

Children and Families Institute

April 22-23, 2020

Riverside Hotel, Boise Idaho

Wednesday, April 22

8:15 – 8:30 am	Welcoming Remarks Honorable Molly Huskey, Chief Judge, Idaho Court of Appeals
8:30 – 9:30 am	<p>Trauma and the <i>Impact and Effects</i></p> <p><i>Alicia Summers, PH.D, Program Director, Research and Evaluation, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges</i></p> <p>With our ever-increasing understanding of adolescent brain development, neuroscience, psychology and human development in general, there is a growing recognition that these needs are more complex than the basics of food, shelter and safety. Children and adults who have experienced adversity often require assistance to meet developmental needs and tasks, with a focus on promoting resilience and well-being so that they have the same opportunities for positive outcomes as persons who have not been involved with the court system.</p> <p>In this session participants will learn about the impact of adverse child experiences and discuss how small changes in how we approach working with them can make a lasting impact and help to restore their sense of hope and increase their opportunities for successful outcomes.</p>
9:30 – 9:45 am	Break
9:45 – 10:45 am	<p>Key Strengths-Based Concepts/ Interventions for Criminal Justice Services</p> <p><i>Kevin M. Powell, PH.D., Licensed Psychologist/Trainer/Consultant, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Psychology, Colorado State University</i></p> <p>Youth and adults in the criminal justice system frequently have a history of adverse childhood experiences (ACE). These individuals can present in a manner that impedes effective services, including mistrust, defensiveness, hopelessness, shame, oppositional defiance, and/or aggression. A Strengths-Based Approach helps create an environment in which clients feel safe, open, and engaged. This presentation will highlight strengths-based concepts and interventions that are essential tools for all criminal justice providers (i.e., Judges, Mental Health</p>

	Therapists, Caseworkers, PO Officers, GALs, etc.). This Strength-Based Approach promotes positive relationships, instills hope & resilience, and enhances prosocial development.
10:45 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Key Strengths-Based Concepts/ Interventions for Criminal Justice Services (continued)
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Boxed Lunches
1:00 – 2:30 pm	<p>Managing the Impacts of Trauma in the Courtroom: What Judges Can Do</p> <p><i>Honorable Dan Michael, Juvenile Court, Shelby County, TN</i></p> <p>Consumers of justice are often injured in some way due to substantial adversity or trauma, and courts frequently function as a socio-legal emergency room. Further, administrators of justice are not immune to the stress of working with injured persons. The prevalence of toxic stress in the trenches of the justice system presents many challenges for those seeking and serving justice, but also presents opportunities to rethink how we deal with injury and adversity. In this session, Judge Dan Michael will discuss lessons learned from his court’s journey to be more trauma-informed and will present practical recommendations for improving trauma-informed practice with both consumers and administrators of justice</p>
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break and move to Break-Out Sessions
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<p>Break-Out Sessions</p> <p>Child Protection</p> <p>Situating Child Protection Among Multiple Institutional Responses to Intimate Partner and Family Violence</p> <p><i>Gabrielle Davis, Legal Policy Advisor, Battered Women's Justice Project</i></p> <p>This 1-hour workshop will explore how common approaches to family violence within the child protection system relate to parallel approaches in criminal, child support, child custody, and protection order cases. A case study will be used to follow a family through multiple systems and identify the competing demands and expectations that can sometimes create system-generated trauma that makes “compliance” especially difficult for survivors wherever they happen to be.</p> <p>Family Law</p> <p>Keeping Children Safe in Custody Cases with Domestic Violence</p>

	<p><i>Joan Meier, Professor of Clinical Law, George Washington School of Law</i></p> <p>How can Idaho Magistrates keep children safe when there is domestic violence involved? Professor Meier will give an overview non-legal definition of domestic violence, including coercive control. Professor Meier will discuss the relevancy of controlling behaviors as to child safety as well as the physical and psychological risks to children in care of an abusive partner following separation.</p> <p>Juvenile</p> <p>Adversity-Responsive, Resilience-Enhancing Interventions (Trauma-Informed): A Strengths-Based Approach</p> <p><i>Kevin M. Powell, PH.D., Licensed Psychologist/Trainer/Consultant, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Psychology, Colorado State University</i></p> <p>The field of psychology and mental health continues to evolve as we learn more about human behavior, life adversity, and resilience. There is growing empirical support for the utilization of strengths-based interventions in youth and adult services. This training will highlight Adversity-Responsive, Resilience-Enhancing treatment components (trauma-informed) that can assist clients in overcoming past adversity and problematic/ abusive behaviors, as well as acquiring skills for developing into resilient, prosocial members of the community. The treatment components are organized into 6 categories: Relationship/ Therapeutic Alliance; Stabilization; Rationale for Services; Assessment; Intervention; and Prevention.</p>
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 – 4:45 pm	Facilitated Roundtable Discussions by District
Thursday, April 23	
8:30 – 9:45 am	<p>SaFER – A View From the Bench</p> <p><i>Honorable Mary Madden, Fourth Judicial District, Family, Law Hennepin County, Minnesota</i> <i>Gabrielle Davis, Legal Policy Advisor, Battered Women’s Justice Project</i></p> <p>This 2-hour plenary presentation will introduce an approach to domestic violence-informed decision-making called SaFeR. The SaFER approach was developed by the Battered Women’s Justice Project in Minneapolis, MN pursuant to a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. The key elements of SaFER have been incorporated into one of the best interest factors that govern child custody cases in Minnesota. Hennepin County Family Court Referee Mary Madden will discuss how SaFeR can be used by</p>

	attorneys, court services personnel, and judicial officers to improve outcomes for battered parents and children.
9:45 – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 – 11:15	SaFER – A View From the Bench (continued)
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