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CPOC'S 2022 FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE BUILDING CONNECTIONS FOR A BETTER FUTURE



MAY 23-24, 2022 ★ **HYATT REGENCY SACRAMENTO**

AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022

8:00am REGISTRATION

➤ *Regency Foyer*

9:00am – 9:15am WELCOME

Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause, Contra Costa County Probation Department, CPOC Bay Region Chair

➤ *Regency ABC*

9:15am – 10:15am GENERAL SESSION

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF *JETRO'S JOURNEY*

A documentary featuring a young man in probation supervised foster care, the resource family who open their home and the ongoing support of probation as he learns to trust and heal.

➤ *Regency ABC*

10:15am – 10:30am BREAK

➤ *Regency Foyer*

10:30am – 11:30am GENERAL SESSION

PANEL DISCUSSION OF *JETRO'S JOURNEY*

Panel Discussion moderated by Rosemary Lamb McCool featuring the Gaines Family from *Jetro's Journey* and the documentary Filmmaker, Jo Streit.

Speakers: *Jetro, Foster Youth*

Hillary Gaines, Resource Parent

Kevin Gaines, Resource Parent

Jo Streit, Documentary Producer and Director, Streit Productions

Moderator: *Rosemary Lamb McCool, Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California*

➤ *Regency ABC*

11:30am – 12:30pm LUNCH

➤ *Regency ABC*

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COVID-19 Safety Precautions and Protocols: CPOC will abide by and implement applicable safety protocols consistent with the California Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Sacramento County's guidelines as well as any requirements instituted by the Hyatt Hotel. COVID-19 protocols and updates will be provided to registrants prior to the conference.

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MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 CONTINUED

12:30pm – 2:30pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

★ **PROMISING STRATEGIES TO SERVE AND SUPPORT YOUTH WITH COMPLEX CARE NEEDS**

Sometimes counties may experience challenges in finding suitable placement and/or services for a youth with complex needs. In the first part of the session, Dr. Loc H. Nguyen will cover various placement settings outside of short-term residential therapeutic programs (STRTPs) for youth with acute needs. The second half of the session will cover various complex care funding opportunities through the enactment of AB 153. The California Department of Social Services will provide a high-level overview of these three different complex care funding categories: 1) child specific requests for exceptional needs 2) county capacity building to address gaps within the continuum of care and 3) the Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot. In this part of the session, Los Angeles County Probation Department and Riverside County Probation Department will share their experiences in these funding efforts.

Speakers: Loc H. Nguyen, DrPH, MSW; Child Welfare Policy Consultant, County Welfare Directors Association of California
Dianna L. Wagner, LMFT; Health Program Specialist II, System of Care Branch, California Department of Social Services
Rachel Ligtenberg, Probation Division Director, Special Services Division, Riverside County Probation Department
Paul Vinetz, Bureau Chief, Placement and Child Welfare Services Bureau, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Moderator: Kim Suderman, LCSW; Consultant, County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) of California

➤ **Regency D**

★ **MAXIMIZING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS AND RESOURCES**

The focus of this session is understanding how meaningful, developmental relationships are key to improving educational and life outcomes for system-involved youth. A framework for relationships, related strategies, and data will be discussed to address the barriers for system-involved youth and their natural support systems in navigating educational systems and advocacy. The session will be presented through the equity and systemic lenses, considering the access, opportunity and achievement gaps, as well as adult mental models.

Speaker: ShaKenya Edison, M.Ed., PPS; K-12 Administrator/Consultant, Edison Educational Consulting

Moderator: Kathy Martinez, CPOC Consultant, Retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Santa Clara County Probation Department

➤ **Regency E**

★ **UNDERSTANDING THE FOSTER YOUTH BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE APPLICATION OF REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD**

This training will be an interactive experience that teaches participants about the Foster Youth Bill of Rights and Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS). Participants will learn about the Foster Youth Bill of Rights and how to uphold the youths' rights and promote the positive development and well-being of youth in care.

Speakers: Shekinah Peredo, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, California Department of Social Services
Kendra Jackson, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, California Department of Social Services

Moderator: Anna Ruiz, CPOC Consultant, Retired Supervisor, Orange County Probation Department

➤ **Regency F**

2:30pm – 2:45pm **BREAK**

➤ **Regency Foyer**



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2:45pm – 4:45pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

★ **RACIAL EQUITY - A CLOSER LOOK AT PROBATION PLACEMENT PRACTICES**

Practical tools will be discussed and presented that can lead to improved equity with probation, specifically to reducing kids of color in foster care placements.

Speaker: Kiki Farris, Probation Manager, Contra Costa County Probation Department

Moderator: ShaKenya Edison, M.Ed., PPS; K-12 Administrator/Consultant, Edison Educational Consulting

➤ **Regency D**

★ **NAVIGATING THE COURT PROCESS UNDER FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA) PART IV**

This session will focus on the court involvement in juvenile justice proceedings, specifically, the court process designed to implement Part IV of FFPSA. Further, this session will discuss permanency options when a youth has completed treatment in a short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) including return home, guardianships, and nonminor dependent status. In this session participants will be able to 1) explain the court process as it pertains the FFPSA 2) apply the court process through a hypothetical situation 3) explain permanency options for youth exiting care.

Speakers: Marymichael Miatovich Smrdeli, Supervising Attorney, Center for Children, Family & the Courts, Judicial Council of California
Joan Tillman, Attorney, Center for Children, Family & the Courts; Judicial Council of California

Moderator: Stephanie Anderson, Probation Foster Care Specialist, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ **Regency E**

★ **SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND RECOVERY AND IMPACTS ON FAMILY DYNAMICS**

Despite high rates of substance use among youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, assessing needed evidence-based care can be difficult. This session will cover key principles for identifying and addressing substance use and co-occurring mental health needs with dually involved youth. Participants will hear from University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) researchers highlighting telehealth interventions and a discussion about research-informed ways to improve identification of substance use and co-occurring mental health needs and provide tools to aid in linkage to treatment. Additionally, participants will hear directly from a Parent Partner with lived experience about how best to support youth and families with substance use and co-occurring mental health needs either in treatment or exiting an STRTP. Lived experience provides keys to success: Support, Educate and Acceptance that there is not an easy solution. Together, we will make a difference.

Speakers: Johanna Folk, Ph.D.; Assistant Professor, UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Evan D. Holloway, Ph.D.; Postdoctoral Fellow, UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

*Shawna Morris, MPA, Chief Executive Officer, Casa Pacifica Centers for Children & Families
Peter Gelber, Recovery Specialist, Casa Pacifica Centers for Children & Families*

Moderator: Kathy Martinez, CPOC Consultant, Retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Santa Clara County Probation Department

➤ **Regency F**

4:45pm – 5:00pm **END OF DAY WRAP-UP**

➤ **Regency ABC**

5:00pm – 6:00pm **RECEPTION**

➤ **Vines Patio**



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TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

7:30am REGISTRATION

➤ *Regency Foyer*

8:30am – 8:40am WELCOME

Chief Tracie Neal, Shasta County Probation Department, CPOC Juvenile Services Committee Vice-Chair

➤ *Regency ABC*

8:40am – 9:45am GENERAL SESSION

PROGRESS & PARTNERSHIP: REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST 25 YEARS AND THE ROAD AHEAD

This keynote will focus on findings from report, *The Evolution of Juvenile Justice and Probation Practices in California*, which examines 25 years of juvenile justice as administered by California's county probation departments and shares how probation departments and partners can confront ongoing challenges facing foster youth and their families.

Speaker: Jessica K. Heldman, Fellmeth-Peterson Professor in Residence in Child Rights, University of San Diego School of Law Children's Advocacy Institute

➤ *Regency ABC*

9:45am – 10:00am BREAK

➤ *Regency Foyer*

10:00am – 11:15am GENERAL SESSION

THE HARD PARTS OF HAPPINESS

Presenter Anthony Poponi has a long history of working with youth. As a two-time resource (foster) parent, he deeply appreciates those working in youth services and realizes not every moment in this work is easy. This work can be hard and while we're chasing more pleasure, more joy and more fun we can't ignore those harder moments. Fortunately, the hard parts of happiness like service, navigating tough relationships, and building mastery are all proven to be important parts of a fulfilling and happy life. Happiness can be hard, but the hard parts of happiness can also be the best parts. During the session, Anthony will share what research proves are the correct areas to focus your energy to provide lasting happiness and ongoing success in work and how to quickly tap into both the hard and fun parts of our days for a happy, successful, and fulfilling life.

Speaker: Anthony Poponi, Chief Executive Officer, Focus on the 40

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11:15am – 12:15pm LUNCH

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12:15pm – 2:15pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

- ★ **FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA) PART IV: AFTERCARE SERVICES FOR FOSTER YOUTH**
The statewide requirements and vision for FFPSA Part IV Aftercare and Wraparound will be discussed, as well as the cross-system efforts to co-create and operationalize these requirements and high-fidelity wraparound in California. San Francisco and Riverside County Probation Departments will share their current aftercare programs and challenges they have encountered. Resources will be shared that will assist counties in the planning to level-up wraparound programs to meet the FFPSA Part IV aftercare and high-fidelity wraparound goals and requirements.
Speakers: Jamica Walker, Deputy Probation Officer, Juvenile Placement Unit, San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department
Daniel Wilson, MSW; Manager, Family-Centered Practice Unit, California Department of Social Services
Mila Baranov, Probation Officer, Placement/Re-Entry Unit, San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department
Rachel Ligtenberg, Probation Division Director, Special Services Division, Riverside County Probation Department
Moderator: Daniel Wilson, MSW; Manager, Family-Centered Practice Unit, California Department of Social Services
➤ **Regency D**

- ★ **HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT: WORKING WITH LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, QUESTIONING, GENDER NONCONFORMING AND TRANSGENDER (LGBQ/GNCT) JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH**
Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ+) youth are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system. Approximately one in five youth in juvenile justice detention nationwide is LGBTQ+. What does it mean to serve these youth equitably and respectfully? How do probation staff create safe and affirming spaces for youth across the gender and sexuality spectrums? Explore these questions (and more!) in this interactive workshop geared toward those wanting to learn—or practice—skills to best serve this vulnerable population.
Speaker: Carolyn Reyes, Policy Director, Ceres Policy Research
Moderator: Kathy Martinez, CPOC Consultant, Retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Santa Clara County Probation Department
➤ **Regency E**

- ★ **EFFECTIVE FAMILY FINDING AND SUPPORT STRATEGIES**
Studies show that youth thrive more in a nurturing family-based setting. Are you looking for additional insight to enhance your family finding and support efforts? If so, this is a session you don't want to miss. Sacramento County Probation Department will share their approach to resource family recruitment and helping foster youth build a network of support. This session will explore family finding strategies, including community advertising along with community engagement and building relationships that lead to a nexus of support to help youth flourish.
Speakers: Danna Buerger, Deputy Probation Officer, Placement Services Unit, Sacramento County Probation Department
Pamela Lowe, Senior Deputy Probation Officer, Placement Services Unit, Sacramento County Probation Department
Moderator: Stephanie Anderson, Probation Foster Care Specialist, Chief Probation Officers of California
➤ **Regency F**

2:15pm – 2:30pm **CONFERENCE WRAP-UP**

➤ **Regency ABC**