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Citizen Review Board**



*2015 Annual  
CRB*

*“Every Day Counts...”*

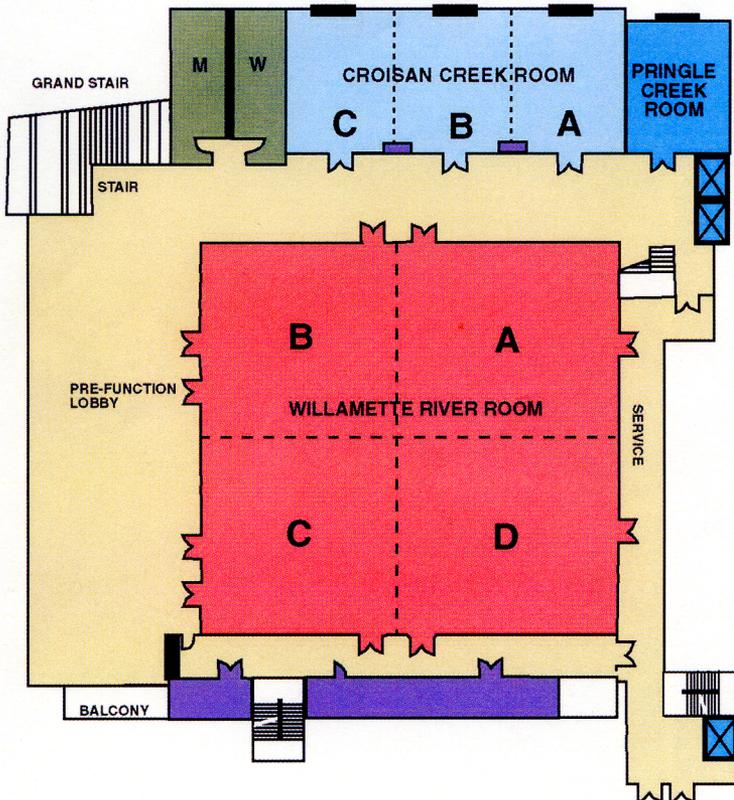
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**April 17-18, 2015  
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## 2015 Every Day Counts... Conference Agenda

**Friday, April 17, 2015**

11:30 am – 5:30 pm	<b>Registration</b>			
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b> Leola McKenzie, Director of Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division (JFCPD) The Honorable Lindsay R. Partridge, Marion County Circuit Court Judge <i>Willamette C &amp; D (Second Floor)</i>			
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Safe &amp; Together Model</b> - Kristen Selleck <i>Willamette C &amp; D (Second Floor)</i>			
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>			
3:00pm – 5:00pm	<b>Effects of Domestic Violence on Children and Families</b> <i>Santiam 2 (First Floor)</i>	<b>ILP? OMG. I'm Aging Out of Foster Care. Help!</b> <i>Santiam 3 (First Floor)</i>	<b>Taking the Guessing out of Assessing</b> <i>Willamette A (Second Floor)</i>	<b>The Protection of Immigrant Children Involved in Juvenile Courts</b> <i>Willamette B (Second Floor)</i>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Break</b>			
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>CRB Volunteer Recognition Dinner</b> <b>The Power of the Citizen Voice: 30 Years and Going Strong!</b> – Nancy Miller, Former Director of the Citizen Review Board <b>Words of Appreciation</b> The Honorable Thomas Balmer, Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court <b>30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Entertainment</b> – Leigh Anne Jasheway, The Accidental Comic <i>Willamette C &amp; D (Second Floor)</i>			

**Saturday, April 18, 2015**

7:30 am	<b>Breakfast Buffet and Registration</b> <i>Gallery (First Floor)</i>			
8:00 am – 8:45 am	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b> Leola McKenzie, Director of Juvenile Court Programs (JCP) <b>CAPTA Update</b> - Nancy Miller, CAPTA CRP Coordinator <i>Santiam 1, 2, 3 (First Floor)</i>			
8:45 am – 10:15 am	<b>Keynote</b> <b>The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences</b> - Laura Porter <i>Santiam 1, 2, 3 (First Floor)</i>			
10:15 – 11:30 am	<b>CRB Discovery Café – Creating Conversations</b> <i>Santiam 4, 5, &amp; 6 (First Floor)</i>			
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Understanding the Needs of LGBTQ Youth</b> <i>Santiam 4 (First Floor)</i>	<b>The Indian Child Welfare Act: What are Active Efforts?</b> <i>Santiam 5 (First Floor)</i>	<b>CRB Customs, Values and Practices--Ensuring Families Receive Culturally Appropriate Services</b> <i>Santiam 6 (First Floor)</i>	<b>Cultural Trauma and Collective Identity</b> <i>Boardroom (First Floor)</i>
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> <b>The Value of the CRB</b> Pamela Abernethy, Judge-in-Residence, Juvenile Court Improvement Program Jason Walling, Deputy Director of Child Welfare, Department of Human Services <i>Santiam 1, 2, 3 (First Floor)</i>			
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Parenting Time, "The Heart of Reunification"</b> <i>Santiam 4 (First Floor)</i>	<b>Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act: How New Federal Legislation Will Change Child Welfare Practices</b> <i>Santiam 5 (First Floor)</i>	<b>Recent Developments in Oregon Case Law regarding Jurisdiction and Reasonable Efforts</b> <i>Santiam 6 (First Floor)</i>	<b>Trauma Informed Reviews, A Continuing Look</b> <i>Boardroom (First Floor)</i>
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm		<b>The Role of the Attorney in Juvenile Dependency Cases</b> <i>Santiam 6 (First Floor)</i>	<b>Courtroom 101 - Rights of the Parties</b> <i>Boardroom (First Floor)</i>	

# Keynote Speakers

## Kristen Selleck, MSW



Kristen Selleck is the National Training and Consultation Director for David Mandel & Associates. In this role, she facilitates training and coaching on the Safe and Together model.

Kristen has a varied background in the domestic violence field. She was employed by the Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis to serve as the Domestic Violence Consultant to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) New Haven Office from 2006-2009. Kristen worked to assist DCF staff to better understand perpetrators' behaviors, the effect of domestic violence on children, and the safety planning and strengths of non-offending parents. While at DCF, Kristen authored and coauthored multiple curricula including a domestic violence pre-service training module for DCF trainees and several trainings on domestic violence as related to child welfare. Prior to her work in child welfare, Kristen was a Family Violence Victim Advocate in the Danbury, Connecticut Superior Court. She assisted adult and child domestic violence victims in criminal and family court proceedings. Kristen holds her MSW with a concentration in policy practice from the University of Connecticut and her BA from Mount Holyoke College.

## Laura Porter



Ms. Porter is Co-Founder of ACE Interface, LLC. With Dr. Robert Anda, she develops and disseminates educational products and empowerment strategies focused for transformative improvements in health and well-being. Ms. Porter concurrently serves as the Director of ACE Partnerships for the Comprehensive Health Education Foundation where she oversees analysis of adverse childhood experiences (ACE) data and works with local and state leaders to embed developmental neuroscience and resilience findings into policy, practice and community norms. She is an award-winning public servant who is best known for her work directing systemic improvements to the child and family-serving system in Washington. Working with executives and managers from seven state agencies, 53 community based collaborative organizations and leaders from ten Tribes, Laura and her colleagues developed a unique model for improving the capacity of communities to deliver stunning results for a small investment. Communities using the model have documented reductions in the rates of seven major social problems and ACE scores among young adults.

## Leigh Anne Jasheway



Leigh Anne Jasheway is an award winning humor speaker and author. She views herself as a stress management and humor expert, comedy writer, stand-up comic, and comedy instructor/coach. She says, " I have an M.P.H. degree which either stands for Master of Public Health or mistress of public humor (and, occasionally, miles per hour, but only if I've had too many espressos). " Leigh Anne works with organizations on how to use humor to manage stress, change, and conflict and to boost creativity, teamwork and morale. In 2003, she won the Erma Bombeck Award for humor writing. She has 21 published books and her work has been included in more than a dozen anthologies, including the Chicken Soup series and Marlo Thomas' The Right Words at the Right Time 2. For seven years, she was a regular humor and inspiration writer for Family Circle, and for nine years, wrote a regular humor column for the now-defunct Comic News. These days she's the humor columnist for Weekend in the Register-Guard. She teaches comedy writing and stand-up online and is a part-time instructor at the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communications.



## CRB Core Competencies

The Citizen Review Board Training Committee identified five core competencies for CRB volunteers and staff. The core competencies outline what the CRB volunteers and staff need to know and be able to do in order to achieve the vision of the Citizen Review Board. The five core competencies are (1) The Law; (2) The Review Process; (3) Policy and Systems Advocacy; (4) Cultural Competency; and (5) Safety, Health and Well Being. Many of the workshops at the conference address more than one of the core competencies.

(1) **The Law** competency requires CRB volunteers and staff to have knowledge and understanding of the history of the law and fundamental concepts contained in the law, as well the ability to apply the law properly in every case reviewed. Sessions addressing this competency include **The Protection of Immigrant Children Involved in Juvenile Courts; The Indian Child Welfare Act: What are Active Efforts?; Courtroom 101- The Rights of the Parties; The Role of the Attorney in Juvenile Dependency Cases; Recent Developments in Oregon Case Law regarding Jurisdiction and Reasonable Efforts; Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act: How New Federal Legislation Will Change Child Welfare Practices**

(2) **The Review Process** competency involves recognizing that effective and efficient reviews contribute to services being in place for children and families, achieving timely permanency for children, and highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of the child welfare system. Sessions that address this competency include **Effects of Domestic Violence on Children and Families; ILP? OMG. I'm Aging Out of Foster Care. Help!; Taking the Guessing Out of Assessing; Understanding the Needs of LGBTQ Youth; CRB Customs, Values and Practices—Ensuring Families Receive Culturally Appropriate Services; The Indian Child Welfare Act: What are Active Efforts?; Cultural Trauma and Collective Identity; Parenting Time, “The Heart of Reunification”;** Trauma Informed Reviews, A Continuing Look; **The Role of the Attorney in Juvenile Dependency Cases**

(3) **The Policy and Systems Advocacy** competency recognizes that the CRB has a dual mandate to review the cases of children in substitute care and to advocate for changes to the systems affecting them and their families. Citizen participation, leadership and advocacy play an important role in driving public policy through the legislative process. Sessions related to this competency are **Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act: How New Federal Legislation Will Change Child Welfare Practices; CRB Customs, Values and Practices—Ensuring Families Receive Culturally Appropriate Services;**

(4) The **Cultural Competency** recognizes that in order to be successful, the CRB must be able to show that we reflect, respect and respond to the diverse populations we serve, and that CRB volunteers and staff should continually strive to be culturally responsive. Sessions that address this competency include **Understanding the Needs of LGBTQ Youth; CRB Customs, Values and Practices—Ensuring Families Receive Culturally Appropriate Services; The Indian Child Welfare Act: What are Active Efforts?; and Cultural Trauma and Collective Identity; The Protection of Immigrant Children Involved in Juvenile Courts**

(5) The **Safety, Health and Well Being** competency involves an acknowledgement that a child's health, safety and well being are crucial to achieving permanency. Safety, health and well being are achieved when a child lives in a stable home free from maltreatment, with caregivers to whom the child is attached, and with caregivers who are competent in nurturing the child's physical, social-emotional and educational development. Sessions that address this competency include **Effects of Domestic Violence on Children and Families; ILP? OMG. I'm Aging Out of Foster Care. Help!; Taking the Guessing Out of Assessing; Understanding the Needs of LGBTQ Youth; Understanding the Needs of LGBTQ Youth; CRB Customs, Values and Practices—Ensuring Families Receive Culturally Appropriate Services; Parenting Time, "The Heart of Reunification"; Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act: How New Federal Legislation Will Change Child Welfare Practices;**



# Program

Friday, April 17, 2015

**1:00 p.m. - Welcome** [Willamette C & D (Second Floor)]

*The Honorable Lindsay Partridge, Marion County Circuit Court Judge*

*Leola McKenzie, Director of Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division*

**1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - The Safe & Together™ Model** [Willamette C & D (Second Floor)]

*Kristen Selleck, MSW, National Training & Consultation Director for David Mandel and Associates, LLC*

Ms. Selleck will introduce the Safe and Together model, which is a framework for improving competencies and cross-system collaboration in domestic violence cases involving children. Her overview will include 1) a presentation on the assumptions, principles and critical components of the model, 2) an introduction of the concepts and skills associated with successfully intervening with domestic violence perpetrators and partnering with domestic violence survivors around the safety and well being of children, and 3) an overview of a cross-systems collaborative framework for discussing and evaluating domestic violence practices within local communities.



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

**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Breakout Sessions**

◆ **Effects of Domestic Violence on Children and Families** [Santiam 2 (First Floor)]

*Kristen Selleck, MSW, National Training & Consultation Director David Mandel and Associates, LLC*

*Rebecca Regello, CRB Field Manager*

In this session, participants will more deeply explore the intersection of domestic violence and child maltreatment, how the Safe and Together model can help board members distinguish when systems are blaming domestic violence survivors for the actions of perpetrators or legitimately struggling with difficult circumstances, and how concepts of the model can inform questioning of parties during reviews when domestic violence is involved.

◆ **ILP? OMG. I'm Aging Out of Foster Care. Help!** [Santiam 3 (First Floor)]

*Rosemary Iavenditti, ILP Coordinator, Department of Human Services*

*Rakeem Washington, J.D., & Walt Gullett, J.D., CRB Field Managers*

CRB members can help ensure that foster children receive the proper transitional services as they get closer to the age of 21. Participants will get updated information on the latest Independent Living Program (ILP) policies and procedures followed by an interactive question and answer session. Board members will also develop new strategies on crafting insightful and pertinent questions for youth exiting the foster care system.

◆ **Taking the Guessing Out of Assessing** [Willamette A (Second Floor)]

*Heidi Beaubriand, RN, BSN, Child Welfare Nurse Coordinator, Department of Human Services*

*Brook Rizer, Program & Policy Children's Specialist, Oregon Health Authority*

*Pamela Abernethy, Judge-in-Residence, JCIP*

*Steven Lindeman, CRB Field Manager*

This workshop will focus on promoting the well-being of our wards through understanding tools, strategies and services to assess and provide for the emotional and physical well-being of children in foster care. Information will be provided on the types, use and function of various assessments and evaluations in developing case plans and services for children. This will be followed by an interactive discussion of the practical ways in which the CRB can apply this information to ensure and enhance child well-being.

# Program



Friday, April 17, 2015

◆ **The Protection of Immigrant Children Involved in Juvenile Courts** [Willamette B (Second Floor)]

*Leslye E. Orloff, Director National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project,  
American University Washington College of Law*

*The Honorable Mary Weir, Associate Circuit Judge, Jackson County, Missouri*

*Steven Weller, Senior Consultant, Center for Public Policy Services*

*John Nichols, CRB Field Manager*

The focus of this session will involve issues that arise in juvenile court cases involving immigrant victims of domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking and sexual assault, their children, and other unaccompanied minors. This training will provide board members with up-to-date information on current Department of Homeland Security policies, immigration enforcement priorities, and immigration relief that provides protection from deportation, legal immigration status and work authorization for children and victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes. There will be opportunities to interact, dialogue and ask questions of the presenters.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Break

6:00 p.m. - **CRB Volunteer Recognition Dinner** [Willamette C & D (Second Floor)]

**Welcome and Words of Appreciation**

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

**The Power of the Citizen Voice: 30 Years and Going Strong!**

*Nancy Miller, Former Director of the Citizen Review Board*

**The Accidental Comic**

*Leigh Ann Jasheway, MPH, Award Winning Humor Speaker and Author*



Saturday, April 18, 2015

7:30 a.m. - **Breakfast Buffet** [Gallery (First Floor)]

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. - **Welcome, Announcements, CAPTA Update** [Santiam 1, 2, 3 (First Floor)]

*Leola McKenzie, Director, JFCPD*

*Nancy Miller, Consultant, CAPTA Coordinator*

8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - **The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)** [Santiam 1, 2, 3 (First Floor)]

*Laura Porter, Director of ACE Partnerships for the Comprehensive Health Education Foundation*

It's a new dawn. It's a new day. It's a new year... And feeling good is more than a song. The amazing breakthrough of the ACE study - and our new understanding of the dance of society & biology - reveals powerful secrets we can use to transform the future of the public's health, safety, and prosperity. Ms. Porter will present breaking news about factors that support self-healing communities, and explain what it takes for neighbors and professionals to work together as "first responders" in the chronic public health disaster that ACEs shape in our society. Examples of successful and intentional strategies for preventing the accumulation of ACEs and moderating their effects will illuminate a realistic path forward. If you believe that population health is out of your hands, this presentation will change your mind with stories of how everyday actions promote resilience, prevent problems across the life course, and build the capacity for self-healing communities.





Saturday, April 18, 2015

## 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - CRB Discovery Café - “Creating Conversations” [Santiam 4, 5, & 6 (First Floor)]

Suzanne Callahan & Tina Qualls, CRB Field Managers

The CRB Discovery Café is a process which allows collaborative dialogue, active engagement and constructive possibilities. The café will provide a structured conversational process in a relaxed and dynamic environment, allowing volunteers to engage in honest conversations on various topics at tables hosted by community stakeholders and CRB staff. The café conversations will allow volunteer board members to deepen their understanding and discover effective solutions. You will have the opportunity to engage in three twenty-minute conversations that you will choose from a variety of topics.

## 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

### ◆ Understanding the Needs of LGBTQ Youth [Santiam 4 (First Floor)]

Neola Young, Safe Schools & Training Institute Manager, Q Center

Laurie Judd, CRB Field Manager

This session is designed to raise awareness and sensitivity to the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning youth. Best practices for CRB reviews and resources available in the community will be shared.

### ◆ The Indian Child Welfare Act: What are Active Efforts? [Santiam 5 (First Floor)]

Angela Fasana, Court Administrator, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Shary Mason, Model Court & Training Analyst, JCIP

This workshop will provide a brief history of the Indian Child Welfare Act, how it applies to CRB, and how to determine the difference between “Active Efforts” and “Reasonable Efforts.”

### ◆ CRB Customs, Values and Practices - Ensuring Families Receive Culturally Appropriate Services [Santiam 6 (First Floor)]

Blanca Barocio, Caseworker, Department of Human Services

Lene' Garrett, Director, CASA of Marion County, Inc.

Scott Lee, J.D., CASA Supervisor, CASA for Children Multnomah, Washington, & Columbia Counties

Rakeem Washington, J.D., CRB Field Manager

Preserving cultural ties, ideals and identities is important to achieving successful outcomes in child welfare cases, but it is not always an easy topic to broach. This workshop will take a critical, albeit good-natured, look at CRB practices. Participants will hear from representatives of DHS, CASA, and the Marion County Defense Attorney Consortium on how legal parties advocate for culturally appropriate services. Through small group conversations and experiential activities, board members will develop new strategies to ensure that families receive culturally appropriate services.

### ◆ Cultural Trauma and Collective Identity [Boardroom (First Floor)]

Angela Cause, Recruitment Relations Manager, Department of Human Services

Charmaine Kinney, MPA-HA, Multnomah County Mental Health

Certain events in history are so profound that they have ongoing and persistent effects on a culture. Slavery, the forced assimilation and near eradication of Native Americans, the Holocaust, and 9/11 are classic examples. Understanding cultural trauma and its impact on the collective identity of a group can help board members understand why certain individuals may react to child welfare, police, and other government entities differently than others.





Saturday, April 18, 2015

**12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch** [Santiam 1, 2, 3 (First Floor)]

**The Value of the CRB**

*Pamela Abernethy, Judge-in-Residence, JCIP, JFCPD*

*Jason Walling, Deputy Director, DHS Child Welfare Program*

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Breakout Sessions**

- ◆ **Recent Developments in Oregon Case Law regarding Jurisdiction and Reasonable Efforts** [Santiam 6 (First Floor)]

*Megan Hassen, J.D., Law & Policy Analyst, JFCPD*

This session will explore recent appellate decisions that change how juvenile courts establish jurisdiction and analyze reasonable efforts. Learn how the absence of jurisdiction at the six month CRB review impacts the CRB findings and recommendations.

- ◆ **Trauma Informed Reviews, A Continuing Look** [Boardroom (First Floor)]

*Elaine Walter, Executive Director & Founder, The Trauma Healing Project*

*Sam Tazumal, CRB Field Manager*

The elements of trauma-informed case review will be presented, along with an outline tool and checklist useful for ensuring consistency and sensitivity during the review process.

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Breakout Sessions**

- ◆ **Parenting Time, The Heart of Reunification** [Santiam 4 (First Floor)]

*Pamela Abernethy, Judge-in-Residence, JCIP, JFCPD*

*Donna Haney, Policy Analyst, Dept. of Human Services*

*Gabriela Maldonado Bell, Child Welfare Supervisor, Dept. of Human Services, Family Building Blocks*

*Amanda Cross-Hemmer, Senior Research Assistant, Center for Improvement of Child & Family Services, PSU*

*Sandy Berger & Molly Johnson, CRB Field Managers*

Visits matter because continued contact with parents increases the probability that children will go home to their families. Participants will hear from experts in the fields of child welfare, enhanced visitation program services, and the court system, on practice and policy and the importance of enhanced and frequent visitation for child well-being and family reunification. The session will conclude with a panel discussion.





Saturday, April 18, 2015

◆ **Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act: How New Federal Legislation Will Change Child Welfare Practices** [Santiam 5 (First Floor)]

*The Honorable Valeri Love, Lane County Circuit Court Judge*

*Carrie Rasmussen, Deputy District Attorney, Hood River*

*Sarah Olsen, CSEC Specialist, Multnomah County*

*Leola McKenzie, Director, JFCPD*

*Amy Benedum, J.D., & Lisa Romano, J.D., CRB Field Manager*

The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, new federal legislation, serves two purposes: it addresses the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) and it addresses permanency for children in foster care in several ways, one of which is the elimination of APPLA as a permanency goal for children under age 16. This session will explore both purposes of the Act. First, a panel of CSEC experts from around the state will explain the new legislation, give an overview of CSEC, and address how Oregon is working to protect vulnerable children at risk for commercial sexual exploitation. Then, JFCPD Director Leola McKenzie will provide an overview of the changes to child welfare practices including the new requirements for APPLA.

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Breakout Sessions**

◆ **The Role of the Attorney in Juvenile Dependency Cases** [Santiam 6 (First Floor)]

*Scott Lee, J.D., CASA Supervisor, CASA for Children Multnomah, Washington, & Columbia Counties*

*David Smith, J.D., CRB Field Manager*

This workshop will summarize the Oregon State Bar standards for representation in juvenile dependency cases. Participants will learn the role of a lawyer during the CRB review, including expectations for attorneys representing children and those representing parents.

◆ **Courtroom 101 - Rights of the Parties** [Boardroom (First Floor)]

*Walt Gullett, J.D., CRB Field Manager*

In this session, participants will learn about the juvenile dependency court process including parent's rights, children's rights, and burden of proof. Participants will gain an understanding of how court orders and Court of Appeals holdings impact DHS actions and CRB findings and recommendations.

