



# 2016

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### Conference Information

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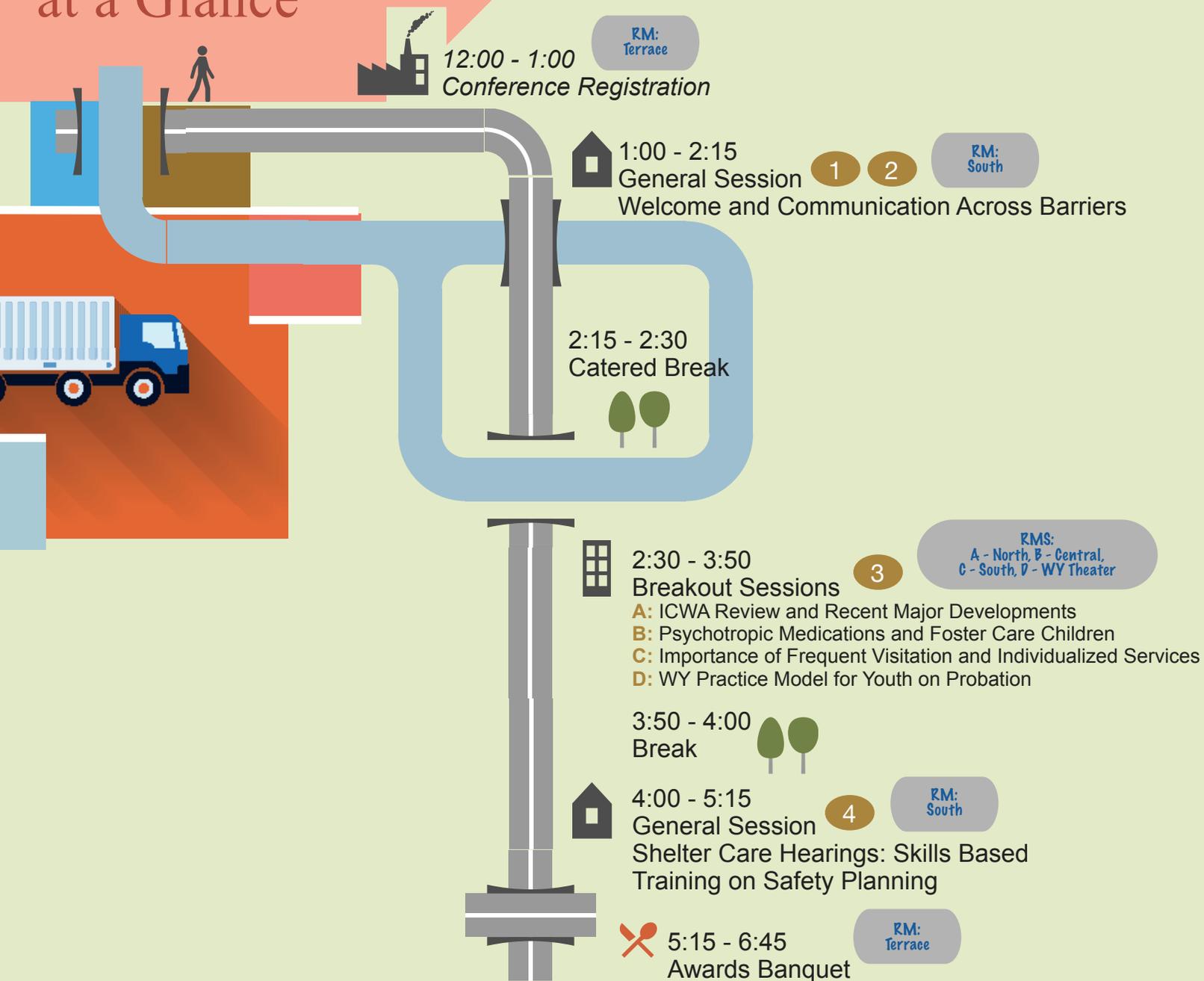
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# Conference Agenda at a Glance

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016



## Key for Conference Guide

3 Correlates to session descriptions and speaker biographies on pages 6 - 10

RM:  
Theater

Indicates the room and is included with session description



Break



Awards Banquet



# THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016

8:30 - 9:45  
General Session

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RM:  
South

Permanency Hearings: Skills Based Training

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RM: WY  
Theater

*Ethics: How Lawyers Get In Trouble (repeated at 1:30 session)*



9:45 - 10:00  
Catered Break



10:00 - 11:30  
Breakout Sessions

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RM:  
A - North, B - Central,  
C - South, D - WY Theater

**A:** Jury Instructions for Juvenile Court and TPR Proceedings

**B:** Paternity 101

**C:** Immigration Law and Children: Protecting the Most Vulnerable

**D:** Trafficking and Pornography Investigations for Caseworkers

11:30 - 1:30  
Lunch



12:00 - 1:00

*Optional Presentation for  
Attorneys: Ethics for Attorneys  
Working in Child Welfare Law  
(lunch provided)*

RM:  
South



1:30 - 3:00  
Breakout Sessions

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RM:  
A - North, B - South,  
C - WY Theater

**A:** Reasonable and Prudent Parenting: PSTSFA

**B:** DFS Case Plans - The TPR Achilles Tendon

**C:** Ethics: How Lawyers Get In Trouble (repeat from 8:30 session)



3:00 - 3:30  
Catered Break



3:30 - 3:45

Presentation of the Golden Award

RM:  
South



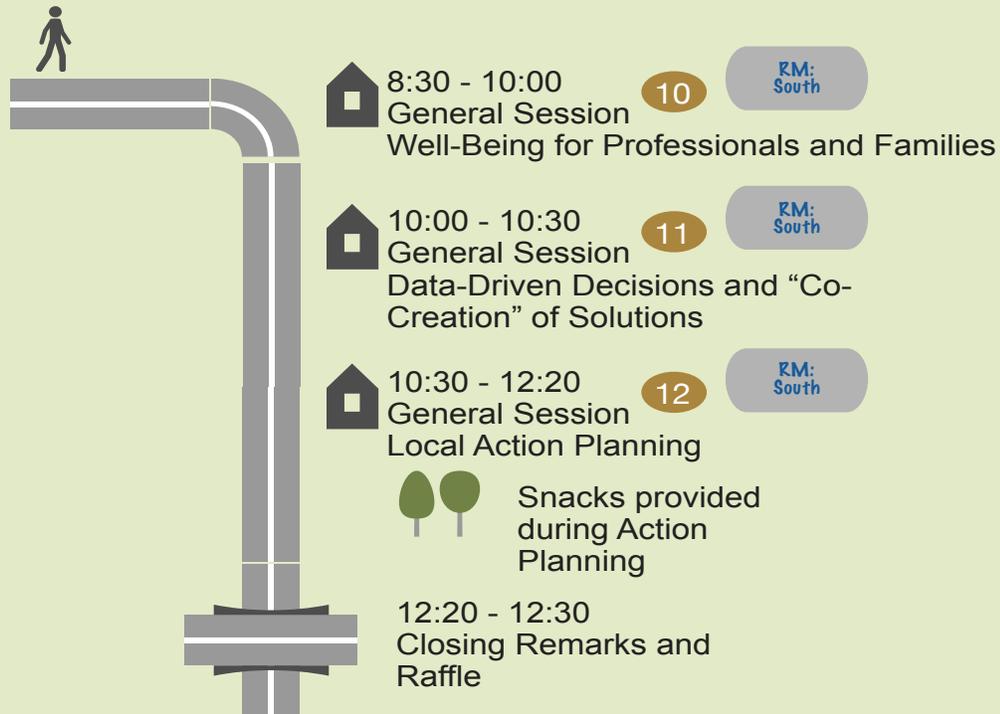
3:45 - 5:00  
General Session

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RM:  
South

Trafficking, Trauma, Resiliency, and  
Evidence-Based Hope

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016



## FEATURED SPEAKER: LYNDA COATES



Lynda Coates is an associate of Communication Across Barriers, a poverty consulting firm owned by Dr. Donna Beegle. She is an authentic voice of poverty who grew up homeless. Through the support of mentors, such as Donna and others, she earned a master’s degree from Portland State University and has been speaking and training in the Portland area for more than two years. As a writer, curriculum developer, and researcher, she has produced several tools for trainings, including an online Student Retention Relationship Tool (SRRT) for adults who work with at-risk students. Lynda was born into generational poverty. The family of eight moved from city-to-city every couple of months, sleeping in their vehicle at truck stops, casinos, gas stations, and campgrounds throughout Nevada and California. Her father was a kind and honest man, but self-employed and struggled with alcoholism and depression. Her mother, while nurturing, was completely illiterate and unable to home-school the kids. The six kids attended school only sporadically. At 15 years old, Lynda came to Portland, Oregon to live with her cousin who was also struggling with poverty as a single mom. With the stability of living in one city, she was able to find mentors and became the first and only person in three generations of her family to graduate from high school. However, her academic skills were below college level and she spent four years at Mt. Hood

Community College learning to read and write. Later she was accepted to the University of Portland where she learned to fit into the middle class world, expanded her social network, studied abroad, and completed a Bachelor's Degree in Communication. After five years of working in various jobs throughout Portland, including television news, event management, and a children's media firm, she returned to college and completed a Master's Degree in Communication at Portland State University. For the last five years she has been working with Dr. Donna Beegle, National Poverty Consultant.

# Children's Justice Project Publications

Shining a Light on Wyoming  
Juvenile Court



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## Publications Included in **THE LIGHT BOX**

A Handbook for Children

Bear Goes to Court

GAL Handbook

Guidelines for Parents Attorneys

Handbook for Educators

Handbook for Parents

Handbook for Foster and  
Relative Caregivers

Justice for Children

Juvenile Court Law Update

Legal Resource Manual

MDT Guidebook

Neglect Hearing Checklists

Parent Attorney Handbook

Your Rights



# Session Descriptions



- 1 GENERAL SESSION WELCOME** Join Justice Golden and Justice Hill as they welcome conference attendees and set the stage for the conference and theme.

- 2 COMMUNICATION ACROSS BARRIERS** Lynda Coates has captivated audiences across the nation, giving an 'insider's view' of the importance of legal services for those in the crisis of poverty. Embedded in her story are practical, usable tips for assisting legal professionals to overcome poverty barriers their clients face. Lynda will provide a moving and thought provoking keynote, as well as strategies that can be used right away to change lives for those living in the crisis of poverty.

- 3 A: ICWA REVIEW AND RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS** This presentation will provide an overview of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), including the new guidelines. The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963, was enacted in 1978 in response to a crisis affecting Indian children, families and Tribes. Through ICWA, Congress established minimum federal standards to be applied in state child custody proceedings. The Act requires state courts to utilize these federal standards to determine almost all of key issues that must be decided in child custody proceedings—when a child can be removed or parental rights terminated, what constitutes consent to adoption, and placement of the child in both adoption and foster care proceedings. The Department of Interior has issued new guidelines clarifying how the Act should be applied, and it is anticipated that binding regulations will be issued shortly.

- 3 B: PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS AND FOSTER CARE CHILDREN** This presentation will discuss appropriate medication practices and Wyoming's psychotropic prescribing standards for children, with a focus on practices related to foster care children. Attendees will learn about common issues to watch for as well as prescribing trends in Wyoming.

# FEATURED SPEAKER: MAGISTRATE ROBERT LUNG



District Court Magistrate Robert Lung has served as a Magistrate in the 18th Judicial District of Colorado for over twelve years. Magistrate Lung has presided over a variety of dockets including Domestic Relations, Juvenile Delinquency, County Court Criminal and Traffic, Paternity, Adoptions, Relinquishments, Civil and currently, Dependency & Neglect cases. Before taking the bench, Magistrate Lung served as an Assistant City & County Attorney and, prior to that, as a Deputy District Attorney. Magistrate Lung has provided presentations over the last fifteen years on a diverse range of topics, most recently focusing on childhood trauma, human trafficking and resiliency to various audiences including law enforcement, social services caseworkers, nurses, lawyers, judges, CASA, victim advocates/witnesses, military and at national conferences in other states. Magistrate Lung is the Co-Chair of the Human Trafficking Committee of the 18th Judicial District, he served as voting member of the Legislative Subcommittee to Colorado's Human Trafficking Council in 2015 and was recently selected to serve as a consultant to the Department of Justice – Office for Victims of Crimes – Training and Technical Assistance Center (DOJ: OVC – TTAC) in 2016 at a Human Trafficking Panel in Washington, D.C. which was attended by US Attorney General Loretta Lynch and representatives of several federal agencies collaboratively working to address human trafficking. Magistrate Lung and his wife of eighteen years, adopted their two sons from South Korea and they enjoy outdoor activities including camping, hiking, and downhill mountain biking. Magistrate Lung was recently appointed to be a District Court Judge in the 18th Judicial District, which includes Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties.

## 3 C: IMPORTANCE OF FREQUENT VISITATION AND INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICES

Cornerstone Advocacy as a Path to Reunification— Devoting attention and advocacy to four areas that tend to keep children at home or reunify children with their families quickly and safely—not only do most parents accused in family court want their children home, but when children are home, the case in court tends to be resolved more quickly. The four Cornerstone areas of advocacy are: services that are uniquely tailored to a family's strengths as well as needs; placement arrangements where a child's connection to his/her parents and community are supported (and vice versa); visiting arrangements that provide frequent visits with minimal supervision and that are organized around events that mimic family life; and fourth, advocacy at out of court conferences where services, placement and visiting are discussed. The session will also highlight collaborative strategies and litigation that integrates Wyoming statutes and other sources of authority.

## 3 D: WY PRACTICE MODEL FOR YOUTH ON PROBATION

Department of Family Services workers and staff will learn how the Wyoming Practice Model is being used to assess the needs of the entire family for youth on probation.

# Session Descriptions Cont'd

**4 SHELTER CARE HEARINGS** This presentation will dissect the elusive shelter care hearing and provide skills based training on safety planning, including tips and ideas about how to expedite a child's return to their home. The presentation will include video cameos that highlight the important elements of this critical hearing.

**5 ETHICS: HOW LAWYERS GET IN TROUBLE - DISCIPLINARY TRENDS IN WYOMING 2015-2016** Bar Counsel Mark Gifford will review recent changes to the Wyoming Rules of Professional Conduct as well as the recently-adopted Wyoming Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. He will discuss trends in attorney discipline in Wyoming and will provide helpful tips regarding simple measures lawyers can take to stay out of ethical hot water.

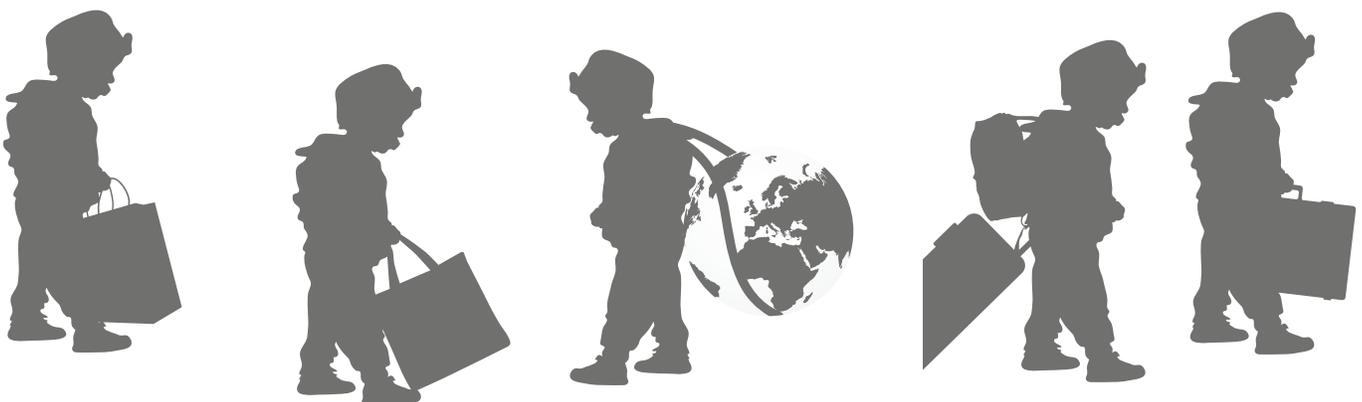
**6 PERMANENCY HEARINGS** The presentation will highlight key elements of the permanency hearing and include video cameos that highlight pitfalls related to reasonable efforts. Attendees will be provided skills based on training related to case planning and tips to achieving permanency for children and families.

**7 A: JURY INSTRUCTIONS FOR JUVENILE COURT AND TPR PROCEEDINGS** Members from Wyoming's Juvenile Pattern Jury Instruction Committee will provide information about the newly released jury instructions for Wyoming abuse and neglect, child in need of supervision (CHINS), delinquency, and termination of parental rights cases. This presentation will highlight and discuss specific instructions and include information and tips related to jury selection.

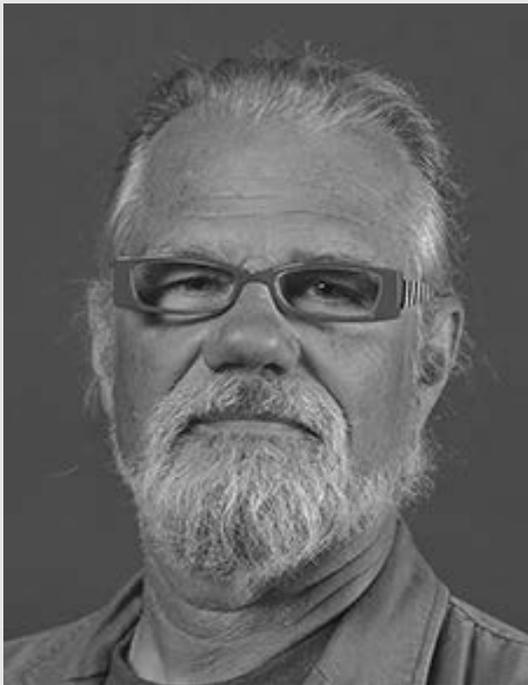
**7 B: PATERNITY 101** This presentation will provide information about the basics of paternity establishment and the interplay between child abuse and neglect cases and child support enforcement. The panel will discuss various issues related to paternity including, for example, when the legal father and the biological father are not the same person.

**7 C: IMMIGRATION LAW AND CHILDREN: PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE** This presentation will explain the basics of immigration law with a focus on how to protect juveniles from removal and deportation, advocate for juveniles with unlawful status, and secure and protect unaccompanied minors, students, refugees, special immigrant juveniles, and children with temporary and permanent residency.

**7 D: UNDERSTANDING SEX AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY INVESTIGATIONS FOR CASEWORKERS** This presentation will give DFS case workers an overview of how child exploitation cases are investigated and prosecuted. Included within the presentation will be a number of case studies from Wyoming.



# FEATURED SPEAKER: DR. JAMES HENRY



Dr. James Henry is a co-founder and project director for the Western Michigan University Children's Trauma Assessment Center. He has a professional history that includes more than 17 years as a child welfare and protective services worker. He has been a professor in WMU's School of Social Work for 15 years, with a focus on developing and providing trauma-informed instruction in the social work curriculum.

Henry has published more than 20 articles in professional journals and presents at national and international conferences on the traumatic impact of child maltreatment. He is the principal investigator in three Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative grants, an Administration for Children and Families grant and the principal investigator in two federal SAFE START Initiatives for children exposed to violence. He has served on two national committees of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network that developed trauma-informed curricula for child welfare workers and resource parents. He is co-chair of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network Child Welfare Committee and on the Steering Committee for the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. He is a co-author of a book, "Seeking Justice," which explores best models of system intervention in child sexual abuse.

Henry has trained more than 50,000 professionals, caregivers, and community members on child maltreatment and trauma-informed practices. He recently has developed a secondary trauma training focusing on understanding the impact of secondary trauma, grief and building resiliency.

## Session Descriptions Cont'd

### 8 A: REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENTING STANDARD (PSTSFA) AND BEYOND

This presentation will provide information about the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 with a focus on the reasonable and prudent parent standard. Attendees will learn about how Wyoming has codified sections of this federal legislation into state law. Presenters will provide information about House Bill 118/ Enrolled Act 41, Foster Care and Permanency (which became effective in March, 2016) which made changes to Title 14 and affects abuse and neglect, CHINS and delinquency actions. Attendees will learn about how the Wyoming Department of Family Services is implementing changes through policy and discuss the impacts to practice.

### 8 B: DFS CASE PLANS - THE TPR ACHILLES TENDON

This presentation will provide information about the Wyoming Department of Family Services' policy regarding case planning and explain how a case plan works to document reasonable efforts from an evidentiary perspective. Presenters will share information about the impacts of a "no reasonable efforts" finding by the court and how a lack of reasonable efforts can be used as a defense in termination of parental rights action. Diane Baird will share information and tips for case planning.

### 8 C: ETHICS: HOW LAWYERS GET IN TROUBLE - DISCIPLINARY TRENDS IN WYOMING 2015-2016

Bar Counsel Mark Gifford will review recent changes to the Wyoming Rules of Professional Conduct as well as the recently-adopted Wyoming Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. He will discuss trends in attorney discipline in Wyoming and will provide helpful tips regarding simple measures lawyers can take to stay out of ethical hot water. **REPEAT OF SESSION 5.**

# CLE APPROVAL.

## WYOMING STATE BAR.

The Wyoming State Bar has approved the 2016 Children's Justice Conference for **14.25 CLE credits, including 3.75 ethics credits.**

Wednesday – 3.75 hours  
Thursday – 6.5 hours, including 3 potential ethics sessions (3.75 hours, one is repeated, 2.5 max hours per person)  
Friday – 4 hours



## Session Descriptions Cont'd

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### TRAFFICKING, TRAUMA, RESILIENCY, AND EVIDENCE-BASED HOPE

The presentation will address trauma and trafficking and provide a brief comparative analysis of trafficking laws in Wyoming and Colorado and discuss the latest efforts to combat trafficking in Colorado. The presentation will cover the multi-faceted effects of childhood trauma, specifically addressing the physiological, neurological, psychological and sociological impacts. The presentation will include the details of a case study of a child that suffered severe childhood trauma including sexual abuse, trafficking and torture. The presenter will define resiliency and provide specific examples of resiliency from the case study as well as the basis for "evidence-based hope. Throughout the presentation the audience will be instructed and guided through self-care exercises to address secondary trauma with grounding techniques. While the topics of trauma and trafficking are emotionally charged, the audience will embrace hope and accept themselves as difference-makers in the lives of children, youth and families.

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### WELL-BEING FOR PROFESSIONALS AND FAMILIES

Have you ever asked yourself, "Why do I keep doing this work when it is so personally and professionally challenging and painful, and sometimes seemingly never ending?" This presentation will identify the human costs and benefits of being chronically exposed to traumatized children and families. The combination of research, stories and self-reflection will provide a framework from which to empower participants to address the elephant in their organization and within themselves.

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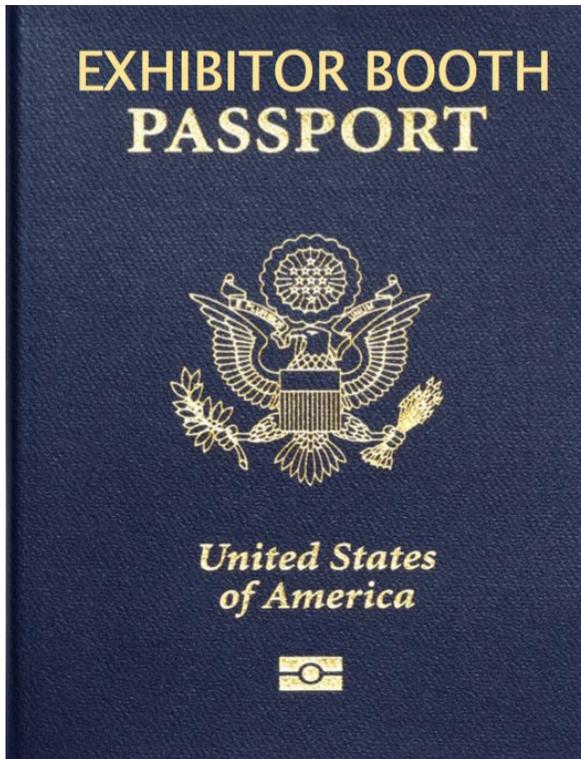
### DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS AND "CO-CREATION" OF SOLUTIONS

The Children's Justice Project and Department of Family Services will provide an overview of state and individual judicial district child welfare data, including court related "time to permanent placement" data, mock Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) results and State Assessment strengths and challenges and Casey Family Programs "Judicial Data Basics."

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### LOCAL ACTION PLANNING

Join the stakeholders from your Judicial District to look at your local data and discuss planning as a group.



## CJC PASSPORT

Don't forget to visit the exhibit booths and have exhibitors stamp your passport books. All attendees with full passport books will be entered into a drawing to win a prize during the closing session.

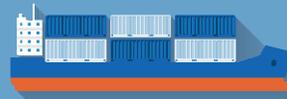


# 2016 Conference Exhibitors

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1. Light Box
2. Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch
3. Kinship Support Services
4. Seattle Children's Hospital
5. YES House
6. Provo Canyon School
7. Wendy's Wonderful Kids
8. Wyoming Behavioral Institute
9. Copper Hills Youth Center
10. Wyoming CASA Network
11. Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming
12. Cathedral Home for Children
13. Southern Peaks Regional Treatment
14. Devereux Colorado
15. Bikers Against Child Abuse
16. Mount Saint Vincent
17. Foster Families (DFS)
18. Sequel Youth & Family Services
19. Care Management Entity (Magellan)
20. Acadia Healthcare
21. General

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