

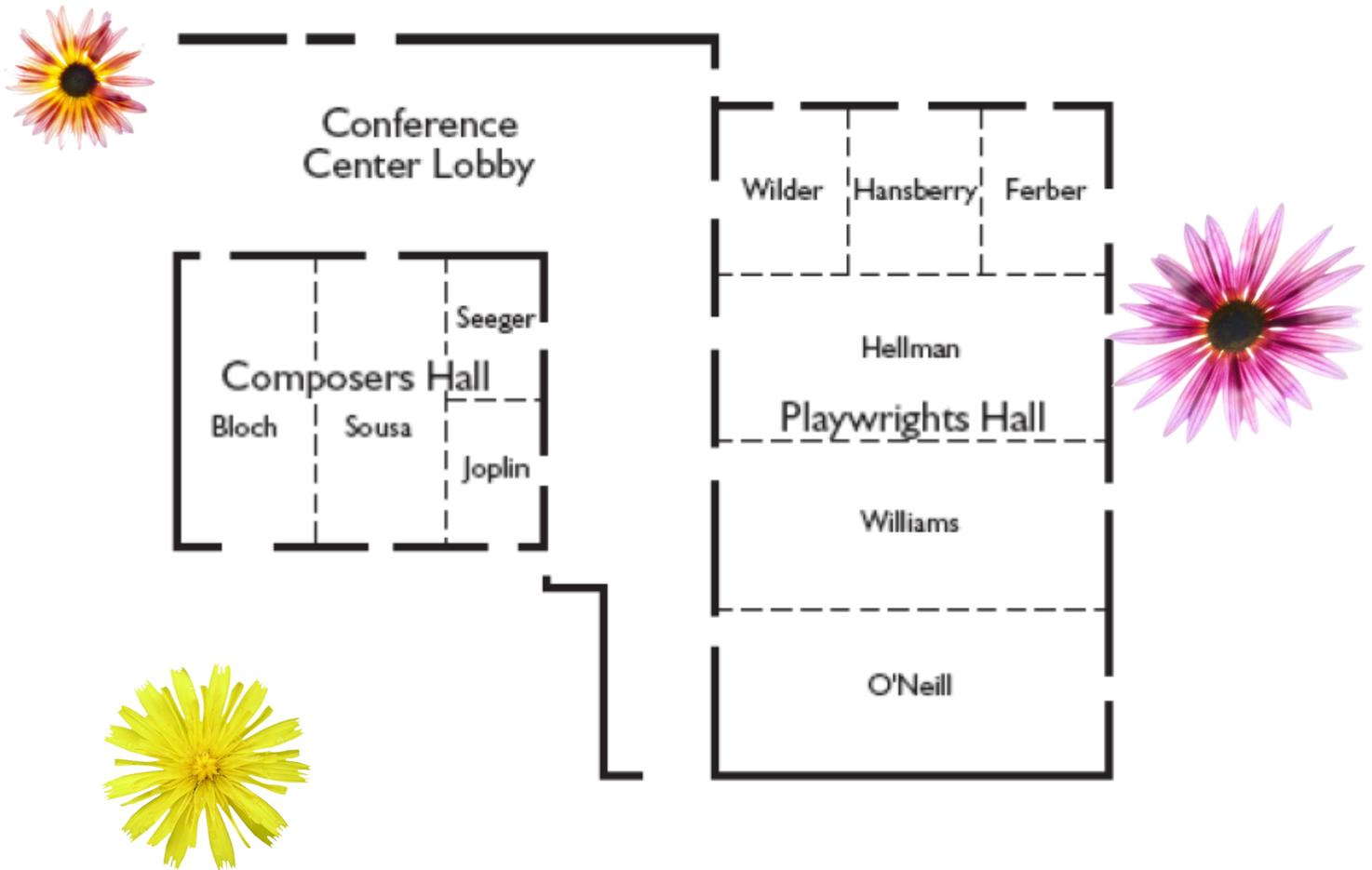
**Oregon Judicial Department
Citizen Review Board**



*2016 Annual
CRB
"Every Day Counts..."
Conference*

**May 6-7, 2016
Hilton Eugene
Eugene, Oregon**

Eugene Hilton Conference Center



Camp to Belong Raffle

For the last six years, the CRB has supported Camp to Belong, a nonprofit organization that reunites siblings separated by foster care. In total, we have provided scholarships for 24 children to attend camp! This summer, Camp to Belong will hold two camps for siblings and an additional foster family camp. CRB will once again have a basket raffle at the conference to support this program.

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 other 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.

<http://camptobelongoregon.org/>





2016 Every Day Counts... Annual Conference

Friday, May 6, 2016

11:30 – 5:00	Registration			
1:00 – 1:30	Welcome and Announcements <i>Leola McKenzie, Director, Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division (JFCPD)</i> <i>The Honorable Valeri Love, Chief Juvenile Court Judge, Lane County Circuit Court</i> (Hellman/Williams)			
1:30 – 2:40	Our Homeless Youth <i>Beth Burns, Executive Director, p:ear</i>			
2:40 – 3:00	Break			
Workshop Rooms	Joplin/Seeger	Bloch	Sousa	Wilder/Hansberry/Ferber
3:00 – 4:00	Drug & Alcohol Treatment 101	Changing the Plan to Adoption: An Inside Look	What About the Dads?	Appellate & Legislative Update
4:00 – 4:15	Break			
4:15 – 5:15	What's Out There to Help Kids Safely Return Home? An Overview of Screening, Intake, Assessments, and Services for Parents	Placement with a Fit and Willing Relative: What It Is, What It Isn't, and When Is It Appropriate?	Are Kids Safe?	Legal Marijuana – The Impact on CW cases
5:15 – 6:00	Break – No Host Bar Available (Hellman/Williams)			
6:00 – 8:00	CRB Volunteer Recognition Dinner Welcome and Words of Appreciation <i>The Honorable David V. Brewer, Oregon Supreme Court</i> Stories from Camp <i>Karyn Schimmels, Director, Camp to Belong Oregon</i> <i>Camp to Belong Alumni</i> (Hellman/Williams)			

Saturday, May 7, 2016

7:30	Breakfast Buffet – Registration			
8:15 – 8:35	Welcome and Announcements <i>Leola McKenzie, Director, JFCPD</i> (Hellman/Williams)			
8:35 – 10:25	Voices of Poverty <i>Genia Baines, Social Services Director, St. Vincent de Paul</i> <i>Rhea Cramer, University Supervisor, Family and Human Services Program, University of Oregon</i> (Hellman/Williams)			
10:25 – 10:45	Break			
Workshop Rooms	Joplin/Seeger	Bloch	Sousa	Wilder/Hansberry/Ferber
10:45 – 12:30	International Reunification & Adoption Placement: Practice, Process, Procedure	Filling the Gaps: Identifying Education Resources for Children in Foster Care	Supporting LGBTQ Youth: Your role in modeling respectful and fair treatment of LGBTQ people involved in the foster care system.	#EngagingYouthCRB
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch <i>Dr. Reginal Richardson, Deputy Director and Acting Director of Child Welfare, Department of Human Services</i> (Hellman/Williams)			
2:00 – 2:15	Break			
Discovery Café – 3 Rounds (See program insert.)				
2:15 – 4:00	215 – 2:45 (10 minute break)	2:55 – 3:25 (10 min. break)	3:35 – 4:00	



	Table Topic:	Table Host(s):
Joplin/Seeger	Engaging Youth/Conducting Reviews When Children are Present	<i>Michael Livingston & Sarah Owens, Marion County CRB Members; Rakeem Washington, CRB Field Manager</i>
	Chat with a CRB Field Manager	<i>John Nichols, CRB Field Manager</i>
	Rural Community Perspective	<i>Nancy Rosebraugh, Wasco County CRB Member; Robin de Alicante, CRB Field Manager</i>
	Chat with the Foster Care Ombudsman Foster Care Bill of Rights	<i>Darin Mancuso, Foster Care Ombudsman; Christina Jagernauth, Assistant CRB Director</i>
Wilder/Hansberry/Ferber	LGBTQ Youth	<i>Kevin George, DHS Child Well-Being Manager; Alice Johnson, New Avenues/Bridge 13 Community Trainer; Molly Johnson & Laurie Judd, CRB Field Managers</i>
	DHS: Adoptions From Beginning to End	<i>Kristen Hutchinson, Permanency, DHS; Katrina Husbands, Legal Assistance Specialist, DHS Steven Lindeman, CRB Field Manager</i>
	Chat with the CRB Director	<i>Leola McKenzie, JFCPD & CRB Director</i>
	Chat with a Judge	<i>Judge Pamela Abernathy, Senior Judge</i>
	Case Prep Strategies	<i>Joel Daniels, Clackamas County CRB Member; Rebecca Regello, CRB Field Manager</i>
	Volunteer Support for New Trainees	<i>Dave Smith, CRB Field Manager/Training Lead</i>
	DHS: Ongoing casework	<i>Erin Lane, Ongoing Unit Supervisor, DHS</i>
	Attorney Representation and Standards in Dependency Cases	<i>Sarah Robbins, Dependency Attorney, Jackson County Public Defenders</i>
	DHS: Differential Response	<i>Julie Harper, Intake Supervisor, DHS Shary Mason, JCIP Model Court & Training Analyst</i>
	Questioning Strategies	<i>Michal Alkoff, Yamhill County CRB Member; Jennifer Doerner, Douglas County CRB Member Kathleen Megill Streck, CRB Field Manager</i>
Sousa	What about the Dads?	<i>Kyle Hunter, Devin McAlexander, Roy Gutierrez, and Shane Wendland, Fathers Panel Sam Tazumal, CRB Field Manager</i>
	Medical/Recreational Marijuana and Drugs 101	DHS Drug & Alcohol Services Coordinator
	Evaluation of new Findings/Permanency Plans: (Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard; Place with fit/willing relative)	<i>Amy Benedum, JFCPD Program Analyst</i>
	Appellate Updates and Impact on CRB Findings	<i>Megan Hassen, Juvenile Law and Policy Counsel</i>
	Chat with a CASA/Role of Dual CRB/CASA Advocacy	<i>Karen Walters – Jackson County CRB Member & CASA/Peer Coordinator Yolanda Mulhern, Lane County CASA Program Manager Sandy Berger, CRB Field Manager</i>

Keynote Speakers

Friday - "Our Homeless Youth"

Beth Burns



Beth Burns is Executive Director of p:ear, a Portland-based nonprofit that builds positive relationships with homeless and transitional youth through education, art and recreation to affirm personal worth and create more meaningful and healthier lives. Each year, p:ear serves almost 900 homeless and transitional young people ages 15 to 24. Ms. Burns grew up in Chicago, surrounded by the realities of the unbalanced distribution of wealth in society. With a passion for people and a drive to understand these economic realities, Ms. Burns traveled the world, from the streets of Chicago to the rural villages of Guatemala. She earned her degree in English Literature and her teaching license. Later, working at Sisters Of The Road Café in Portland, she began learning about relationship-based services and the amazing gifts that allow homeless people to keep surviving.

Friday - "Stories from Camp"

Karyn Schimmels

Karyn Schimmels, has dedicated her heart and countless hours to make Camp to Belong successful. Karyn is the Child Welfare Training Manager for the Department of Human Services and has worked in public child welfare for over 20 years. Karyn has been an active and committed volunteer for Camp to Belong since 2001. Her dedication and hard work brought Camp to Belong to the Pacific Northwest. Her work on behalf of Oregon's children in foster care has changed the way siblings are supported by foster and adoptive parents through the development of sibling placement practice protocols for DHS child welfare staff.



Saturday - "Voices of Poverty"

Gienia Baines & Rhea Cramer



Gienia Baines earned her B.Ed in Family and Human Services at the University of Oregon. She has over 15 years experience working in the social service field with her primary focus being people who are experiencing poverty. Gienia is also a certified Poverty 101 trainer through Poverty Bridge, a non-profit in Portland Oregon. Gienia now works as the Social Service Director at St. Vincent de Paul in Oakridge, the community she grew up and raised her 6 children in. Both her parents struggled with addiction and mental health issues. She and her children are the first people in her family to graduate from college and to break the cycle of abuse, drug addiction and poverty. Her education and work experience combined with her personal experience of growing up in generational poverty has inspired Gienia to be a consultant to help educate others about the realities of living in poverty, and how to overcome the barriers professionals often face when working with this culture.

Rhea Cramer studied at the University of Oregon where she earned her undergraduate degree in Family and Human Services and her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education. Rhea started her career as an early childhood educator at First Place Family Center's Preschool program, where she worked with families experiencing homelessness. Rhea also worked for Options Counseling Services as a Family Builder providing home visits and case management in hopes of family preservation for families who have involvement with child welfare. Rhea currently serves as a University Supervisor in the Family and Human services Program at the UO, and teaches courses on generational poverty and addictions in the Substance Abuse and Prevention Program.





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: **Changing the Plan to Adoption; Appellate & Legislative Update; Legal Marijuana; Placement with a Fit and Willing Relative; International Reunification and Adoption Placement**

(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: **Drug and Alcohol Treatment 101; Changing the Plan to Adoption; What About the Dads?; Legal Marijuana; Are Kids Safe?; What's Out There to Help Kids Safely Return Home?; Placement with a Fit and Willing Relative; #EngagingYouthCRB; Filling the Gaps: Identifying Education Resources for Children in Foster Care; International Reunification and Adoption Placement; and Supporting LGBTQ Youth**

(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: **What About the Dads?; Supporting LGBTQ Youth; #EngagingYouthCRB; Are Kids Safe?; Our Homeless Youth; Voices of Poverty**

(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: **International Reunification and Adoption Placement; Supporting LGBTQ Youth; Voices of Poverty**

(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: **Are Kids Safe?; What's Out There to Help Kids Safely Return Home?; #EngagingYouthCRB; Filling the Gaps: Identifying Education Resources; International Reunification & Adoption Placement; Supporting LGBTQ Youth; Drug & Alcohol Treatment 101; Our Homeless Youth**



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1:00 p.m. - Welcome (Hellman/Williams Room)

The Honorable Valeri Love, Chief Juvenile Court Judge, Lane County Circuit Court
Leola McKenzie, Director of Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division



1:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. - Our Homeless Youth (Hellman/Williams Room)

Beth Burns, Executive Director, p:ear

Over the last year, approximately 400 youth aged out of Oregon's foster care system. Studies have shown these youth are at risk of much poorer outcomes than the general population. One such longitudinal study of young people transitioning out of foster care in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, found that 36% had experienced homelessness by age 26 (Dworsky, Napolitano & Courtney (2013)). Beth Burns, Executive Director of p:ear, a Portland nonprofit serving homeless and transitional youth, will speak about the experience of youth homelessness - the causes, risks, and the help that is out there for these young people.

2:40 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Break

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

◆ Drug & Alcohol Treatment 101 (Joplin/Seeger Room)

Jay Wurscher, Child Welfare Alcohol & Drug Services Coordinator, DHS

David Smith, CRB Field Manager, Policy & Training Lead

Nearly 50% of the families of abused and neglected children have drug and/or alcohol abuse problems. Mr. Wurscher will provide an overview of the substance abuse evaluation process as well as residential and day treatment resources in Oregon. Mr. Smith will lead a discussion about using this information during reviews.

◆ What About the Dads? (Sousa Room)

Jake Spavins, Dad's Program Supervisor/Parenting Coach, Willamette Family Inc.

Panel of Fathers, Willamette Family Inc.

Sam Tazumal, CRB Field Manager

Research shows that father involvement benefits the well-being of children. This session will cover the challenges fathers in the child welfare system face through the personal stories of fathers working with the court and DHS to safely parent their children. Participants will learn strategies, supports, and services that helped these fathers engage in the case plan.

◆ Changing the Plan to Adoption: An Inside Look (Bloch Room)

Katrina Husbands, Legal Assistance Specialist, DHS

Steven Lindeman, CRB Field Manager

Prior to requesting that the court change the plan to adoption, there are a number of steps that DHS must take. Learn about the internal DHS process to determine if a case is ready to proceed with a plan of adoption. Gain an understanding of what issues need to be addressed to facilitate timely permanency and how the CRB can help through findings and recommendations.



◆ Appellate and Legislative Update (Wilder/Hansberry/Ferber Room)

Megan Hassen, Juvenile Law & Policy Counsel, Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division

This session will cover recent changes to juvenile law including a new requirement that a "current caretaker" be afforded equal consideration with a child's relatives in adoption selection decisions. Learn about the new hearing that is required when a child is removed from a current caretaker, and the factors DHS must consider when deciding whether a relative or a current caretaker should serve as the adoptive parent.





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4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - Break

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Breakout Sessions



◆ **Legal Marijuana—The Impact on Child Welfare Cases** (Wilder/Hansberry/Ferber Room)

Jay Wurscher, Child Welfare Alcohol & Drug Services Coordinator, DHS

David Smith, CRB Field Manager, Training & Policy Lead

Recreational adult use of marijuana has been legal in Oregon since July 1, 2015. In this session, Mr. Wurscher will address how the legalization of recreational marijuana impacts child welfare cases. He will explain how marijuana use will be treated in assessing parental progress and capacity. Mr. Smith will address how to use this information during CRB reviews.

◆ **Are Kids Safe?** (Sousa Room)

Erin Lane, Child Welfare Supervisor, DHS

Christina Jagernauth, Assistant Director, Citizen Review Board

Everyone involved in the child welfare system has a part in ensuring children in foster care are protected from abuse and neglect. In this session, attendees will explore what CRB can do. They will learn about policies, procedures, and best practices associated with foster parent certification and training, face-to-face contacts, and the Oregon Foster Children's Bill of Rights. Attendees will identify questions that can be asked during CRB reviews to assess children's safety and specific recommendations that can be made when concerns arise.

◆ **What's Out There to Help Get Kids Safely Home? An Overview of Screening, Intake, Assessments, and Services for Parents** (Joplin/Seeger Room)

Julie Harper, Child Welfare Supervisor, DHS

Steven Lindeman, CRB Field Manager

An overview of the screening and intake process as well as assessments and services provided to parents to make it possible for children to safely return home. Participants will be provided general information on what types of services are available, when and why they are implemented and given an opportunity to discuss how to apply this information to the CRB review process.

◆ **Placement with a Fit and Willing Relative: What It Is, What It Isn't, and When Is It Appropriate?** (Bloch Room)

Amy Benedum, Program Analyst, Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division

This workshop will provide an overview of the permanency plan "Placement with a Fit and Willing Relative." This session will cover the requirements for the permanency plan, the need to rule out higher levels of permanency, and the various exceptions for example the Developmental Disabilities exception. The second half of this session will provide an opportunity for board members to apply the new permanency plan to a CRB review and develop practical questions, recommendations, and findings for cases where "Placement with a Fit and Willing Relative" may be an appropriate permanency plan.

6:00 p.m. - CRB Volunteer Recognition Dinner (Hellman/Williams Room)

Welcome and Words of Appreciation

The Honorable David V. Brewer, Oregon Supreme Court Justice

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7:30 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet

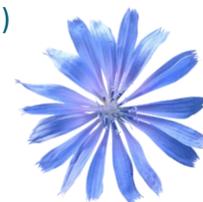
8:15 a.m. - 8:35 a.m. - Welcome, Announcements, CAPTA Update (Hellman/Williams Room)

Leola McKenzie, Director, JFCPD

8:35 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. - Voices of Poverty (Hellman/Williams Room)

Gienia Baines, Social Services Director, St. Vincent de Paul

Rhea Cramer, University Supervisor, Family and Human Services Program, University of Oregon



In the presentation "Voices of Poverty," Gienia Baines and her daughter Rhea Cramer share their personal stories and experiences of living in generational poverty. The presentation focuses on aspects of poverty, barriers to overcoming poverty, and how to create sensitive practices that can be meaningful and have impact for individuals living in poverty. The presentation will cover topics such as homelessness, teen pregnancy, mental health, drug use, and systemic barriers such as child welfare, mental health services and education. Gienia and Rhea's unique personal experiences, combined with their education, training and current work experience, make their presentation engaging, relevant, and inspiring

10:25 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

◆ **#EngagingYouthCRB** (Wilder/Hansberry/Ferber Room)

Nicole Stapp, Training & Recruitment Coordinator, CASA of Marion County

Youth Panel

Sandy Berger & Rakeem Washington, CRB Field Managers

Youth in foster care have a voice. As CRB Volunteers, it is critical that we create room for youth to share their thoughts, opinions, and concerns. In this workshop, you will learn about engaging youth in CRB reviews, hear from a foster youth panel, and participate in a fun activity that will help you conduct meaningful reviews with foster youth.

◆ **Filling the Gaps: Identifying Education Resources for Children in Foster Care** (Bloch Room)

Lyn Haxton, Staff Attorney, Youth, Rights, and Justice

Robin de Alicante & Rebecca Regello, CRB Field Managers

The workshop will focus on the educational needs of children in foster care and the potential barriers which are encountered in meeting their educational requirements. Through mixed media presentation and interactive learning experience participants will gain insight and skills to better understand and implement ideas and recommendations for improving educational outcomes for all children in foster care.



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◆ **International Reunification & Adoption Placement: Practice, Process, Procedure** (Joplin/Seeger Room)

Angelica Quintero, International Case Consultant, DHS

David Matz, Permanency & International Case Consultant, DHS

The Honorable Pamela Abernethy, Senior Judge

John Nichols, CRB Field Manager

Attendees will learn about placements of children living with a parent abroad or with relatives for adoption purposes, Consulate Notification and the relationship DHS has with the consulates, the challenges for working with families from different countries, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, and other case management practices.



◆ **Supporting LGBTQ Youth: Your role in modeling respectful and fair treatment of LGBTQ people involved in the foster care system.** (Sousa Room)

New Avenues for Youth

Youth Panel

Molly Johnson & Laurie Judd, CRB Field Managers

This session will provide you with a better understanding of the issues of LGBTQ youth in the foster care system, and to learn specific strategies to help ensure that their needs are being met while in the system.

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch (Hellman/Williams Room)

Dr. Reginald Richardson, Deputy Director and Acting Child Welfare Director, Department of Human Services

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - CRB Discovery Café

Suzanne Callahan & Walt Gullett, CRB Field Managers

The CRB Discovery Café will provide a structured conversation 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 CRB volunteer board members to deepen their understanding and discover effective solutions. You will have the opportunity to engage in three 30 minute conversations regarding a variety of topics.



Our Homeless Youth

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Workshop 1: _____

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Workshop 2: _____

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Voices of Poverty

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Workshop 3: _____

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Discovery Café

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Additional Materials





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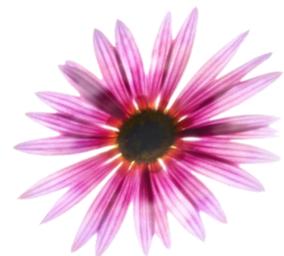


After the conference, you will receive an email with a link to the conference evaluation online. You may also access the evaluation by typing the following URL into your web browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016EDCEvaluation>



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