

Every Day Counts... In the Life of a Child in Foster Care



Annual CRB Conference
May 4-5, 2018

Hilton Eugene
66 East 6th Avenue, Eugene





2018 Every Day Counts... Annual Conference

Friday, May 4, 2018

11:30 – 5:00	Registration			
12:30 – 12:45	Welcome and Announcements Composer's Hall			
12:45 – 2:00	Fostering Resilience and Improving Outcomes for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Composer's Hall			
2:00 – 2:15	Break			
	O'Neill	Williams	Hellman	Wilder
2:15 – 3:30	Issue Spotting – Preparing for an Issue-Focused Review	The Art & Skills of Effective Boards: Equal Voices, Deep Listening and Safe Conflict	Know How to Say No - Making Negative Findings in a Trauma Informed Way	Concurrent Planning: Just in Case
3:30 – 3:45	Break			
3:45 – 5:00	The Art & Skills of Effective Boards: Equal Voices, Deep Listening and Safe Conflict	Issue Spotting – Preparing for an Issue-Focused Review	Know How to Say No - Making Negative Findings in a Trauma Informed Way	Concurrent Planning: Just in Case
5:00 – 6:00	Social Time			
6:00 – 8:00	CRB Volunteer Recognition Dinner Welcome and Words of Appreciation from Justice Walters Composer's Hall			

Saturday, May 5, 2018

7:30	Breakfast Buffet – Registration			
8:00 – 8:45	Welcome What About the Data? Sousa/Joplin/Seeger			
8:45 – 10:00	Experiences from the Opioid Epidemic Sousa/Joplin/Seeger			
10:00 – 10:30	Break			
	Hellman	Bloch	Wilder	
10:30 – 12:30	Plenary Session Ensuring Safety in Foster Care: Understanding & Responding to Out of Home Assessments	What is Most Important for a Child?	What's the Difference Between Reasonable and Active Efforts?	
12:30 – 1:45	Lunch Marilyn Jones, Child Welfare Director			
1:45 – 3:45	Plenary Session Ensuring Safety in Foster Care: Understanding & Responding to Out of Home Assessments	What is Most Important for a Child?	What's the Difference Between Reasonable and Active Efforts	

Keynote Speakers



Z. Ruby White Starr, Casa de Esperanza

Z. Ruby White Starr is a national leader and consultant with more than 25 years in the violence against women field. Most recently, she served as the Chief Strategy Officer for Casa de Esperanza where directed the National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities. Prior to joining Casa de Esperanza, Ruby spent over 15 years with National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) where she served as the Family Violence Program Director. In that capacity she directed several projects including the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody, the Safe Haven's Supervised Visitation and Exchange Technical Assistance Program, and the Federal Greenbook Initiative, an interagency collaboration to address the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment. Ms. White's areas of expertise include children exposed to domestic violence, collaboration, systems reform, co-occurrence, resilience, and cultural competency. Ruby served on the Board of Directors of the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence for 8 years, six of them as president; is a former national advisory committee member for the Women of Color Network; and is past president of the board of directors of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence. Prior to her work with Casa de Esperanza and NCJFCJ, Ruby served as the Director of Residential Programs for the Committee to Aid Abused Women, a community domestic violence organization, directing the organization's transitional housing and emergency shelter programs. Ruby shares her personal experience as a child witness and child and adult victim of domestic violence with the media and to various groups throughout the country in hopes that her experiences will lead to better practices and outcomes for women, children, and families who have experienced domestic violence.



James G. Shames, MD, Medical Director and Health Officer for Jackson County

Dr. Jim Shames has lived and practiced in Southern Oregon since 1973. He is Board certified in Family Medicine as well as Addiction Medicine. He was the founding physician and Medical Director of the Siskiyou Community Health Center in Josephine County. He has been the Medical Director and Health Officer for Jackson County since 2002. In response to the growing epidemic of opioid overdoses (prescription pills and heroin), Dr. Shames has been instrumental in the formation of Oregon Pain Guidance, and was awarded the Doctor-Citizen of the Year Award by the Oregon Medical Association for this work.

Currently Dr. Shames is a consultant for the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Medical Board, and is Health Officer for Jackson County. In his spare time Dr. Shames enjoys traveling the world, photography, gardening, and spending time with his family.



Friday Program

12:30 p.m. Welcome

- ◆ *The Honorable Josephine H. Mooney, Lane County Circuit Court*
- ◆ *Leola McKenzie, Director of Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division*

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fostering Resilience and Improving Outcomes for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

- ◆ *Ruby White Starr, Casa de Esperanza*

Ruby White Starr has worked on both the local and national level to address the effects of domestic violence on families. Through the use of storytelling, she shares her personal experiences, research, and best practice approaches on the impacts of domestic violence on children to deliver an engaging and informative presentation. In this session, Ruby will discuss how children and families experience the risks to which they are exposed, analyze current interventions and system goals, and explore important considerations to develop effective interventions and to produce better outcomes. The session will include crossover issues such as substance abuse and delinquency and how our responses impact diverse families. Participants will leave with a clear understanding of how each of their interactions can have a positive effect on children and families even when these are not immediately evident.

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Workshops

Issue Spotting – Preparing for an Issue-Focused Review

- ◆ *Suzanne Callahan, CRB Field Manager*
- ◆ *Rebecca Regello, CRB Field Manager*

How can you maximize your prep time? What are the key issues that need to be addressed for each finding? Participants will learn techniques and strategies to use while prepping for an issue focused review. Using hypothetical case materials and various scenarios, board members will practice how to spot issues and focus on missing information.

The Art & Skills of Effective Boards: Equal Voices, Deep Listening and Safe Conflict

- ◆ *Tom O'Connor, Ph.D., Transforming Corrections*
- ◆ *Jennifer Buckingham, CRB Field Manager*
- ◆ *Laurie Judd, CRB Field Manager*
- ◆ *Jeri Mustain, CRB Volunteer Board Member*
- ◆ *Tracy Powell, CRB Volunteer Board Member*

Join us for a coaching session on effective communication, and learn some practical skills for increasing your Board's productivity. Dr. O'Connor will briefly discuss the latest research on dialogue, conflict, and team work. Then engage in some guided practice that will allow you to think differently about team work and increase your range of skills in face-to-face conversation, thus enabling you to become a more effective communicator and team player.



Saturday Program

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Welcome & Announcements

What About the Data: Oregon CRB Evaluation Results

8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Experiences from the Opioid Epidemic

◆ *Dr. Jim Shames, Medical Director and Health Officer for Jackson County*

Dr. Jim Shames, will provide an overview of the opioid crisis, including how it developed. He will summarize the common treatment resources, as well as the best evidence-based treatment practices. Dr. Shames will discuss the associations many of us have toward those in treatment, as well as the role relapses play in the treatment process. He will also highlight some of the current efforts to combat the opioid addiction epidemic statewide.

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Plenary Session

Ensuring Safety in Foster Care: Understanding & Responding to Out of Home Assessments

The Secretary State's Foster Care Audit, the Child and Family Services Review, and the Public Knowledge report on child safety raised issues about the shortcomings of Oregon's foster care system and the broader child welfare system. The 2017 Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 243 which addresses issues of abuse reporting regarding children in care, and DHS developed a project around a Coordinated Child Safety-Centered Response to Abuse as part of their Unified Child and Youth Safety Implementation Plan. As a result of these efforts, in the coming months, DHS will begin including out of home assessments in the case material submitted for CRB reviews. Out of home assessments are comprehensive child protective services (CPS) assessments conducted in response to reports of suspected child abuse in foster homes or other substitute care placements. Session attendees will learn about the criteria used to initially screen whether a report meets the definition of child abuse or neglect and, when it does, all the components and timelines of the comprehensive CPS assessment that follows. Attendees will learn what it means when a CPS assessment concludes with a disposition of *Founded*, *Unfounded*, or *Unable to Determine* and what happens next. This session will include small group discussions, case scenarios, and polling to help attendees understand DHS expectations for conducting a comprehensive response to reports of child abuse and neglect when the child is in out of home care and how boards can use this information during reviews to make findings and recommendations about child safety.

This plenary session will be offered two times. All conference attendees will attend one of the two sessions. Please indicate your session preference on the registration form.



Saturday Program

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Workshops

What's the Difference Between Reasonable and Active Efforts?

- ◆ *Shary Mason, Model Court & Training Analyst—Moderator*
- ◆ *The Honorable Josephine Mooney, Lane County Circuit Court*
- ◆ *The Honorable Valeri Love, Lane County Circuit Court*
- ◆ *Karen Stenard, Attorney*
- ◆ *Christine Kamps, ICWA Consultant, DHS*

Children and Families in the dependency system are confronting a range of difficult issues- abuse and neglect, substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence, poverty, and lack of housing. A panel consisting of an attorney representing parents, an attorney representing children, a judge, and an Indian Child Welfare Act(ICWA) expert will answer questions about what they consider when determining reasonable and active efforts. The panel will also discuss the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regulations and latest guidelines regarding active efforts in ICWA cases. Board members will then look at a case scenario to determine reasonable efforts and what additional efforts would be expected in an ICWA case.

What is Most Important for a Child?

- ◆ *Jason Wright, Permanency Consultant, DHS, Child Welfare*
- ◆ *Sandy Berger, CRB Field Manager*
- ◆ *Robin de Alicante CRB Field Manager*

Participants will learn about what children need and what services are required to promote child safety, health and well-being. Jason Wright, DHS Permanency Consultant, will provide an overview of required assessments and services and a caseworker's perspective on what is most important for a child. Group activities, a case scenario and a video of Kalani's story about the importance of family, siblings and culture will highlight the importance of your role as a CRB board member.

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Lunch

DHS Update

- ◆ *Marilyn Jones, Child Welfare Director*

1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

All 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Plenary Session & Workshops Repeat

Camp to Belong Raffle



For the last eight 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 27 children to attend camp! This summer, Camp to Belong will hold two camps for siblings. 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. www.camptobelongoregon.org

Fostering Resilience and Improving Outcomes for Children
Exposed to Domestic Violence



Workshop 1: _____



Plenary: Ensuring Safety in Foster Care: Understanding & Responding to Out of Home Assessments





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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/2018EDCEvaluation>



Thank you!

Thank you to the CRB Advisory Committee! Your input was integral in the development of the conference workshops.

Advisory Committee Members:

- ◆ Kent Bailey, Baker County
- ◆ Amy Brewer, Lane County
- ◆ Kathy Cooney, Washington County
- ◆ Jennifer Doerner, Douglas County
- ◆ Diana Ewing, Crook County
- ◆ Jessica Lloyd-Rogers, Douglas County
- ◆ Jeri Mustain, Coos County
- ◆ Tracy Powell, Polk County
- ◆ Bev Schenler, Lane County
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- ◆ Joy Stevens, Harney County
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