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# Welcome to The 2012 Georgia Conference on Children and Families

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The GCCF Planning Committee presents the 2012 agenda and workshop selections for the 2012 Georgia Conference on Children and Families. We trust you will benefit from the knowledge, expertise and inspiration offered through keynote presentations, plenary sessions, panel discussions, workshops and networking opportunities.

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, November 13

|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8:30 am – 12:00 pm | Registration/Exhibits            |
| 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm | Opening Luncheon/Keynote         |
| 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm  | Break                            |
| 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  | Concurrent Workshops – Session A |
| 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm  | Refreshment Break                |
| 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm  | Concurrent Workshops – Session B |

## Wednesday, November 14

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| 8:30 am – 10:00 am  | Concurrent Workshops – Session C  |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | Refreshment Break                 |
| 10:15 am – 11:45 am | Plenary Session/ Panel of Experts |
| 11:45 am – 12:30 pm | Lunch and Learn                   |
| 12:30 pm – 12:45 pm | Break                             |
| 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm  | Concurrent Workshops – Session D  |
| 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm   | Refreshment Break                 |
| 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm   | Concurrent Workshops – Session E  |

## Thursday, November 15

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| 8:30 am – 10:00 am  | Concurrent Workshops – Session F |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | Break                            |
| 10:15 am – 11:45 am | Awards Celebration Brunch        |
| 11:45 am – 12:00 pm | Break                            |
| 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  | Concurrent Workshops – Session G |

# PLENARY SESSIONS

## **Tuesday 12:00 - 1:15 Opening Luncheon Keynote**

### **IF YOU'RE NOT HAVING FUN, YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG**

*Keynote - Keith Neuber, M.S., I K.A.N. Presentations [www.ikan2.com](http://www.ikan2.com)*

Are you having fun at work...at home...at play? If not, Keith may be able to provide some assistance. Keith's presentation, "If You're Not Having Fun, You're Doing It Wrong" is an exercise in perspective management. Participants will be invited to examine their attitude and learn skills for turning problems into challenges. The common sense principles of attitude restructuring will enhance participants' communication skills, productivity and ability to turn obstacles into opportunities. At the end of the presentation Keith may even have you singing "Take Your Job and Love It!"

## **Wednesday 11:20 - 12:30 Lunch and Learn Keynote**

### **UNDERSTANDING PERSONALITY TYPES AND COMMUNICATION STYLES**

*Keynote - Luis Castro, MAXIMIZEBIZ, LLC.*

The art of Effective Communication is a central part of the professional interactions between social service workers and the families of the children they work with. Conflict in such relationships is virtually inevitable. In itself, conflict isn't a problem; how it's handled, however can bring people together or tear them apart. The lack of understanding about the differences and similarities of our personality types and ineffective communication skills can be a source of anger and frustration. However, mastering your communication style and knowing how to interact with others can reduce unhealthy conflict, increase success rate at work and improve healthier relationships in the day to day operations. Come and join this energetic and enjoyable session!

## **Wednesday 10:15-11:45 Plenary Session/ Panel of Thought Leaders**

This Plenary will bring together thought leaders in Georgia to focus on strategies for improving outcomes for children and families. Leaders will speak to state and federal policy and its impact on performance driven practice. The aim of this session is to highlight how Georgia can come together around outcomes and identify ways to work together to drive best practice. Those participating in the session include Commissioners and key leaders from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Human Services, and Department of Juvenile Justice.

## **Thursday 10:15-11:30 Awards Celebration**

## **A1 ENGAGING FAMILIES: BUILDING AN ALLIANCE-THE FOUNDATION STONE**

*Presenter: Wendy Haus Hanevold PhD - Woven Families*

In order to create safety and security our work begins with the creation of an alliance with parents and families. This workshop is designed to share skills and experiences that will aid professionals in creating an alliance using Acceptance, Curiosity and Empathy. Participants will learn to use "the Cycle of Change" to engage families.

## **A2 GEORGIA DFCS'S "SAFETY RESPONSE SYSTEM"**

*Presenters: Lisa Lariscy, DFCS Safety Response System Project Director, Lynn Barmore, DFCS County Director and Loida Waters, DFCS County Director*

Georgia DFCS staff will provide an overview of their new Safety Response System with a full Differential Response Child Welfare Model. Georgia DFCS, in tandem with the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services and the Atlantic Coast Child Welfare Implementation Center, are implementing a safety-focused child welfare system aimed at ensuring fidelity and sustainability to their new child welfare practice. Learn of the overall mission of the Safety Response System, the use of Implementation Science and the challenges and successes from their pilot counties.

## **A3 GANGS**

*Presenter: Joe Amerling – Sr. Investigator, Gainesville Police Department assigned to Gang Task Force*

This workshop will review the Georgia Gang Law, signs and identifiers of gang membership and current trends. Joe Amerling delivers an energetic presentation filled with real life experiences to give the participants an educational and enjoyable experience. He will focus on gang activity in Georgia, especially the Northeast area, with an emphasis on Hispanic gangs, which all of Georgia is currently experiencing an explosion of activity.

## **A-4 BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY TO ENHANCE AND DE-STIGMATIZE INFORMAL SUPPORTS IN THE WRAPAROUND PROCESS**

*Presenters: Theresa L. Varos, MS, Director of Network Support Agency, Lookout Mountain Care Management Entity • Co-Presenter: Heather Stanley, Deputy Director*

Lookout Mountain CME assists families in identifying social, emotional and behavioral supports within their communities. By connecting families to informal supports they are later able to identify resources, thus establishing sustainability. The utilization of community-based supports has been integral in de-stigmatizing communities concerning mental health challenges, building allies and in creating parent-to-parent connections. This workshop will provide examples on accessing, connecting and removing barriers for families, in order to help increase support and resiliency.

## **A-5 RESEARCH TO OUTCOMES: MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT CHILD WELFARE**

Research, evaluation, and data analysis increase capacity for data-driven decision making, evaluation, and performance monitoring. This session will look at the impact of research driven outcomes for preventing child maltreatment, accelerating permanency, and improving the well-being of children and families involved with child welfare.

## **A-6 ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE CHANGE (PART 1 OF 2)**

*Presenter: Keith Neuber, President – IK.A.N. Presentations*

This workshop emphasizes four basic principles: 1) Recognition of the consumer's functional and dysfunctional patterns of behavior; 2) Influencing the decision making of consumers; 3) Enabling consumers to restructure their approach to daily living; and 4) Energizing the consumer to enact changes. The focus of this training experience is strengths-based and outcome driven. Workers, supervisors and leaders will take practical tools from the workshop that will immediately increase their success in both work and in their personal lives.

## **B-1 TRAUMA-FOCUSED ASSESSMENTS & COGNITIVE-BEHAVIORAL THERAPY**

*Presenter: Christopher J. Tillitski, PhD – Psychologist, Behavioral Medicine LLC • Co-Presenter(s): Vilmarie Baez - Doctoral Student at Mercer University, Clinical Medical Psychology; Catherine Tillitski - Doctoral Student at Mercer University, Clinical Medical Psychology.*

Trauma focused assessments are the emerging standard to be used for children that come to the attention of the DFCS and CCFA's. This program is an overview of the theory, techniques and practice for such assessments and the related therapeutic component.

## **B-2 IMPROVING FTM FACILITATOR SKILLS: HELPING GEORGIA'S FAMILIES SUCCEED THROUGH SOLUTION-FOCUSED, FAMILY CENTERED MEETINGS**

*Presenter: Audrey Richards, BA, MSW – Georgia DHS, DFCS • Co-Presenter: Betsy Lerner, BA, MS*

Georgia DFCS requires that, when making a casework decision or plan for families involved in the child welfare system, case managers engage families through the use of a Family Team Meeting. It is important that a partnership is developed with the family and their support system (both formal and informal) and a trusting relationship is established. To ensure that the services remain family centered and solution-focused, we have revised the training and approval process for FTM facilitator certifications. The revised training provides an opportunity for Facilitator growth through Transfer of Learning exercises and a strong relationship with an experienced Mentor throughout the field practice.

## **B-3 THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY IN TRANSITIONING INCARCERATED YOUTH TO THEIR COMMUNITIES**

*Presenter: David W. Proefrock, PhD – Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, Augusta YDC  
Co-Presenters: Greg Jurkovic, PhD, Consulting Psychologist and Cal Miles, MA, Family Therapist*

In January, 2011, Augusta YDC initiated the Transitional Parenting Program. The purpose is to prepare the families of AYDC residents for their release from incarceration and return to their homes and communities. This workshop will focus on the role of the family in a successful transition to the community. We will describe the Transitional Parenting Program and relate the evolution of the Program to the importance of family involvement in the process.

## **B-4 ACCESSING COLLEGE FOR AT-RISK YOUTH**

*Presenter: Eric McGhee – Grant Programs Manager, Georgia Department of Education and David Meyers, MSW, Public Service Assistant and Charles Barker, Grant Program Consultant*

The Georgia Department of Education administers several federally funded programs that support specific youth populations: such as youth in foster care, homeless/unaccompanied youth, migrant youth, and neglected and delinquent youth. This program session will provide information related to the educational challenges and barriers that these at-risk youth face and how the Department of Education serves these populations as well as new initiatives that are underway to support these populations in order to increase the number of youth that are able to access and complete postsecondary degrees.

## **B-5 TRAINING TRANSFER UNMASKED: STRATEGIES TO INFLUENCE OUTCOMES FROM TRAINING**

*Presenter: Deidre H. Carmichael, MSW – Professional Excellence Program, School of Social Work, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University*

Despite training investments, organizations frequently don't reach the desired level of practice change, and "transfer" from training remains an elusive goal. The good news is learning transfer can be influenced with the right interventions. In this workshop, participants will learn research-based interventions to improve learning transfer in their organizations.

## **B-6 ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE CHANGE (PART 2 OF 2)**

*Presenter: Keith Neuber, President – I.K.A.N. Presentations*

## **C-1 FAMILY CENTERED PRACTICE**

*Presenters: Liz Gallaspy, LMSW and Darrell Green Training Specialists, Professional Excellent Program, School of Social Work, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University*

This is a workshop that challenges your thinking about how this practice is evidenced in the workplace. Participants are provided the opportunity to dialogue about the youth and family involvement at the decision making level, they engage in activities designed to help assess the effectiveness of internal and external family centered practice, its sponsorship and return on investment. Participants will also identify ways of communicating the new realities of implementing the practice, how it transforms the workplace and how it may be used to strengthen community collaboration.

## **C-2 THE LATEST FROM DECAL**

*Presenter: Susan Adams, MA in Early Childhood Education – Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning*

Leaders of various programs administered by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) will update participants on the department's current initiatives and resources.

## **C-3 PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR (PART 1 OF 2)**

*Presenter: Lainey Richardson, PsyD – Clinical Director/Psychologist, Department of Juvenile Justice*

There are numerous theories about the cause/origin of criminal behavior. This presentation will focus on the developmental processes/theories that attempt to explain the reasons some people get involved in criminal behavior, while others with similar backgrounds do not. We will look at Developmental theories that include risk and protective factors, and that also focus on environmental, genetic/biological and psychological reasons for criminal behavior. Some solutions/intervention/treatment programs will be looked at, including the most successful ones that we have today.

## **C-4 I WANT TO BE A NORMAL KID**

*Presenter: Mary Charlotte Bruce, MSW – STEP Program Director, Creative Community Services*

*Co-Presenters: Pamela Little, BS in Psychology and Carisma Bacon, BS in Psychology*

How many times have we heard our teenagers in foster care say that they want to be “normal” and do what their friends are doing? We as adults understand the concept of liability and sometimes take the term “protective custody” to the extreme. But we tend to forget that the youth we serve have the same expectations and desires of the average teen. This workshop will explore the concept of being “normal” and what it means to an adolescent growing up in the foster care system. It will brainstorm ways we as providers can help our teens become independent and fit safely into the community.

## **C-5 SENIOR LEADERSHIP SERIES (PART 1 OF 3) - LEADING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE**

*Presenter: Peter Topping*

This session will focus on the leadership challenges of organizational change in the child welfare arena. Elements included in presentation are overcoming resistance to change, identifying appropriate strategies to use in implementing organizational change, and determining which leadership style(s) to employ based on the situation.

## **C-6 ETHICS (PART 3 OF 3) - EXTENDED SESSION**

*Presenter: Jeff Lawrence - The Methodist Homes of Children and Youth*

## **D-1 PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION**

*Presenter: Alka Aneja, M.D., M.A.; Medical Director, Department of Human Services*

In the coming months, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will offer opportunities to States to strengthen their Systems of prescribing and Monitoring Psychotropic medication use in foster care children. This workshop is an opportunity to learn more about Psychotropic Medications and their use in children. It is a relevant topic for case managers, social workers, therapists, physicians and providers involved in taking care of children to improve their understanding in this area.

## **D-2 GROWING CHILDREN: INTRODUCTION TO AN INNOVATIVE PARENTING PARADIGM (part 1 of 2)**

*Presenter: Sunaina Jain, PhD, Clinical Psychology – Pathways Transition Programs*

This workshop provides an understanding of what children need at different stages of development, especially when they have experienced trauma and attachment disruptions. Dr. Sunaina Jain has worked over thirty years with parents coping with poverty, multi-generational family dysfunction and the effects of trauma.

## **D-3 PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR (part 2 of 2)**

*Presenter: Lainey Richardson, PsyD – Clinical Director/Psychologist, Department of Juvenile Justice*

There are numerous theories about the cause/origin of criminal behavior. This presentation will focus on the developmental processes/theories that attempt to explain the reasons some people get involved in criminal behavior, while others with similar backgrounds do not. We will look at Developmental theories that include risk and protective factors, and that also focus on environmental, genetic/biological and psychological reasons for criminal behavior. Some solutions/intervention/treatment programs will be looked at, including the most successful ones that we have today.

## **D-4 TEENS ARE FOR ME: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR OLDER YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE**

*Panel of Presenters: Sharon Hill, Lamar Smith, Felecia toggle, Kristin Sanchez, Sarah Bess Hudson, Normer Adams and Millicent Houston*

DFCS has partnered with other stakeholders, including young adults, to provide information and coordinate services being provided to youth and young adults transitioning from foster care. The goal of our work is to ensure older youth are Safe, Health, Educated, Employable and connected to a caring adult while in care and before leaving care. Participants in this workshop will be provided with information on demographic profiles of older youth in care as well as: Strategies for improving the quality of visits and interactions with older youth; Engaging older youth authentically in meaningful and purposeful discussions and decision-making regarding their case plans and life plans in general; Evaluating service delivery, (educational, health, etc) in order to accomplish the goals of Teens are for Me; and Guidance to supervisors/administrators on how to monitor the safety, permanency and well-being needs of older youth in care.

## **D-5 SENIOR LEADERSHIP SERIES (PART 2 OF 3) WHY THE BEST LEADERS ARE THE BEST LEADERS**

*Presenter: Luis Castro, Director of Training for Cameron and Associates, Inc. – Employee Assistance Program Provider for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice*

This seminar presents the top ten reasons John C. Maxwell found in a recent study of how remarkable leaders give their best to their people, and how to get the best from their people. Participants will learn to leverage basic leadership principles to gain the respect of their followers. The result that organizations get from this daily effort is: WINNING!

## **D-6 ETHICS (Part 2 of 3) - Extended Session**

*Presenter: Jeff Lawrence - The Methodist Homes of Children and Youth*

## **E-1 THE IMPACT OF MATERNAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

*Presenter: Karen Kuehn Howell, PhD – Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Medicine, Maternal Substance Abuse and Child Development Project*

Maternal substance abuse (MSA) can result in significant physical, cognitive, social and emotional issues for a young child. Long-term developmental effects of MSA and prenatal exposure on developmental outcomes will be outlined. Conditions of MSA, including disease, prematurity, sub-optimal caretaking, poverty, exposure to violence, neglect and maternal psychopathology will be discussed. Interventions and resources for children impacted by MSA will be offered.

## **E-2 GROWING CHILDREN: INTRODUCTION TO AN INNOVATIVE PARENTING PARADIGM (part 2 of 2)**

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## **E-3 JUDGES PANEL**

*Judge Sheri Roberts, Newton County Juvenile Court, Judge Vincent Crawford, DeKalb County and Judge Britt Hammond, Toombs Circuit*

The role of the judge requires neutrality that often isolates the judge from other stakeholders in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Although probation, mental health, child welfare case managers, and judges are all advocates for children, their respective rolls within the same system differ in many respects sometimes causing misunderstanding, confusion, and philosophical differences. This workshop is an opportunity to “bridge the gap” between the child welfare and the judicial systems by providing an opportunity for practitioners to dialogue with a panel of judges on issues of law, process, procedure, and philosophy of child welfare and juvenile justice. This workshop is for all persons who provide case work services and supervise case workers in child welfare, mental health, juvenile justice, and other child service agencies.

## **E-4 UNDERSTANDING TEENS & SEXUAL ORIENTATION DEVELOPMENT**

*Presenter: John T. Wilson, MA – Pathways Training Academy (a division of Pathways Transition Programs)*

This presentation provides overview of how sexual orientation in youth affects their worldview and life experiences in a sensitive, respectful, and factual manner. Research and historical perspectives enhance this workshop and allow attendees to best formulate how to serve them in their work. Workshop is interactive and engaging.

## **E-5 SENIOR LEADERSHIP SERIES (PART 3 OF 3) LIABILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN CHILD WELFARE SERVICES**

*Presenters: Panel of Experts*

A panel of experts will guide discussion around risk management for child welfare providers. Items for review include mitigating liability exposure, elements of malpractice, and developing policies and procedures to ensure safety and well-being of children in care.

## **E-6 ETHICS (Part 3 of 3) - Extended Session**

*Presenter: Jeff Lawrence, The Methodist Homes of Children and Youth*

## **F-1 THOU SHALT NOT...AND BEYOND**

*Presenter: Melanie Dallas, LPC*

As an agency serving in child welfare, we must inform and train to the State's discipline policy. Attend this session and learn how to bring a trauma informed approach to working with and training staff and foster parents about the Discipline Policy. More importantly, learn how effective emotional self regulation on behalf of staff/foster parent can help lead to a more trauma informed response to children's behavior with better clinical outcomes.

## **F-2 FOR CHILDREN'S SAKE: INTEGRATION OF HEALTHY MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION INTO SERVICES THAT PROMOTE CHILD WELL-BEING AND SAFETY**

*Presenter: Ted Futris, PhD, CFLE – Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator, National Resource Center for Health Marriage and Families*

Integrating relationship education into services for families (including adoptive families and independent living services for youth) helps the child welfare system move beyond incident-based interventions. It offers parents, couples, co-parenting individuals, and youth practical knowledge and tools to develop and maintain safe, stable, and permanent home environments for children, especially in times of crisis or stress. This session will highlight strategies for integrating healthy marriage and relationship skills into child welfare services and free resources from the National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families.

## **F-3 DJJ PROVIDER EXPECTATION FOR YOUTH IN OUR CARE**

*Presenter: Racquel Watson, MFT - Program Coordinator-Statewide Residential Services, DJJ*

This training will provide participants with important information about the current changes as they relate to Room, Board, and Watchful Oversight; safety and security; and other new areas being implemented within the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice.

## **F-4 GEORGIA YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVE – OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES FOR YOUTH TRANSITIONING OUT OF CARE**

*Presenter: Anthony Reeves, AA – Tribe Development and Court Improvements Coordinator, MAAC/EmpowerMENT/Georgia Youth*

Learn more about the opportunities and community resources for your youth transitioning out of care from self-advocacy to financial resources through the Individual Development Account (IDA) program. The Georgia Youth Opportunities Initiative is a unique private/public and adult/youth statewide initiative working to improve outcomes for youth transitioning out of care.

## **F-5 CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF A DIFFERENT KIND: 4 GENERATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE AND ADULT CLASSROOM**

*Presenter: Terrie M. Buckner, EdD – Professional Excellence Program Manager, Georgia State University*

This interactive training examines four generations of the American workforce that populate today's training classrooms. Looking at the work, personal, and lifestyle characteristics that are typical of each group, supervisors, trainers and adult educators begin to see how engagement of each generation may require some special attention. Join in the fun as we examine our own generation and compare our perspective to those of younger and older generations.

## **F-6 NAVIGATING CARE MANAGEMENT**

*Presenters: Jerry Dubberly D., MBA– Chief, Medicaid Division, Department of Community Health and Wendy Tiegreen, MSW - Director, Medicaid Coordination, Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities*

Jerry Dubberly and Wendy Tiegreen will guide participants through information around the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid Redesign, working with Care Management Organizations and the impact of a single CMO on delivery of services to children in foster care. These are timely topics that will have an impact on providers and the delivery of services to children in care.

## **G-1 CHILD FATALITIES: RED FLAGS & LESSONS LEARNED**

*Presenter: Sharon Hill PhD – Director, DFCS Federal Regulations and Data  
Co-Presenter: Peggy Woodard – Director, DFCS Collaborative Partners*

Individuals working closely with children and families are committed to seeking the best outcomes for them. Therefore, preventable child deaths elicit an overwhelming sense of despair, grief and trauma for us. Since December 2011, the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) has been conducting intensive staffings and analyses of child deaths with prior DFCS history in an effort to fully understand the circumstances regarding the fatality. This workshop provides participants with lessons learned thus far. The goal is to increase participants' understanding of factors associated with negative outcomes for children in order to strengthen child welfare practice and improve the safety and well-being of children.

## **G-2 CHANGING THE WAY AMERICA DOES FOSTER CARE BY CULTIVATING COMMUNITY**

*Presenter: Bill R. Hancock, Co-Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of FaithBridge Foster Care*

Our country's foster care crisis presents the opportunity for a new type of community. The solution begins with cultivating and equipping faith-based communities through a relationship-enhanced model called the Community of CareSM that focuses on quality, builds capacity and increases stability through mobilizing, organizing, and equipping the local church to care for at-risk families in their local community.

## **G-3 BRIDGING THE GAP - WORKING WITH PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES**

*Panel of Experts: Gloria Choo, Executive Director of Laurel Heights Hospital, Gwen Skinner, Executive Director of the Devereux Georgia Treatment Network, Lori Hogeman, Chief Operating Officer for Hillside, and Tanya Hill, Director of Youth Villages' Inner Harbour*

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities are federally defined residential centers that provide intensive treatment for children and youth with severe emotional/behavioral disorders. The PRTFs work to bridge the gap between research and provision of treatment; and the gap between the institution/facility and the community/family. A panel of PRTF providers will discuss the challenges and successes of PRTF work.

## **G-4 BUILDING A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF CARE FOR TEEN PARENTS**

*Molly Casey, MS - Administrator, Teen Parent Connection*

By age 19, 50% of girls in custody report having been pregnant. Their children are more likely to experience abuse, neglect and be placed in foster care. Targeted services for them cannot be addressed by one agency. We built a statewide System of Care with customized services for each teen. This session will 1) Identify and access the innovative, collaborative and successful outcomes of the system of care approach to working with teen parents; 2) Review the unique challenges and opportunities of developing a statewide SOC working with both teens and their minor children; and 3) discuss and identify additional opportunities for collaboration and partnership within our system of care.

## **G-5 THIS JOB IS DRIVING ME CRAZY! STRATEGIES FOR STAFF RETENTION AND SUPPORT**

*Presenter: Amy Irvin, MA – Regional Director, Omni Visions • Co-Presenter: Lisa Faehl, MS*

Staff turnover is a major concern and cost for agencies. Staff in child welfare are at risk for secondary trauma and related problems. Staff bring their experiences and stress into the work place, creating management challenges. This workshop will focus on tactics for reducing staff turnover and increase job satisfaction.

## **G-6 EFFECTIVE USE OF CANINE ASSISTED THERAPY TO TREAT CHILDREN & ADULTS WITH PTSD/ MULTIPLE TRAUMAS**

*Presenter: Catherine Harm, LMSW - Social Empowerment Center*

This presentation will focus on the breakthrough research being conducted on utilizing Canine Assisted therapy to Benefit while working with those who have suffered multiple traumas including Veterans and Foster Children. The audience will have the opportunity to work hands-on with a therapy dog and learn several techniques currently being utilized in the field.



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Please check sessions you plan to attend:

- \_\_\_ Tues Opening Luncheon (included in registration)
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- \_\_\_ A1 Engaging Families: Building an Alliance-the Foundation Stone
- \_\_\_ A2 Georgia DFCS's "Safety Response System"
- \_\_\_ A3 Georgia Gang Law
- \_\_\_ A4 Building Community Capacity to Enhance and De-Stigmatize Informal Supports in the Wraparound Process
- \_\_\_ A5 Research to Outcomes
- \_\_\_ A6 Achieving Sustainable Change (part 1 of 2)
- \_\_\_ B1 Trauma-Focused Assessments & Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy
- \_\_\_ B2 Improving FTM Facilitator Skills
- \_\_\_ B3 The Role of the Family in Transitioning Incarcerated Youth to Their Communities
- \_\_\_ B4 Accessing College for At-Risk Youth
- \_\_\_ B5 Training Transfer Unmasked: Strategies to influence outcomes from training
- \_\_\_ B6 Achieving Sustainable Change (part 2 of 2)
- \_\_\_ C1 Family Centered Practice
- \_\_\_ C2 The Latest from DECAL
- \_\_\_ C3 Psychology of Criminal Behavior (part 1 of 2)
- \_\_\_ C4 I Want to be a Normal Kid
- \_\_\_ C5 Senior Leadership Series (part 1 of 3) - Leading Organizational Change
- \_\_\_ C6 Ethics (Part 3 of 3) - Extended Session
- \_\_\_ D1 Psychotropic Medication
- \_\_\_ D2 GROWING CHILDREN: Introduction to an innovative parenting paradigm (part 1 of 2)
- \_\_\_ D3 Psychology of Criminal Behavior (part 2 of 2)
- \_\_\_ D4 Teens Are For Me: Strategic Plan for Improving Outcomes for Older Youth in Foster Care
- \_\_\_ D5 Senior Leadership Series (part 2 of 3) Why The Best Leaders Are The Best Leaders
- \_\_\_ D6 Ethics (Part 2 of 3) - Extended Session
- \_\_\_ E1 The Impact of Maternal Substance Abuse on Child Development
- \_\_\_ E2 GROWING CHILDREN (part 2 of 2)
- \_\_\_ E3 Judges Panel
- \_\_\_ E4 Understanding Teens & Sexual Orientation Development
- \_\_\_ E5 Senior Leadership Series (part 3 of 3) Liability and Risk Management in Child Welfare Services
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- \_\_\_ F1 Thou Shalt Not...and Beyond
- \_\_\_ F2 For Children's Sake: Integration of Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education into Services that Promote Child Well-Being and Safety
- \_\_\_ F3 DJJ Provider Expectation for Youth In Our Care
- \_\_\_ F4 Georgia Youth Opportunities Initiative
- \_\_\_ F5 Close Encounters of a Different Kind: 4 Generations in the Workplace and Adult Classroom
- \_\_\_ F6 Navigating Care Management
- \_\_\_ G1 Child Fatalities: Red Flags & Lessons Learned
- \_\_\_ G2 Changing the Way America Does Foster Care by Cultivating Community
- \_\_\_ G3 Bridging the GAP - Working with Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
- \_\_\_ G4 Building a Statewide System of Care for Teen Parents
- \_\_\_ G5 This job is driving me crazy! Strategies for Staff Retention and Support
- \_\_\_ G6 Effective use of Canine Assisted Therapy to treat children and adults with PTSD/multiple traumas

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