

2014 Shoulder to Shoulder Speakers & Presentations



PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

☐ Better Together

Downstairs Ballroom

Child Welfare agencies and community groups each play a part in serving struggling families. In this session, we will discuss the role of public-private partnerships, offer some guidance on how to form partnerships, and how increasing the role of the community contributes to the ability of a child welfare system to utilize differential response and keep children with their families.

Cost: \$20

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

☐ Shoulder to Shoulder: The Healing Power of Relationship when Working with Traumatized Children

Ballroom

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Research from neuroscience informs us that we are biologically engineered to be in relationship. Every cell in our bodymind system, synapse in our brain, and dendrite is directed towards relationship. Well then why is it so difficult to maintain relationship when working with traumatized children? The answer is stress. The single greatest challenge to creating healing environments for adults and children is stress. The call towards conscious, mindful living is greater now than any other time in the existence of humanity. If we want to create healing for children we must first start with ourselves, each and every one of us. In this inspiring presentation Bryan Post will weave love into the framework of our understanding of trauma and relationship in a manner that we might all be empowered to live a life of greater consciousness and healing.

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LUNCH/ AFTERNOON KEYNOTE 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

☐ Our Voices: Speaking Through Wednesday's Child Ballroom

Jeff Gianola understands the power of voice more than most as a veteran television anchor of KOIN 6 News in Portland, Whether he's covering a community affair or investigating an injustice, Jeff speaks up for those who can't.

For close to 25 years, Jeff has been producing Wednesday's Child in Portland, where he shares the voices of the most vulnerable and unheard Oregonians – foster children. A proven champion for children, Jeff has interviewed and featured nearly 500 kids and youth in foster care waiting for adoptive families over the last 13 years.

Join Jeff over lunch for a humorous and heartfelt Wednesday's Child retrospective, and a reflection on the impact all of our voices can have for kids.

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Originally hailing from San Diego, Jeff Gianola has been a major television presence in Portland since 1983 and is now evening news anchor for CBS affiliate station KOIN Local 6. Recognizing his impressive 30 years on the air, the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences inducted Jeff into their Silver Circle in 2013. In addition to movie appearances, Jeff has produced documentaries, and founded the local Wednesday's Child Foundation and Program, one of Portland's greatest gifts to the foster care community. Jeff was honored for this work in helping foster children get adopted with a 2013 Angel in Adoption Award from Senator Ron Wyden.

Jeff lives in Tigard with his wife and their three children. He also has two older daughters, both college graduates. "I'm on the no-retirement plan, I love it," says Jeff.

SESSION A 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

☐ Self Compassion for Caregivers and Providers: Room Clackamas Why It's Essential for Connection

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Working with children who struggle with feeling safe in relationships can be extremely challenging. This workshop is designed to support you to have compassion with yourself and others through this process. Self-Compassion is an essential component of self-regulation, which allows people to remain emotionally connected and attuned to others.

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Attendees will explore how to develop self-compassion and handle difficult emotions, without making it personal. These tools can also be utilized with the children whom caregivers work with and provide for.

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☐ [A Heart Attack Waiting to Happen](#)

Room Clark

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Toxic stress in childhood can have lifelong health and social consequences. This session will explore the Adverse Childhood Experiences study as well as other pertinent research, and will suggest some ways that we might be able to change the future for kids who have experienced toxic stress.

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☐ [Sex Offenders: What Judges, Lawyers, Investigators and Child Advocates Should Know \(Part 1\)](#)

Room
Multnomah

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☐ Mentoring for Change

Room
Washington

Ms. Taylor will facilitate a panel of parent mentors from Multnomah, Malheur and Linn/Benton County. The panel will discuss the value of supporting and engaging parents involved with the child welfare system to help the parents to believe in themselves. They will also focus on the importance of engaging fathers, and provide strategies to help deal with resistant fathers.

Speaker(s): Ruth Taylor

☐ Foster Care Ombudsman:

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As a result of Oregon Foster Youth Connection's successful passage of Senate Bill 123, foster youth are now able to call a telephone hotline with questions about their rights, care and well-being, issues with their placement, or services received while in foster care. The Ombudsman is responsible for developing and implementing a fair and confidential process for receiving, investigating, and resolving complaints. Mr. Mancuso will discuss SB123 and share the types of concerns that have been reported since it's implementation.

Speaker(s): Darin Mancuso

Darin Mancuso, Foster Care Ombudsman, Governor's Advocacy Office

Darin began his foster care experience as a baby in San Diego, California where he was born and lived briefly in foster care before being adopted by two loving parents. Darin lived all over the west coast and in the State of Michigan where his parents divorced and his mother remarried his nomadic stepfather. Darin attended countless grade schools and five different high schools. After high school Darin went into the US Army where he served as a

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Military Police Office. After ending his service in the army, Darin returned to Oregon and began working at Marion County in their drug treatment program and juvenile detention facility while attending college. Darin graduated from Western Oregon with a B.S. in Social Science and continued working full-time at Marion County Juvenile as an Educational Advocate and rotation as a Probation Officer in the Intensive Supervision Unit. Darin continued his career in the juvenile justice system and worked for Clackamas County for 18 years as a Counselor II in the sex offender unit and was the Drug Court Coordinator for 4 years. Darin is the past President of the Oregon Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment Network, Recipient of the 2012 Juvenile Counselor of the Year award, A Lead Trainer with the Oregon Juvenile Department Director's Association, and Past President of Silverton Junior Baseball.

☐ [Transitioning with Sensitivity](#)

Room Hayden

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This session will provide an overview of the key roles of the worker and caregiver in transitioning a child either back home, to adoption or even staying permanently in the current home. Techniques to transfer key information and facilitate adjustment to strong emotions will be covered. Participants will learn who plays what role and why, as well as techniques which facilitate effective transitions.

Speaker(s): Kris Villanueva, MSW, LCW

Kris Villanueva, MSW, LCSW, Assistant Director of the Child Welfare Partnership Training Program, is a trainer and staff supervisor. Ms. Villanueva is a master trainer who has developed curriculum, mentors staff in curriculum development and training and has presented at multiple national level conferences. Ms. Villanueva worked for Oregon's Child Welfare program as a caseworker, adoption worker, foster home certifier and parent trainer for 22 years before joining the Child Welfare Partnership in 2000. Ms. Villanueva also has an active private practice providing mental health therapy and supervising social workers toward clinical licensure.

☐ [Understanding Sensory Processing Difficulties](#)

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Speaker(s): Jenna Gordon

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

☐ Overcoming Fear in Parenting to Create a Therapeutic Environment for Children

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Unbeknownst to both parents and professionals the ever-looming presence of fear that slips in to our consciousness wreaks havoc on our relationships and creates increased stress for our children. In this presentation, the audience will examine traditional parenting techniques that have been practiced for generations and understand why these techniques are not effective for traumatized children. Further, we will explore what it means to love in the midst of fear and stress. Any parent or professional can learn how to create a therapeutic environment for the healing of children.

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☐ Fostering Hope: Health Care for Children in Foster Care

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☐ Judges Panel

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Washington

A panel of judges from Lane, Lincoln, Multnomah and Polk counties discuss the court process and the importance of involving children, youth and foster parent in court and CRB proceedings. A facilitated question and answer session will follow. Questions must be submitted in writing and will be collected during the workshop.

Speaker(s): Referee Fithian-Barrett, Judge Norm Hill, JudgePaulette Sanders, Judge Valeri Love and Leola McKenzie

Honorable Lisa Fithian-Barrett, sits as a Hearings Referee in Multnomah County Juvenile Court. Prior to her appointment in 1997 she practiced with the Metropolitan Public Defender in the Juvenile Section for several years. She is a 1981 graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School.

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Honorable Norm Hill, received his bachelor's degree from California State University and his J.D. from Willamette University College of Law. In 2001 he became a partner at Martinis & Hill Attorney at Law, focusing on real estate law, business law, and construction law. Governor Kitzhaber appointed Norman R Hill to fill the vacancy of Honorable Fred E. Avera in 2012. In 2012, Judge Hill was elected a Polk County Circuit Court judge in the general election.

Honorable Paulette Sanders, was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge Pro Tem in 2008. She is the juvenile judge for Lincoln County, and handling both dependency and delinquency cases. Judge Sanders attended the University of Oregon School of Law, and became a prosecutor in Lane County immediately following her graduation from law school.

Honorable Valeri Love, is a judge on the 2nd Judicial District in Oregon. She was appointed by Governor John Kitzhaber in August 2011. Judge Love received her undergraduate degree from Linfield College, a Master of Management degree at Willamette University and her J.D. from Willamette University College of Law.

Leola McKenzie has been with the Office of the State Court Administrator since January 1995. Leola earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Secondary Education from Nazareth College in Rochester, New York and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Portland State University. Leola is an adoptive parent of two special needs children.

Understanding the IEP and Your Critically Important Role on the Team

Room Zellerbach

In this training we will take an in depth look at the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process. You will learn what an IEP is and the role of the family/advocate on the child's IEP team. We will share strategies for effective advocacy, such as written parent input and the successful use of a person-centered one page profile. Also, learn how to increase the student's participation in their IEP meeting. This comprehensive training looks at the purpose, process, and development of an IEP; including healthy team dynamics, effective communication, and the IEP document.

Speaker(s): Noelle Sisk

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Cultural Identities & Their Influence on Our Work with Children

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How do our cultural identities influence our work with children? This workshop will invite participants to reflect on their own identity development processes and explore how their developmental experiences shape their approaches to working with children.

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Speaker(s): Nani Jacksins Park

NaniJackins Park is a consultant who leads the work of ensuring that Morrison Child and Family Services achieves its goals of providing equitable, inclusive and effective services and an equitable and meaningful work environment. She is an award winning multicultural educator with over 20 years experience doing equity and diversity work. Nani is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Washington, researching the relationships between students of color and education. She also holds a Master's degree in counseling psychology and has taught psychology, human development and multicultural studies at a number of higher education institutions.

Who's Karly? And How Has Karly's Law Changed the Response to Child Physical Abuse? Room
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Using Oregon's Karly's Law as an example, participants will hear from a collaborative team how this unfunded mandate created a better system for identifying children suffering from physical abuse. **House Bill 3328, or Karly's Law**, signed into Oregon law on June 27, 2007, was to improve, standardize and coordinate evaluation of children in Oregon when there are concerns of physical abuse. Ensure injuries to children result in: documentation; cross report; medical evaluation; and review of medical evaluation by the local Designated Medical Professional.

Speaker(s): Shelly Smith, Robin Reimer, Tina J. Morgan

Shelly Smith, M.S., is the Executive Director for Kids Intervention and Diagnostic Service (KIDS) Center, an NCA accredited and regional children's advocacy center in Bend, Oregon. She is the chair of the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (ONCAIC) and has been a member of The Network and with KIDS Center for 5 years. Shelly holds a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Seattle Pacific University and has over 20 years of experience in nonprofit administration.

Robin Reimer has been the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Fund Coordinator since April 2014 and at the Crime Victims' Service Division of the Oregon Department of Justice since 2010. Her commitment to family violence prevention and response stems from her past experience as an AmeriCorps Advocate at the Portland Women's Crisis Line. Her approach to child abuse intervention is also informed by experience gained clerking for the presiding domestic relations and juvenile court judge in Multnomah County, practicing family law, doing outreach for a farmworkers assistance program and working as a disability benefits analyst.

Tina J. Morgan is the Executive Director for Kids' FIRST Center, an NCA accredited child advocacy center located in Eugene, Oregon and one of five regional service providers in Oregon. As of August 8, 2009, Ms. Morgan assumed the directorship of the Kids' FIRST Center after serving as program supervisor for nearly 15 years. She is the chair of the Lane County Child Abuse Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT) and is an executive member of the Oregon Network for Child Abuse Intervention Centers. She has been in the field of victim advocacy since 1987, and with Lane County District Attorney's Office since 1991.

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SESSION C 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

☐ Stress, Trauma and the Brain: Helping Children Heal

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Trauma has affected us all at some level. Understanding how we as professionals and parents have been affected by stress and trauma deepens our understanding of how we can help create healing for our children. Based on the groundbreaking video Stress, Trauma and the Brain, the audience will look at the impact of trauma and how to heal through it. Trauma is not an experience to be resolved but rather integrated from a place of conscious awareness, attunement, and attention.

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☐ Creating a Secure Base: A Team Approach

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This workshop will examine how to best create a collaborative, team approach to caring for a child by differentiating roles/objectives of all involved and looking at ways to support a child's relationship with their identified attachment figure(s). The workshop will go beyond philosophical discussion to provide examples and ideas for parents, social workers, counselors, and all members of a child's treatment team

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Decision Making in Cases of Child Abuse

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This presentation will review a number of studies that examine sex offender characteristics and the effectiveness of interviewer style on confession rates. Speaker will examine the relationship between offender age, personality, offense history and experience with the criminal justice system as they relate to confession rates. Results confirm previously suspected notions about the thoughts and concerns offenders have during police interviews and the reasons that offenders decline to be interviewed, confess or lie. Offender quotes and video clips will be used to illustrate the various findings. The presentation includes anecdotal comments from sex offenders and veteran child abuse detectives from enforcement agencies in Oregon.

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Keeping Families Together: Doing What Works

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The Keeping Families Together (KFT) Initiative is an innovative and research-based approach to preventing child abuse and neglect. This Initiative plans to reduce foster care placements by building a healthier community that supports vulnerable children, youth, and families. KFT uses the Communities That Care (CTC) model, the only evidenced-based program in the nation with proven success in helping communities develop the capacity to support the healthy well-being of children and families.

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The CTC model provides communities with a roadmap for using tested interventions to identify the risk factors in their own cities, recognizing that lasting change requires long-term community commitment and investment in prevention. Presenters will discuss how they have adapted this successful model to focus on the prevention of child maltreatment in Hood River and Springfield.

Speaker(s): Mickey Lansing, Terri Vann, Jean Vinson

Terri Vann retired from Hood River County School District in 2012 after 36 years as an administrator and teacher. She was an administrator at all levels and retired as the Director of Instruction and Special Programs. Besides her work with *Keeping Families Together*, she is very involved in the community of Hood River serving on the United Way Council, member and past President of the Rotary Club, and serves as the Chair of the Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Advisory Council. Terri is also a member of the Providence Oregon Community Ministry Board. She and her husband raised their two sons and daughter in Hood River. Her two oldest children along with their spouses have given the family five grandchildren.

Jean Vinson has directed Springfield, Oregon's *Keeping Families Together* Initiative, an innovative approach to preventing abuse, neglect, and out-of-home foster placements of children for the past two years. Jean has worked with Springfield's Mayor, City Council, School District, Business Community, DHS, and Service Agencies to effectively use the *Communities that Care's* evidence-based model that educates and engages the community on ways to use local data that identifies the risk factors confronting children, youth and their families. Throughout her career as an educator in Oregon, Jean has been dedicated to setting standards for excellence in education that will provide all students with meaningful opportunities that lead to a brighter future. Currently, Jean serves on Lane County's District #5 Committee, Casey Family Programs' Committee for the Reduction of Foster Care, Keeping Families Together Steering Committee and Community Board in Springfield, Lane County's Parenting Education Hub - LaneKids, Healthy Families Advisory Committee - Lane County, DHS's Family Support Team, and Springfield Schools' Student Support Team.

It Starts with a Dream! Person-Centered Profiles

Room Zellerbach

Strengths, abilities, interests, hopes, dreams, and needs... These characteristics and many more make up the whole person for each of us. But when a person has a disability, do we see the whole person, or only a small part? We will show you how to create a one-page profile of the child you support to effectively convey these strength-based characteristics. This document is a good tool for introducing the child in the best way possible.

Speaker(s): Noelle Sisk

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☐ Positive Discipline

Room Hayden

As foster parents, CASAs, child welfare workers, therapists, educators, and child care providers, we are trying to help children who have been compromised by trauma to form healthy attachments. This workshop will present an introduction to a framework that uses the lens of attachment, filters it through what we know about the effects of trauma on brain development, and utilizes Positive Discipline tools to treat children and ourselves with dignity and respect. It stresses the importance of a sense of belonging and significance for all children and offers tools that are encouraging and non-punitive.

Speaker(s): Steven Foster and Caty Buckley

Steven Foster is a Certified Positive Discipline Lead Trainer and a licensed clinical social worker. He works at Clackamas ESD as an Early Childhood Specialist. He is the coauthor, along with Jane Nelsen and Arlene Raphael, of Positive Discipline for Children With Special Needs. He teaches parenting classes and provides training and consultation in a variety of settings.

Caty Buckley is a social worker currently working at CASA for Children and is also a Certified Positive Discipline Educator. She currently teaches parenting classes in Portland and also provides classes to teen parents at a local alternative school.

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