

MODEL COURT SUMMIT



FRIDAY DECEMBER 11, 2026

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Virtual Conference

Bookmark [Model Court Summit webpage](#) for updates and materials.

All model court team members and court and community partners (e.g. ODHS, tribes, CRB, CASA, DOJ, defense attorneys, parent mentors) and community partners involved in the child welfare system are invited to attend.

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AGENDA

8:30 AM - 8:40 AM	Welcome & Intro Video
8:40 AM - 10:10 AM	An Introduction to Hope Science Dr. Chan Hellman, Director of The Hope Research Center Professor at the University of Oklahoma
10:10 AM - 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Building a Hope-Centered Dependency Court System: Washington's Journey Sarah Burns, Statewide Innovation Coordinator for Family and Youth Justice Programs at Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Hope-Centered Leadership Dr. Christopher Freeze, Professor at the University of Oklahoma
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 1:10 PM	Welcome Back & Video
1:10 PM - 2:25 PM	Introduction to Human Centered Court Practices Judge Gayl Carr from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Fairfax Circuit Court, Virginia (retired)
2:25 PM - 2:35 PM	Break
2:35 PM - 3:15 PM	Practical Communication Skills Judge Gayl Carr, Fairfax Circuit Court, Virginia Ref. Kristine Almquist, Multnomah County Circuit Court, Oregon
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Bringing it Together: Overview of Model Court Team Projects and Closing Jayne Cooper, Manager of Juvenile Court Programs at Oregon Judicial Department



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