

2010 Spring Lecture Series

Save the Dates!

Somali Children and Families in the Child Welfare System: Improving our Response

Hassan Ugas, *Human Service and Public Health Department, Minneapolis, MN*

The training will provide an overview of cultural, language, and familial issues as well as practical guidance regarding a more culturally sensitive and effective response to the problem of child abuse/neglect in this new immigrant community. Local and state resources from the Somali community will be invited to participate in the training and to develop or strengthen linkages that will assist families in the child welfare system.

March 4, 2010 in Lexington, 1:00-4:30

Advanced ICWA Issues

Sherri Eveleth, *Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Services*

This lecture will provide an overview and discussion of issues, challenges, and promising practices that focus on increasing protections and improving outcomes for Indian children and their families in the child welfare system.

March 12, 2010 in South Sioux City, 8:30-12:00

May 21, 2010 in Valentine, 8:30-12:00

Improving Outcomes for Older Youth in Care

Kristin Kelly, J.D., *American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law*

This session will provide an overview of challenges in meeting the unique needs of older youth in care, the current federal and state legal framework regarding older youth in care, and tools/tips that practitioners can use to best support older youth.

April 8, 2010 in Lincoln, 8:30-12:00

April 9, 2010 in Hastings, 8:30-12:00

Improving Educational Outcomes for Children in Foster Care

Kathleen McNaught, J.D., *American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law*

This presentation will address why it is critical to focus on and address the education needs of children while they are in foster care; the impact education advocacy can have on a child's well being and permanency; the scope of education issues that must be addressed to adequately meet the child's educational needs; critical importance of school stability and continuity for children in foster care and steps that can be taken to decrease school mobility and disruption.

April 22, 2010 in Sarpy County, 8:30-12:00

April 23, 2010 in South Sioux City, 8:30-12:00

Enhancing Sibling Connections

Rose Marie Wentz, *National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections*

This session will discuss the laws, values, policies, procedures and skills necessary to ensure that whenever possible children are placed with their siblings and when that is not possible what type of activities should occur to ensure the children maintain and enhance these connections.

June 8, 2010 in Grand Island, 8:30-12:00

June 9, 2010 in Omaha, 8:30-12:00

MCLE credit available!

These events are sponsored by the Nebraska Court Improvement Project. For more information on the Nebraska Court Improvement Project, the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, or these trainings, please visit our website at www.throughtheeyes.org.

Questions? Please contact Melissa Townsend (mtownsend3@unl.edu, 402.472.3292) or Vicky Weisz (vweisz1@unl.edu, 402.472.9814).

All individuals with a stake in the child welfare court system are invited to attend, including judges, attorneys, caseworkers, clerks, school personnel, law enforcement, medical and service providers, foster families, treatment providers, CASA, FCRB, and court facilitators.

You must register to attend. Registration and more information will be available by February 5 at www.throughtheeyes.org. There is no cost to attend but registration will close when limits are reached. You must register in advance to receive MCLE credits. There will be a \$15 fee for 3 credits.

If you are unable to attend, some of these sessions will become available through video streaming at www.throughtheeyes.org.

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