabert, K. McGrath, B. Gilot	ADM	I	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
C7 From Pilot to Practice - Supporting Resource Families Presenters: S. Rancatore, L. London	ADM, SM	A	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
C8 Hope for Healing: Understanding Trauma and Attachment Presenter: M. McGowan	CLIN	I	8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
C9 Kinship WikiHow: 7 Steps to Becoming a Kin First Agency Presenter: J. Miller	ADM	I, A, S	8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
C10 A Model of Practice to Support Mutual Assessment of Resource Parents Presenters: D. Petras, L. White, E. Mayers Pasztor, C. Stogel	ADM, CLIN	I, A, S	8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
C11 Creating Supportive Space for Caregivers and LGBTQ Young Persons Presenters: H. Reese, M. Rhoades	CLIN, SM	I	8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
C12 A Winning Team: Connecting Staff Morale and Treatment Foster Parent Retention Presenters: D. Soares, L. Serena	ADM, CLIN	I	10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
C13 Low Tech Relational Work Meets High Tech World Presenters: E. Wall, M. Roesler	ADM	I, A	10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
C14 Strategies for Increasing Rewarding Activities for Youth with Co-Occurring Trauma and Substance Use Presenter: M. Stempkowski	CLIN	I, A	10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
C15 The Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI): “Rebranding” Foster Care in Nevada Presenters: D. Parker, D. Brown, D. Doyle	ADM, CLIN	I	10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
C16 Trauma-informed Program Development for Immigrants, Refugees and Other Vulnerable Populations Presenters: L. Alvarez, A. Salinas, J. Ward	ADM, SM	I, A	10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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C17 Training Foster Parents in Positive Behavior Support: A Pilot Implementation Presenters: R. Eisenberg, L. Stricker, T. Ridgard, M. Moleski	CLIN	I	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
C18 Foster Parents' Sons and Daughters: Evaluating an International Virtual Symposium Presenters: J. Brown, K. Regan	ADM, CLIN	I	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
C19 This is Not the Real World: Preparing New Employees to Deliver Trauma-informed Foster Care Presenters: P. Wilcox, C. Keys	ADM, CLIN	I, A	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
C20 Performance Quality Improvement (PQI) – Successfully Measuring Metrics Presenter: B. Kerzman	ADM, CLIN	A, S	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
C21 Building and Funding a Special Health Care Needs Program Presenters: S. Evans, M. Frame	ADM, CLIN	I, A	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
C22 Public Relations for the Fourth Sector Presenter: A. Miracle	ADM	I	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
C23 How to Keep Helpers Helping: Understanding and Combating Compassion Fatigue Presenter: L. Pompa	CLIN	I, A	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
C24 Meeting the Unique Needs of Immigrant and Refugee Youth in Foster Care Presenters: T. Barnwell, I. Suero-Stackl	ADM, CLIN	I	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
C25 Navigating the Road to National Accreditation Presenter: J. Flowers	SM	I, A	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
C26 Managers' Training Toolkit: Strategies on Efficiency, Consistency and Alignment Presenters: D. Underwood, C. O'Donnell	SM	A, S	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
C27 Using Technology as a Tool to Engage Families and Youth Presenters: W. Lemon, E. Keltner, J. Dungan	ADM, CLIN	I	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
C28 Social Entrepreneurship and Behavioral Health Presenters: N. Lubold, C. Hand, S. King	ADM, SM	I, A, S	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
C29 Create a Powerful and Sustainable Recruiting and Retention Strategy Presenter: M. Logan	ADM, SM	A	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
C30 Buried in Paperwork? Reconsider Your Workflow Presenter: S. Zasyatkina	ADM	I, A, S	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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C31 Bridging the Gap: Openness in Adoption Presenters: J. Foster, A. Harris, L. Stewart, C. Goins	CLIN	I, A, S	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
C32 Fostering Higher Education Success Presenters: M. Day, J. Ward, E. Hurtado-Arboleda	ADM	I	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
C33 Beyond Background Checks: Screening Best Practices for Assessing Abuse Risk Presenters: L. Hardin, A. Lundberg	ADM, SM	A	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
C34 From Surviving to Thriving Presenter: E. Cobos	CLIN	I, A	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
C35 Calling all Changemakers – Reimagining and Redesigning Child Welfare Presenters: A. Franck Meyer, K. Miller, D. Grebenik and M. Kemp-Johnson	SM	S	5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

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C1 Legacy of Leadership: What is the Picture you will Leave Behind?

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We must be intentional to balance our purpose, interest and the ticking clock to create the legacy we select to leave behind us. The time allotted to our lives is valuable — we need to invest wisely. This self-exploration will be conducted in two 3-hour sessions. The first session is an evaluation of what our legacy would look like if the time in our journey ended today.

The second session creates an environment to transition to legacy that is more representative of the gifts we would like to leave behind. Participants will individually design realistic action steps for change. These steps will be supported with an implementation plan. This is an innovative and personal workshop for those who choose to take an honest look at the legacy they have created as of today and intentionally change it for the one they will leave tomorrow.

This workshop is a very personal exploration shared with a small group and more intimately with a work partner. It is provided under a code of confidentiality so attendees have a forum for open and honest exploration. Participants will be expected to be open to individuals in all discussions.

Phyllis Stephenson, MPA, Stephenson Consultation

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10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

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8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

C2 Public Policy Issues Impacting Treatment Family Care

ADM, SM/I, A

This annual, public policy symposium explores the most current policy developments impacting treatment foster care and other treatment family care (TFC) providers. Learn about federal legislation impacting your agency and state, including: proposed changes to Medicaid and how that may affect TFC funding; legislation impacting the continuum of home-based services, out-of-home care, kinship care, and congregate care; and progress on federal legislation to establish a uniform definition of TFC. You will be invited to discuss policy issues that are affecting your state and agency.

Laura Boyd, Ph.D., Family Focused Treatment Association

C3 The Making of a Man: Raising African American Youth in Foster Care

CLIN/I

Racism in our society is a contributing factor to the already difficult task of parenting teens. Child welfare professionals and foster parents are faced with the responsibility of preparing young African American males for the stigma and the social perceptions they are likely to encounter, while preserving their sense of self worth, dignity and respect. This workshop will explore the impact of these racial misconceptions on the youth we serve. Participants will identify and discuss strategies for raising emotionally healthy African American youth.

Brandi Hill, LCSW and Stacy Reid Swain, Prince George's County DSS

C4 Transforming Parent Training: Promising New Practices in Trauma-informed Parenting

RES, SM/I

The Annie E. Casey Foundation partnered with developers of two trauma-informed interventions to create training curricula to build the skills of foster, kin and adoptive parents. The session will introduce and sample both new resources, ARC Reflections and Trauma Systems Therapy for Foster Care (TST-FC) that will be available to the field in 2017. Evaluation findings of each pilot will be presented along with an implementation overview and resources.

Nina Marino, MSW, LCSW, Doreen Chapman, MSW, LCSW, Laura Neal, M.Ed., LPC, and Jessica Bartlett, Annie E. Casey Foundation

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C5 Promoting Placement Stability in Foster Care

CLIN/I

Increase your knowledge of the most common factors that are involved in placement disruption and learn some helpful strategies to help reduce disruptions in your home. Support is a key factor too, so we will discuss how to seek out the support you need.

Araceli Salcedo, MA, CAMF, CDVF, NCC, LPC-S and Gloria Fobbs, Cenpatico

C6 Hiding in Plain Sight: CSEC Youth Identification in Child Welfare

ADM/I

Human trafficking response has been in the forefront of child welfare for the past several years. Careful analysis of commercial sex trafficking cases found within the Florida child welfare system has identified a clear blueprint of the history of abuse and neglect found in these victims' backgrounds. This will be demonstrated through the case study of a young man who has since aged out of the child welfare system. He asked to participate and provided recorded thoughts on his experiences throughout his victimization while he was in the child welfare system.

Kimberly Grabert, MPA, CPM, Florida Department of Children and Families; Kimberly McGrath, Psy.D., Citrus Health Network; Bethany Gilot, MS, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

C7 From Pilot to Practice - Supporting Resource Families

ADM, SM/A

In 2013 Cornerstones of Care was awarded a contract by Missouri Children's Division to provide comprehensive services to licensed resource families in 30 counties. Over the three year pilot project, the pool of resource families has grown by more than 50% and the number of children placed in family settings has increased. This session will share practical learnings, successes, challenges and considerations of a public/private partnership to provide recruitment, training and licensure services, as well as foster home placement matching, in both urban and rural counties of Missouri.

Shelia Rancatore, MSW and Lisa London, MSW, Cornerstones of Care



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8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

C8 Hope for Healing: Understanding Trauma and Attachment

CLIN/I

When we hear parents and those working with children say that they have tried everything they know and are not seeing change, chances are they are dealing with trauma and attachment issues. Children who are afraid to trust can be some of the most difficult to understand and to care for, yet there are therapeutic parenting practices that will make a difference. In this interactive workshop you will learn more about attachment and how to help your children by knowing how to parent them and how to choose a good trauma-informed therapist.

Mary McGowan, ATTACH

C9 Kinship WikiHow: 7 Steps to Becoming a Kin First Agency

ADM/I, A, S

This workshop will share the 7 fundamental steps to creating a kin first culture that prioritizes placement with and connections to extended family members for children in foster care. Participants will learn about the steps and tools available to implement the steps from national kinship experts. Representatives from public and private agencies will share lessons learned in creating kin first cultures in their communities.

Jennifer Miller, ChildFocus

C10 A Model of Practice to Support Mutual Assessment of Resource Parents

ADM, CLIN/I, A, S

As child welfare agencies work to fulfill their mission to assure the safety, well-being, and permanency of children, it is essential to develop foster parents with the ability, willingness, and resources to be effective team members in this endeavor. This workshop presents a competency-based model of practice for the mutual assessment of prospective foster/resource families. Practice tools to enable effective assessment of prospective foster families will be presented and strategies to integrate preparation and assessment will be demonstrated.

Donna Petras, Ph.D., MSW and Eileen Mayers Pasztor, DSW, Child Welfare League of America (CWLA); Lee White, Northwest Media, Inc.; Cynthia Stogel, LMFT, Children's Bureau

C11 Creating Supportive Space for Caregivers and LGBTQ Young Persons

CLIN, SM/I

This workshop will demonstrate a clinical group (PIVOT) designed to engage caregivers and young persons. The group is facilitated by clinicians and professional staff and is modeled after the family acceptance model. PIVOT provides education for the caregiver on what it means to be LGBTQ and provides support for the young person to form a positive identity in a series of 6 weekly meetings.

Holly Reese, The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada; Melinda Rhoades, LCSW, SAFY

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

C12 A Winning Team: Connecting Staff Morale and Treatment Foster Parent Retention

ADM, CLIN/I

Creating a winning team requires organizations to examine the connection between staff morale and treatment foster parent retention. Developing a strong team leads to increased satisfaction for workers, treatment foster parents and ultimately improved outcomes for children. Creative strategies for enhancing staff and foster parent satisfaction and retention will be presented along with ideas for developing tools to track your success.

Debbie Soares, LCSW and Leslie Serena, LCSW, Camelot Community Care, Inc.

C13 Low Tech Relational Work Meets High Tech World

ADM/I, A

The use of data has become instrumental within two highly relational and clinical programs at Anu Family Services. In a world that is driven by money and numbers, finding a way to tell the effectiveness of clinical programming through the use of not just qualitative but quantitative data has led to the ongoing success and expansion of these programs. This session will provide hands-on tools and examples for participants to utilize within their own programming.

Erin Wall, MSW, APSW, LGSW and Matt Roesler, MSW, APSW, LGSW, Anu Family Services

C14 Strategies for Increasing Rewarding Activities for Youth with Co-Occurring Trauma and Substance Use

CLIN/I, A

Decreasing adolescent substance use can be challenging, especially if part of the function of their use was to cope with their traumatic stress. What are they going to be doing if they aren't smoking marijuana? Proven strategies will be shared and discussed to systematically increase youth engagement in healthy, rewarding, non-using activities that are supported and reinforced by their caregivers.

Michael Stempkowski, LPC/MHSP, NCC, Youth Villages

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10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

C15 The Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI): "Rebranding" Foster Care in Nevada

ADM, CLIN/I

QPI is a national effort to rebrand foster care, not by changing a logo or an advertisement, but by changing the expectations of and support for foster parents. Communities participating in QPI have formed a network that shares information and ideas about how to improve parenting while recruiting and retaining quality foster families. Come and learn how Clark County Nevada is engaging and partnering with agencies to share focus on meeting the developmental needs of children in foster care through excellent parenting.

Denise Parker, Clark County Family Services; David Brown, MSW, Quality Parenting Initiative; Dave Doyle, Eagle Quest

C16 Trauma-informed Program Development for Immigrants, Refugees and Other Vulnerable Populations

ADM, SM/I, A

Learn how to strengthen services for immigrants and refugees and develop programs that address their unique needs from a trauma-informed perspective. We will address how to build awareness of specific needs and develop internal and external community support. This presentation will discuss common gaps in creating appropriate services, and will discuss ways to address, remediate, and grow healthy programs for immigrants and refugees. The presentation will focus on program development and sustainability through various means and at multiple levels.

Lilian Alvarez, Alejandra Salinas, LMSW and Julie Ward, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans



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Networking Luncheon

(optional)

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Separate registration and fee (see registration form).

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Dr. Gerald Nebeker

Dr. Gerald Nebeker will lead a discussion of proven methods to implement creative solutions in the shadow of government regulations that may hinder you. This is a working lunch where participants will share their own experiences on how they have personally implemented a program/approach where there were no governing

regulations; what they have done that involved a creative interpretation of regulations; how they have worked with a ridged bureaucrat; and how they have worked around a limiting regulation. Participants should plan for a challenging, lively and fun discussion ending with rich ideas to try at home.

Dr. Gerald Nebeker is an expert in nonprofit governance, and is an advocate, researcher, and national presenter on issues related to supporting people with developmental disabilities. He is the founder and president of RISE, Inc., a 30-year-old nonprofit organization that supports people with disabilities, including youth in foster care, in Arizona, Oregon, and Utah. He is also the founder of Acumen, Inc., a fiscal employer agent organization with contracts in 16 states, supporting thousands of people in self-directed care initiatives. He has been successful in forming several public/private alliances, and starting many unique and creative initiatives within restrictive state and Medicaid funding structures. Dr. Nebeker is the President-Elect of the Family Focused Treatment Association.

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1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

C17 Training Foster Parents in Positive Behavior Support: A Pilot Implementation

CLIN/I

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) is a distinctive approach to managing behaviors of children both in regular and special education. In this workshop we will discuss the relevance of PBS for serving children in child welfare settings; describe PBS enhancements to a training program for therapeutic foster parents; and present lessons learned from a pilot implementation of the training program at a therapeutic foster care agency in a large urban community.

Rachel Eisenberg, Ph.D., NCSP, Laina Stricker, M.Ed., BCBA and Tamique J. Ridgard, M.Ed., Devereux Center for Effective Schools; Michael Moleski, M.S., BCBA, Devereux PA Community Services Programs

C18 Foster Parents' Sons and Daughters: Evaluating an International Virtual Symposium

ADM, CLIN/I

If you build it, they will come! In this workshop, we will share how we created a free centralized resource website about the children of foster parents. This resource was the by-product of us hosting a free, online conference that brought together people from North America, Europe and Australia in February 2017. We will focus our presentation on the development, implementation, content, and lessons learned from creating a global community "get together" for knowledge creation and distribution. Practical suggestions will be provided.

Jason Brown, Ph.D. and Kira Regan, B.A., Western University

C19 This Is Not the Real World: Preparing New Employees to Deliver Trauma-informed Foster Care

ADM, CLIN/I, A

Trauma-informed care demands a relationship-based, flexible and compassionate approach. Many treatment organizations hire inexperienced staff for crucial foster care jobs. How do we teach these complex skills? Learn about a ten module new employee training in trauma-informed care which is designed to be offered by supervisors. Each module includes practical suggestions for immediately practicing the skills. Participants receive the training system, gain an understanding of the concepts and consider how to implement this training in their agencies.

Patricia Wilcox and Christine Keys, Klingberg Family Centers

C20 Performance Quality Improvement (PQI) – Successfully Measuring Metrics

ADM, CLIN/A, S

A Performance Quality Improvement (PQI) process will work best when there is agency leadership and worker engagement. This workshop will review the basic tenets of the PQI process from involvement, assessment, discovery, benchmarking and outcomes all the way through feedback and research loops. Learn how your agency can embrace PQI as an ongoing process to improve services and outcomes for clients, provide metrics for agency information, and discover new innovations that can open doors.

Bill Kerzman, MSW, PATH, Inc.

C21 Building and Funding a Special Health Care Needs Program

ADM, CLIN/I, A

Explore ways to develop and fund a family-based program to meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable children in the foster care system, children with special health care needs, including serious medical conditions. You will be provided with an overview of the program including assessment of the children served, the infrastructure required, risk management issues, funding challenges and tools to develop a similar program.

Sue Evans, M.S. and Mary Frame, M.A., Walden Family Services

C22 Public Relations for the Fourth Sector

ADM/I

Public relations in the health and human service sphere essentially boils down to how to “do” public relations and deciphering how to implement public relations on a lean budget. Learn how The Children’s Shelter took steps to invest in a public relations department on a lean budget and transform an organization from rebrand to thought leader in the fourth sector in the city of San Antonio and State of Texas.

Anais Miracle, The Children’s Shelter

C23 How to Keep Helpers Helping: Understanding and Combating Compassion Fatigue

CLIN/I, A

Compassion fatigue is a deep erosion of a helper’s compassion and ability to tolerate strong emotions and difficult stories in others. Learn the definitions surrounding compassion fatigue. Gain insight into how we help and how what helpers are exposed to impacts their personal and professional lives. Explore some techniques on self-care and participate in activities to retool your self-care.

Lisa Pompa, LMHC, Devereux Florida

C24 Meeting the Unique Needs of Immigrant and Refugee Youth in Foster Care

ADM, CLIN/I

This dynamic presentation provides multiple perspectives on the unique strengths and needs of immigrant and refugee youth in foster care. Come hear from a youth beneficiary, a direct service staff working with this population and representatives from a national foster care program for refugee and immigrant youth. Participants will learn about the importance of promoting cultural adjustment and integration, addressing discrimination and bullying, and nurturing family connections. Participants will learn concrete strategies to implement these priorities.

Tiara Barnwell, LGSW and Isabella Suero-Stackl, LICSW, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops/Migration & Refugee Services (USCCB/MRS)

C25 Navigating the Road to National Accreditation

SM/I, A

This interactive session will focus on a thorough review of the major phases of the accreditation process and highlight the benefits of becoming accredited, including enhanced revenue opportunities. Learn about the fundamental organizational requirements necessary for accreditation, key participants to involve throughout the process and how to avoid the common pitfalls of accreditation preparation. There will be a review of the three main accrediting bodies for agencies that provide services to families: CARF, Council on Accreditation (COA) and The Joint Commission.

Jennifer Flowers, MBA, Accreditation Guru, Inc.



REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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C26 Managers' Training Toolkit: Strategies on Efficiency, Consistency and Alignment

SM/A, S

In the human service field, practice often precedes training. This trend reduces the consistency and quality of services provided by both individual agencies and the sector as a whole. In response, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has committed to an organizational philosophy emphasizing evidence-based supports and effective training. It is implemented among internal learners, throughout the sector, and among external stakeholders. This workshop will provide an overview of this training philosophy and equip attendees with strategies for its implementation.

Dawnya Underwood, MSW, LGSW and Caitlin O'Donnell, MSW, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

C27 Using Technology as a Tool to Engage Families and Youth

ADM, CLIN/I

This presentation will discuss KVC WV and KY's use of a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (RUS) grant to engage foster families and youth. KVC used their RUS grant to purchase technology for both foster parents and staff in order to improve engagement and introduce the use of educational and therapeutic tools. Attendees will learn about the risks and benefits of using technology to assist foster families, staff and youth alike.

William Lemon, LCSW and Erin Keltner, LICSW, KVC West Virginia; Jarrod Dungan, BA, KVC Kentucky

C28 Social Entrepreneurship and Behavioral Health

ADM, SM/I, A, S

Social entrepreneurship introduces business entrepreneurial skills into social services. The blending of the two allows an organization to enhance program effectiveness while maintaining the integrity of the embodied mission and core values. The Readiness Inventory for Successful Entrepreneurship (RISE) will help your organization assess the existing social entrepreneurship skills of the employees and organization, while developing a plan to identify and augment the skills necessary to be a successful entrepreneur.

Nathan Lubold, MA, Advanced Metrics; Christyn Hand, LCSW-C and Stephanie King, LCSW-C, ACSW, Kennedy Krieger

C29 Create a Powerful and Sustainable Recruiting and Retention Strategy

ADM, SM/A

Learn how to create a recruiting and retention program that grows your agency and meets the needs of the children in your community. We have created strategies for recruitment and retention that has brought growth averaging 20% per year. Attendees will learn how to measure their efforts and be able to measure the results of their strategy in tangible ways, assessing their efforts to meet the needs of the foster children in their cities and counties. A comprehensive resource hand-out will be provided.

Mike Logan, Children First Foster Family Agency

C30 Buried in Paperwork? Reconsider Your Workflow

ADM/I, A, S

Are you so bogged down by paperwork that you hardly have time for your real mission? Then it may be time to take a hard look at your agency's workflow. We will cover methods of workflow analysis with the goal of reducing administrative burden. Learn how to track documentation and reporting in a logical way, streamline processes, consolidate records, and automate tasks and reminders.

Stefanie Zasyatkina, InReach Solutions

C31 Bridging the Gap: Openness in Adoption

CLIN/I, A, S

Learn to embrace all components of clinical tools such as Genograms, ECO Maps, ACES, CANS, DESSA, Self Regulation and attachment checklists; and various assessments which work together to exemplify both the benefits and challenges to Openness in Adoption. Implications for safety, health, wellness and growth of the entire family will be addressed.

We will emphasize the importance of adoption competent social service agencies and providers in order to help build healthy relationships to promote healing and growth.

Jennifer Foster, LISW-S, The Village Network; Lawanda Stewart, LISW-S, Life Start; Amber Harris, M.Ed., LSW and Cynthia Goins, Bridgn Gaps, LLC



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4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

C32 Fostering Higher Education Success

ADM/I

Young adults who experience foster care are up to 8 times less likely to earn a college degree than their same age peers. This persistent lag in education attainment requires an innovative response. Fostering Success Michigan is leading a statewide initiative to increase postsecondary access and success for students from foster care. Key to increasing education success is offering campus-based support programming. This presentation highlights student-centered best practices from campus support programs at University of Michigan and Ferris State University.

Maddy Day, LLMSW, Western Michigan University; Janette P. Ward, Ferris State University; Emily Hurtado-Arboleda, University of Michigan

C33 Beyond Background Checks: Screening Best Practices for Assessing Abuse Risk

ADM, SM/A

Screening and selection is the first line of defense for protecting clients and your organization from abuse. Many organizations rely heavily on background checks, but there is a wealth of information to leverage from other critical components of the screening process when assessing abuse risk in employees, volunteers and foster parents. Praesidium will discuss abuse prevention best practices that assess abuse risk during the application, interview and reference check processes. Come learn how to enhance your organization's current screening process.

Laura Hardin, LMSW and Aaron Lundberg, LMSW, Praesidium, Inc.

C34 From Surviving to Thriving

CLIN/I, A

Migrant youth who come from challenging and traumatic backgrounds have adapted survival skills in order to endure their life. However, once youth transition into a more stable community and home, their survival skills become maladaptive and can lead to conflicts, misunderstanding and trouble in school, home and program. Through therapeutic services and program support, children can learn to exchange their survival skills for appropriate and healthy coping skills to help them move from their survival background to a future of thriving success.

Ericka Cobos, M.Ed., Family Continuity

5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

C35 Calling all Changemakers – Reimagining & Redesigning Child Welfare

SM/S

We are calling all interested changemakers who believe “there’s got to be a better way” than what we’re doing in child welfare. Maybe you’ve figured some things out, but you think others have pieces of the puzzle, too, and you want to join us to get better traction by rowing the same direction? Maybe you are tired of fighting or trying to fix a “broken system”, and instead you want to create a new way that obsoletes the old way. Whatever your frame or motivation, we are gathering a tribe of interested changemakers to discuss ways to work together to create a movement for change!

Amelia Franck Meyer, MS, MSW, Katie Miller, MSW, Debi Grebenik, MSW, Ph.D. and Margo Kemp-Johnson, MA, Alia Innovations



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D1 100 Innovators + IDEO Human Centered Design = Reimagining Child Welfare Presenters: A. Franck Meyer, K. Miller, D. Grebenik and M. Kemp-Johnson	SM	S	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
D2 Challenging and Defiant Behavior Reexamined: Achieving Remarkably Successful Outcomes Presenter: S. Kwesell	CLIN	I, A, S	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
D3 Version 2.0: Successful Approaches in Resource Parenting Using the 3-5-7 Model™ Presenter: K. Johnson	CLIN	A	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
D4 Coaching Parents in Present Moment Parenting to Stabilize Families and Preserve Placement Presenters: T. Feigal, K. Flood	CLIN, SM	I, A, S	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
D5 What is and What is Not Trauma-informed Practice Presenter: W. Duehn	CLIN, SM	I, A	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
D6 Trans* and Gender Non-Conforming Youth: Standards for Affirming Care Presenters: K. Lounds, E. Jansen	CLIN, SM	I	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
D7 Assessment of Inherent Motivation: A Practical Tool for Effective Intervention Presenter: R. Brown	CLIN	I	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
D8 An Integrative Family Therapy-EMDR Treatment for Childhood Attachment Trauma Presenter: D. Wesselmann	CLIN	I	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

• Please note the following abbreviations are referenced throughout this program:
TRACK: ADM = Administrative, **CLIN** = Clinical, **RES** = Research/Evaluation, **SM** = Senior Management/CEO
LEVEL: I = Intermediate (5-10 years experience), **A** = Advanced (11-20 years experience), **S** = Senior (21+ years of experience)

WEDNESDAY, July 19, 2017

8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Please note Wednesday workshops start 15 minutes earlier.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

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D1 100 Innovators + IDEO Human Centered Design = Reimagining Child Welfare

SM/S

This session describes a 3-day National Convening to reimagine child welfare, called the 10 of 10 for Kids held in May 2017 in Minneapolis. The 10 of 10 was made up of ten tables of ten (100) innovators from inside and outside of child welfare to work with the global design firm, IDEO. The 10 of 10 Convening used IDEO’s Human Centered Design process, not to fix a broken system, but to redesign a system based on what children need to thrive. The development of the idea, the execution of the event, the lessons learned, and the next steps will be outlined and discussed. Come hear more about our big dreams and goals and join a movement for change!

Amelia Franck Meyer, MS, MSW, Katie Miller, MSW, Debi Grebenik, MSW, Ph.D., and Margo Kemp-Johnson, MA, Alia Innovations

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

D2 Challenging and Defiant Behavior Reexamined: Achieving Remarkably Successful Outcomes

CLIN/I, A, S

This training presents a platform for reexamining the dynamics of human interaction and creates the foundation for a menu of interventions that effectively redirects oppositional/defiant behavior in children and youth. Defining negative behavior as a “coping mechanism” leads to nine pillars that empower families to achieve positive changes. Rooted in the tenets of Piaget, Maslow, Skinner, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Solution Focused Therapy this approach teaches empowerment and positive reinforcement techniques for both adults and the children in their lives.

Sandra Kwesell, MSC, MFCT, Families in Transition

D3 Version 2.0: Successful Approaches in Resource Parenting Using the 3-5-7 Model™

CLIN/A

At last year's FFTA conference, a program designed to empower families to promote child well-being, placement stability and readiness for permanent relationships was introduced. The public child welfare agency in Pennsylvania implementing the program with the 3-5-7 Model™ as a foundation will present the next phase of lessons learned and adjustments in implementation—sharing initial outcomes and considerations for scaling and replication. Whether you were part of the initial audience or not, come hear about all of our new bells and whistles!

Kirsten Johnson, MSW, LSW, Hempfield Behavioral Health

D4 Coaching Parents in Present Moment Parenting to Stabilize Families and Preserve Placements

CLIN, SM/I, A, S

Is being “trauma-informed” enough? Are you able to fully implement what you have learned to stabilize foster and kinship placements in your work? For tips about what to do to make it happen, attend this session to move your organization from “trauma-informed” to “trauma effective.”

Tina Feigal, M.S., Ed. and Kim Flood, B.A., Anu Family Services

D5 What is and What is Not Trauma-informed Practice

CLIN, SM/I, A

Trauma-informed care is the current rage in clinical practice in general and in foster care and adoption practices specifically. Many foster care/adoption programs purport to deliver trauma-informed care. But do they really? This workshop will explore the essential elements of trauma-informed care as well as delineate “therapeutic” approaches which run counter to trauma-informed practices. Critical to trauma-informed care is the incorporation of recent findings related to the effects of trauma on the neurobiology of the developing brain. Participants will receive tools that guide the process of trauma resolution and tips to utilize with families.

Wayne Duehn, Ph.D., The University of Texas at Arlington

D6 Trans* and Gender Non-Conforming Youth: Standards for Affirming Care

CLIN, SM/I

Trans* and gender non-conforming youth face disparities relating to medical and mental health care, educational support, social supports, and safe, affirming housing. This workshop will look at the realities trans* and gender non-conforming youth face on a daily basis, while examining current research and statistics outlining risk and resiliency factors. Expounding on trauma informed care, intersectional identities, and cultural competence we will explore concrete methods for improving your practice and building your networks.

Kalie Lounds, LMSW and Erin H. Jansen, LCSW, CHRIS 180, Inc.

D7 Assessment of Inherent Motivation: A Practical Tool for Effective Intervention

CLIN/I

Attributed to the trauma of abuse and neglect of varying types, degrees, ages, and duration, children's developmental delays are calculated on vectors of loci of information/control: “Closed,” “Inward,” “Outward,” and “Open” styles. Learn about a simple, practical tool for social workers and caretakers that describes, assesses, and recommends interventions for children, depending upon their relative positions on these vectors.

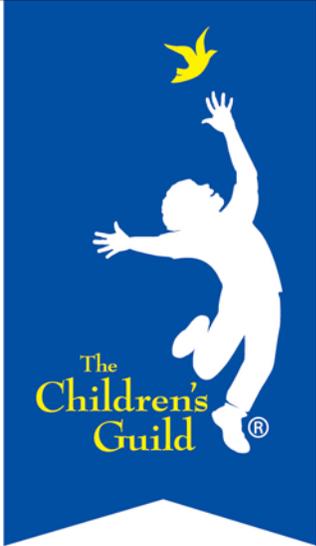
Ronald Brown, MA, LCCA, LCPAA, Foster Care and Adoption Services

D8 An Integrative Family Therapy-EMDR Treatment for Childhood Attachment Trauma

CLIN/I

Traumatic stress in children often manifests as reactivity, aggression, defiance and other challenging behaviors. Traumatized children require a secure holding environment to safely address trauma, however, under the circumstances, the parent-child relationship may be stressed. We will describe a model that integrates a trauma-informed parent psychoeducation approach, family therapy, and a customized EMDR therapy protocol that strengthens attachment security and helps the child resolve past trauma simultaneously.

Debra Wesselmann, MS, LIMHP, The Attachment and Trauma Center of Nebraska



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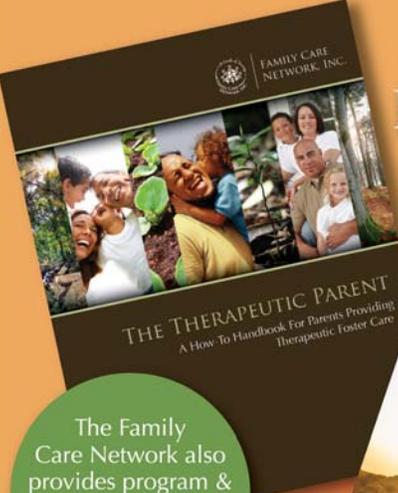
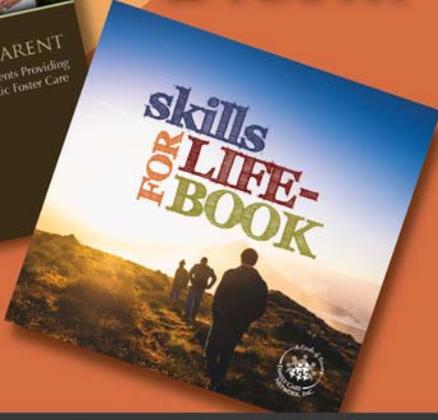


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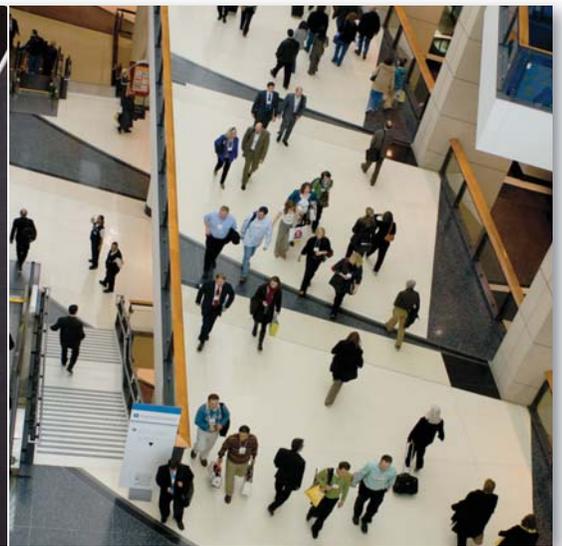
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- **June 23rd** – Hotel registration deadline (*or when block becomes full, whichever comes first*)
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- **July 6th** – Pre-registration deadline (*on-site registration after 7/6*)

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register online:
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REGISTRATION:

Registrations must be received by July 6, 2017; otherwise on-site registration and payment will be required.

- Register 5 staff members or 5 foster parents from the same agency and receive a 50% discount on the 6th registration.
- Register 10 staff members or 10 foster parents from the same agency and the 11th registration is complimentary.
- Forms and payments must be sent together. (Must all be the same registration type.)

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Conference registrations must be cancelled in writing. Cancellations received on, or before, June 23rd will incur a \$75 administrative fee; after June 23rd, no refunds will be given and no exceptions will be made. No-shows will be invoiced.

SUBSTITUTES:

If you are unable to attend, you may send a substitute from your agency without incurring any cancellation fees.

FFTA must be notified of the substitute in advance.

DISCOUNTS:

To receive discounted member registration rates, member agencies' dues must be paid to date.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Please let us know, in advance, if you have any special accommodation or dietary needs.

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FFTA has applications pending with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC). Attendees can receive up to 19 continuing education contact hours for the full conference. The awarding of CE contact hours is conditional upon the organizations' acceptance of applications. Decisions about the acceptances of applications are expected in mid-May. Visit the FFTA Web site (www.ffta.org/conference) for updates. To see if your Social Work Licensure Board endorses the NASW CE program, visit www.socialworkers.org/ce/response.asp.

Attendees wishing to receive continuing education certificates must sign-in at all workshops and complete the Continuing Education Form, provided at the conference.



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- CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** includes all general workshops, Monday Luncheon Banquet, and breaks. It does not include the Tuesday Networking Luncheon. All registrations will be confirmed, in writing, upon receipt of payment. Registrants are responsible for their own hotel and travel arrangements.
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	Full-time Students & Professors**	\$365	\$365	N/A

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\$ _____ **Optional Networking Luncheon on Tuesday, July 18th:** \$40 per person

\$ _____ **Optional \$10.00 Donation to the FFTA Leadership Legacy Scholarship: In Memory of Ed Farmer** See page 14 for details.

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Monday | Workshop (e.g., B1): _____ 10:30 a.m. _____ 2:00 p.m.
_____ 4:00 p.m.

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Would you like to serve as a Workshop Host? Yes No See page 18 for details.

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