

**Oregon Judicial Department  
Citizen Review Board**



**2013  
Annual Training  
Conference**

*"Every Day Counts"*

**May 3 - 4, 2013  
Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel  
Portland, Oregon**

# Keynote Speakers



## Mandy Davis, Portland State University

Mandy Davis, LCSW, is a Research Associate and Clinical Director of the Trauma Informed Care Project at the Regional Research Institute at Portland State University, School of Social Work. Ms. Davis has more than 15 years experience providing services directly to survivors of trauma and providing consultation, training and evaluation services to programs serving survivors of trauma. Ms. Davis also teaches courses in abuse and trauma, generalist practice, research, and statistics at the School of Social Work at PSU. Her current focus is on implementing Trauma Informed Care practices in organizations.

## Sandra White Hawk



Sandra White Hawk is a Sicangu Lakota adoptee from the Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota. She is the founder and Director of First Nations Repatriation Institute (formerly First Nations Orphan Association). First Nations Repatriation Institute (FNRI) is the first organization of its kind whose goal it is to create a resource for First Nations people impacted by foster care or adoption to return home, reconnect, and reclaim their identity. The Institute also serves as a resource to enhance the knowledge and skills of practitioners who serve First Nations people.

Sandra organizes Truth Healing Reconciliation Community Forums that bring together adoptees/fostered individuals and their families and professionals with the goal to identify post adoption issues and to identify strategies that will prevent removal of First Nations children. She has also initiated an ongoing support group for adoptees and birth relatives in the Twin Cities, MN.

Sandra has become a spokesperson on the issues of the adoption and the foster care system and how it has impacted First Nations People. She has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Costa Rica, Australia and Japan, Alaska sharing her inspirational story of healing.

Sandra was awarded the Women in Wellbriety Dana Tiger Award for Creating Change in Nations, named one of the Innovators in Color Lines Magazine, named one of the 50 Visionaries Who are Changing Your World, Utne Reader, named Outstanding Native Women Award from the University of Minnesota 2003 and was named "50 Most Influential and Cool People" of Madison, WI, in Madison Magazine, November 2002.

## Popcorn and a Movie



What would life be like growing up without parents? Follow the journey of two sets of siblings in this documentary short that explores the importance of the sibling bond for children who have been separated from their brothers and sisters in the child welfare system. Through a week at Camp To Belong Northwest, the national camp organization's Oregon chapter, separated siblings reunite for six days. The campers create new memories and share special moments but must inevitably return to their separate homes.

Join us after dinner on Friday, May 3, for popcorn and a movie. We will show the Camp to Belong documentary *Family Without Parents*, directed by Desiree Robinson

# Conference News

## Lodging at the Sheraton Portland Airport

8235 Northeast Airport Way

Portland, OR 97220

Make your conference lodging reservations **BEFORE**

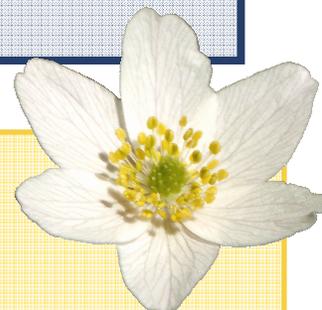
**April 4, 2013**

to obtain the significantly reduced rates

starting at \$113.00 (plus tax)

be certain to ask for the "Citizen Review Board Room Block."

Make your reservations by calling: 503.281.2500 or online.



## Conference Registration Register Now!

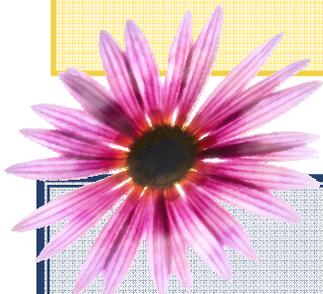
Online registration available at\*:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CRB2013EveryDayCounts>

***Child Welfare Stakeholders are invited  
CLE or CEU credits are available!***

The registration fee for child welfare stakeholders will be \$35.00, and includes refreshments, breakfast, lunch, and CLE or CEU credits (if applicable). Dinner on May 3, 2013 is reserved for CRB Members and their guests, OJD staff, and presenters.

**\*If you do not have internet access, please contact Amy Church to register at 503.986.4535.**



## Camp to Belong Raffle

At the last three conferences, enough funds were raised to send **TEN** children to Camp to Belong! We will once again have a raffle fundraiser for scholarships to reunite siblings at Camp to Belong this summer.

If you or your board are interested in contributing a basket or other item for the raffle, please bring your donation to the conference, or arrange to have your field manager bring your donation to the conference for you. All donations are tax deductible.

Baskets and raffle items will be on display throughout the conference in the registration area. Raffle tickets will be available at the registration desk, and drawings will be held throughout the conference.



**1:00 p.m. - Welcome**

*Leola McKenzie, Director, Juvenile Court Programs; and The Honorable Maureen McKnight, Multnomah County Circuit Court*

**1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Opening Session: CAPTA Citizen Review Panel Project**

*Leola McKenzie, Director, Juvenile Court Programs*

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), provides Oregon with federal funds to support child abuse and neglect prevention, assessment, investigation, prosecution, and treatment activities. One requirement of this federal grant is that Oregon must have at least three Citizen Review Panels (CRPs) that examine the policies, procedures, and practices of our child protection system and make recommendations to the Department of Human Services (DHS). This is the first year that DHS has transferred responsibilities for the coordination of the panels to the CRB. Boards in Deschutes, Lane, and Lincoln counties served as the three panels. This session will provide a brief overview of the local recommendations from these three counties as well as an opportunity for all board members to provide input and prioritize the statewide recommendations.

**1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Break**

**2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Plenary Session: Trauma Informed Care**

*Mandy Davis, Research Associate, Clinical Director Trauma Informed Care Project, Portland State University, School of Social Work*

This session will define trauma informed care and explore how service systems, often unknowingly, retraumatize survivors of complex trauma. Participants will learn specific strategies that boards can use to reduce retraumatization and promote engagement for children and families participating in reviews.

**3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - Break**

**3:45p.m. - 5:45p.m. - Workshop Sessions:**

**A1. To Ask or Not to Ask, That is the Question: Questioning Strategies for Conducting an Effective Review**

*Suzanne Callahan and Tina Qualls, CRB Field Staff*

“Do you have a job?” “Are you on birth control?” “How do you feel?” What do we really need to know to substantiate each of our findings? This session will include appropriate questioning strategies and effective review techniques. This workshop will include role plays, case scenarios and interactive opportunities.

**A2. Why can't this child return home today? Understanding Conditions for Return**

*The Honorable Linda Hughes, Multnomah Circuit Court Judge Pro Tem, Laurie Linn, Polk County DHS Supervisor, Laurie Judd and Walt Gullett, CRB Field Staff*

As board members make findings and recommendations they compare the jurisdictional basis with parental progress and DHS Conditions for return. Are the conditions clear? Do the parents understand what DHS is requiring? Attend this workshop and learn the skills to help you evaluate conditions for return and parental progress, and make findings and recommendations related to the question, “Can this child go home today? If not, why?”



# Program



Friday, May 3, 2013

3:45p.m. - 5:45p.m. - Workshop Sessions *(continued)*:

### **A3. Aging Out of Foster care...A Road Too Often Travelled**

*Carrie van Dijk, ILP Youth Transition Specialist, DHS; Cheris Teal, Teen Transition Specialist, DHS; Steven Lindeman and Christina Levesque, CRB Field Staff*

This workshop will compare and contrast various paths to aging out of foster care in Oregon. Learn the case planning strategies, services, and supports available for young adults in transition including those who are college bound, have mental health issues, or are seeking vocational training.



### **A4. The School Bell is Ringing: What the CRB Can do to Improve Educational Outcomes for Children in Foster Care**

*Brian V. Baker, Attorney, Youth, Rights & Justice; Leola McKenzie, Director, Juvenile Court Programs, Amy Benedum and Molly Johnson, CRB Field Staff*

Guest speaker, attorney Brian Baker, from Youth, Rights & Justice will highlight educational laws related to children in foster care, share state and national data and assist participants with formulating questions and recommendations regarding a child's education. Participants will be able to apply their knowledge (and earn fabulous prizes) reviewing scenarios developed for specific age groups and special education needs.

6:00 p.m. - CRB Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Welcome and Words of Appreciation

The Honorable Thomas A. Balmer, Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court



Saturday, May 4, 2013

7:30a.m. - Breakfast Buffet

8:15a.m. - 8:30a.m. Welcome and Announcements

*Leola McKenzie, Director, Juvenile Court Programs*

8:30a.m. - 9:30a.m. Plenary Session: ICWA History and Impact on People of the First Nations

*Sandra White Hawk, Director, First Nations Repatriation Institute*

As early as 1890 it has been documented that thousands of First Nations children were forcibly removed from their homes. Between the years of 1941 through 1978 when the Indian Child Welfare Act was passed we know that 25% of all First Nations children were removed from their homes and placed in orphanages and white foster homes, as well as adopted into white homes. These institutions and homes were often brutal which added to the trauma of early childhood separation. Many mothers and fathers of these lost or stolen children still grieve the loss of their children. These now adult children struggle with personal identity and a sense of belonging.

9:30a.m. - 10:10a.m. Plenary Session: ICWA Beyond the Basics

*Cheryl Baldomaro-Lucas, Child Welfare Program Manager, DHS; Michael Livingston, Juvenile Law Staff Counsel, Juvenile Court Programs*

This session will provide a brief overview of the ICWA and then focus on "Active Efforts" requirements and ICWA placement preferences.

10:10a.m. - 10:30a.m. - Break



Saturday, May 4, 2013

## 10:30a.m. - 12:30a.m. - Workshop Sessions:

### **B1. To Ask or Not to Ask, that is the question: Questioning strategies for conducting an effective review (Repeat of A1)**

*Suzanne Callahan and Tina Qualls, CRB Field Staff*

### **B2. The Science of Decision Making**

*The Honorable Courtland Geyer, Marion County Circuit Court Judge*

*Megan Hassen, CRB Field Staff*

Learn how subconscious thinking shapes decision making, and how the timing and manner of CRB decisions can have a dramatic impact on the board's credibility. Circuit Judge Courtland Geyer explores the psychology of decision making, techniques for making findings that matter, and decision making traps to avoid.

### **B3. Can you Hear Me Now? Ensuring all voices are heard**

*Jennifer Goff and Rebecca Regello, CRB Field Staff; and a Panel of Parties*

Through a captivating and interactive panel presentation, CRB members will gain insights and strategies for effectively engaging parties in the CRB review. A panel of parties including a parent, youth, foster parent, CASA, an attorney, and DHS case worker will share their experiences from attending CRB reviews. The workshop will provide strategies to ensure meaningful participation by parties in CRB reviews.

### **B4. When Child Welfare and Domestic Violence Intersect: Why Doesn't S/He Just Leave?**

*Rebecca Orf, VAWA Staff Counsel, Juvenile Court Programs, Shary Mason, Model Court & Training Analyst, Juvenile Court Improvement Program*

This workshop will focus on the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment, differentiation of batterers, and barriers to safety for victims and their children. The workshop will explore how this information applies to CRB findings such as reasonable/active efforts, appropriate services for the child, and sufficient parental progress and will include an interactive exercise to help participants better understand why victims don't leave, or return to, an abusive partner.

## 12:30pm - 1:45p.m. - Lunch and Child Welfare Update

*Lois Day, Director, Child Welfare, DHS*

## 1:45pm - 2:45p.m. - Workshop Sessions:

### **C1. OR-Kids Case Plans**

*Ashley Beatty, OR-Kids Policy Trainer, DHS*

Are you still having problems with the OR-Kids case plans? Do you have difficulty finding information in the OR-Kids case plans? This presentation will help you decipher the OR-Kids case plans. Learn what information is covered in each of the case plans and where to find the information you need to conduct a CRB review.

### **C2. Appellate Decisions that Affect Permanency**

*Michael Livingston, Juvenile Law Staff Counsel, Juvenile Court Programs*

An exciting workshop that explores Court of Appeals decisions and how those decisions impacted the courts, DHS, permanency for children, and CRB Findings and Recommendations.





Saturday, May 4, 2013

1:45pm - 2:45p.m. - Workshop Sessions *(continued)*:

### **C3. Field Staff F.A.Q.**

*David Smith, Walt Gullett, and Megan Hassen CRB Field Staff*

CRB members will have the opportunity to submit questions to a panel of experienced field managers. The field managers will lead a discussion of the questions and topics raised by CRB members through the conference registration process.

### **C4. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome—Recognition, Diagnosis, and Treatment**

*Diane V. Malbin, Founder of FASCETS*

A presentation by one of the leading authorities on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). Ms. Malbin will explain what FAS is, how it is diagnosed, and treatment venues.

2:45p.m. - 3:00p.m. - Break

3:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. - Workshop Sessions

### **D1. OR-Kids Case Plans (Repeat of C1)**

*Ashley Beatty, OR-Kids Policy Trainer, DHS*

### **D2. Adoption Policies and Advocacy**

*The Honorable Cynthia Easterday, Yamhill County Circuit Court Judge*

How long is too long? You are going to place her where? What is causing the delay? How do you review adoption cases and make recommendations and findings that meet a child's needs? Learn how to make findings and recommendations that advocate for an appropriate adoptive placement and timely finalization of adoptions. The Honorable Cynthia Easterday, member of the Judicial Engagement Leadership Institute Work Group on Timeliness of Adoptions will present.

### **D3. Overview of Developmental Disabilities Services**

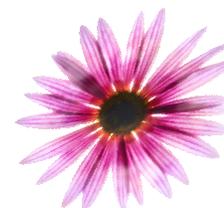
*Elizabeth McHugh, Multnomah DD Crisis Lead and Program Specialist; Courtney Kemmer, Multnomah County DD Intake and Eligibility Unit Program Supervisor; Sherrelle Owens, Multnomah County DD Program Manager*

An introductory session on Developmental Disabilities Services including information regarding eligibility, the application process, services provided, transition planning, and special issues for foster children.

### **D4. The Impact of Child Abuse on Bonding and Attachment**

*Melissa Smith-Hohnstein, Clinical Coordinator and Child & Family Therapist, Kinship House*

Ms. Smith-Hohnstein will present alternative thinking to the diagnosis of Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD). Kinship House approaches RAD on a spectrum and addresses the underlying issues such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).



**Register online now!**

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If you have any questions about the conference, or for more information please contact Amy Church at (503)986-4535 or by e-mail at [CRB.Volunteer.Resources@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:CRB.Volunteer.Resources@ojd.state.or.us)