



2023 MODEL COURT SUMMIT

SAFETY DECISION-MAKING

**SEPTEMBER 22
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**



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AGENDA

Model court teams and all court & community partners are invited to attend. 4.75 CLE pending

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9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	WELCOME Nanci Thaemert, Director, Juvenile and Family Court Programs, OJD
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	KEYNOTE: DEFINING SAFETY TO REDUCE DISPARITIES AND INEQUITIES IN CHILD WELFARE Ernestine S. Gray, Ret. Judge, Chair ABA Judicial Division
10:15 AM - 10:25 AM	BREAK
10:25 AM - 11:25 AM	ELEVATING THE VOICE OF CHILDREN IN SAFETY DECISION-MAKING Aprille Flint-Gerner, Director, ODHS Child Welfare Jolynne Batchelor, Senior Advisor Child Welfare Practice Integration, ODHS Child Welfare
11:30 PM - 12:00 PM	JCIP SAFETY DECISION-MAKING QUESTION PROJECT Jayne Cooper, Legal Policy Advisor, Juvenile Court Improvement Program, OJD Deena Loughary, Safety Program Manager, ODHS Child Welfare
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	PARENTS PERSPECTIVE ON SYSTEM CHANGE Jeanette Vega, Executive Director of <u>Rise</u>
2:00PM– 2:10 PM	BREAK
2:10 PM – 3:25 PM	MANAGING SAFETY AND RISK IN FAMILIES AFFECTED BY PARENTAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER Kate Hochstatter, Safety Consultant, ODHS Child Welfare Alicia Kleen & Carmen Mims, CARA Coordinators, Child Fatality Prevention and Review, ODHS Child Welfare, Justine Kilsby, ODHS Dist. 2 Addiction Recovery Team
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING BREAKOUTS Dedicated time for model court teams to assess and plan their local court improvement efforts.

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

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9:15 AM-10:15 AM

KEYNOTE: DEFINING SAFETY TO REDUCE DISPARITIES AND INEQUITIES IN CHILD WELFARE

Ernestine S. Gray, Ret. Judge, Chair ABA Judicial Division

Without a sound definition of safety, minority children may come into the child welfare system for reasons other than those that pose a substantial risk of irreparable harm. This session will explore how the elimination of poverty from the definition of safety might impact disproportionality in the child welfare system.

10:25 AM-11:25 AM

ELEVATING THE VOICE OF CHILDREN IN SAFETY DECISION-MAKING

Aprille Flint-Gerner, Director, ODHS Child Welfare and Jolynne Batchelor, Senior Advisor Child Welfare Practice Integration ODHS Child Welfare

Presenters will demonstrate a new child welfare practice approach that centers children in safety decision-making and planning and improves information provided to courts to enhance legal decisions. Oregon Child Welfare is early in the implementation of this approach.

11:30 AM-12:00 PM

JCIP SAFETY DECISION-MAKING QUESTIONS PROJECT

Jayne Cooper, Legal Policy Advisor, Juvenile Court Improvement Program, OJD and Deena Loughary, Safety Program Manager, ODHS Child Welfare

Presenters will introduce JCIP's Safety Decision-Making Project, which is intended to reduce time to permanency, increase parent and child engagement in safety decisions, and reduce unnecessary removals.

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

PARENTS PERSPECTIVE ON SYSTEM CHANGE

Jeanette Vega, Executive Director of Rise

Rise parent will present a parent perspective on the realities parents face when child welfare is involved, language that can be harmful within practice, and the power the courts have to advocate for families well being and rights.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM

MANAGING SAFETY IN CASES INVOLVING PARENTAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

Kate Hochstatter, Safety Consultant, ODHS Child Welfare, Justine Kilsby, ODHS Dist. 2 Addiction Recovery Team, Alicia Kleen & Carmen Mims, CARA Coordinators, Child Fatality Prevention and Review, ODHS Child Welfare

Presenters will discuss how child safety is assessed and managed in-home when caregivers have substance use disorder. This session will also highlight special considerations for infants with prenatal substance exposure through the use of Plans of Care.



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STRATEGIC PLANNING

3:30 PM-5:00 PM

LOCAL MODEL COURT TEAMS STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Model Court Teams have three choices for Local Strategic Planning Breakouts:

- Default: Meet virtually in a labeled breakout session in the WebEx webinar - this will not allow for full participation by all members or use of a power point presentation, we advise you to make a separate link.
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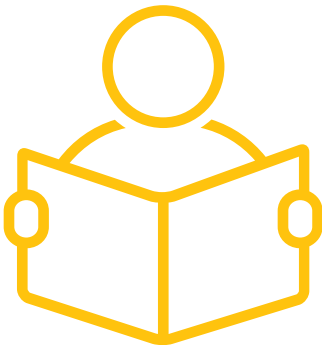
Your team lead will communicate directly with your Model Court team to ensure everyone knows how your group plans to get together for this very important session.

SAMPLE AGENDA



1. Introductions
2. What's going well? Identify ways to build on our strengths.
3. What could be better? Identify areas in need of improvement.
4. Create a plan to gather data, feedback and other information to better understand the issues.
5. Identify next steps and assign tasks. *Reach out to JCIP for help with projects.*

QUICK GUIDES



What is a Model Court Team?

Intro to Change Management

Safety Decision-Making Questions Pilot Project



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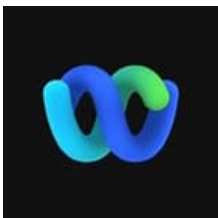
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