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CCR VIRTUAL CONFERENCE | JUNE 15 – 18, 2020

ELEVATING THE FUTURE OF FOSTER YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN CALIFORNIA

AGENDA

DAY 1 MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

10:00am **Welcome**
Chief Brian Richart, El Dorado County Probation Department,
2020 CPOC President

10:00am – 12:00pm **Kick-Off Session – Finding the Balance: Addressing the Trauma-Related Needs of Our Youth, Our Staff, and Ourselves— Even in the Midst of a Pandemic**
Dr. Isaiah Pickens, Ph.D.; CEO, iOpening Enterprises

We are kicking off our 2020 virtual conference with an important keynote address from Dr. Isaiah Pickens, founder of iOpening Enterprises and lead author of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network's Think Trauma 2.0, about how to put our trauma-informed training into practice—especially when we need it most.

1:00pm – 3:00pm **All Hands on Deck: Identifying and Supporting Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth in the Juvenile Justice System**

Since 2010, the Los Angeles County Probation Department has been paving the way in the fight against the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). This session will highlight various initiatives implemented within their county department. Highlights will include: the creation of Los Angeles County Probation Department's Child Trafficking Unit, the Detention Interagency CSEC Identification and Response protocol, implementation of SB 794 mandates, housing, using the Harm Reduction approach, and more.

SPEAKER
Michelle Guymon, MSW; Director, Child Trafficking Unit, Los Angeles County Probation Department

DAY 2 TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

9:00am – 11:00am **Providing Stability for Success: Identifying Housing Resources for Non-Minor Dependents**

As a youth enters adulthood, it is important for them to have stability in their lives. Housing is an essential component to assist in providing one with a sense of security, so they are able to better concentrate on their goals to prepare for the real world. This session, presented by the John Burton Advocates for Youth, will provide an overview of the various housing supports in California available for current and former probation foster youth. These resources include extended foster care for youth ages 18-21 with out-of-home placement orders, and housing programs and vouchers for former probation youth up to age 24. Attendees will also be familiarized with the state's homelessness response system and the role of local Continuums of Care (CoC).

SPEAKER
Simone Tureck Lee, Director of Housing & Health, John Burton Advocates for Youth

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

9:00am – 11:00am **Key to Successful Residential Care: Partnership and Planning**

What are the key steps to ensuring a successful placement? In this session, we will hear from Shasta and Ventura counties about strategies they developed to support placement—including preparing for the CFT and IPC meetings, coordinating with behavioral health, and partnering with short-term residential treatment programs (STRTPs).

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

SPEAKERS
Donna Nachreiner, Deputy Probation Officer II, Shasta County Probation Department
Lori Steele, Clinical Division Chief, Shasta County Health and Human Services
Catherine Matthews, Executive Director, Gateway Residential Programs
Melinda Cross, Division Manager of Juvenile Facilities, Ventura County Probation Department
Dina Olivias, Youth and Family Division Chief, Ventura County Behavioral Health
Dave Yasutake, CEO, Kids to Kids, Ventura, California

DAY 4 THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

1:00pm – 3:00pm **Being Gender Responsive: How do You Know if You Are?**

Statistics show a staggering over-representation of LGBT/GNCT youth in the juvenile justice system. Recognizing this within your own county may be difficult since data is not always readily available. Responding to youth's gender when they haven't shared their gender identity is close to impossible. How do you engage youth? How do you support families struggling with understanding what it means for their child to identify as LGBQ/GNCT? What rights do LGBQ and GNCT foster youth have that you need to be sure to recognize and support? This session will give a broad overview of the available data on LGBT/GNCT youth in the juvenile justice system – including youth who have crossed over from the child welfare system; and highlight effective engagement strategies for working with these youth and their families recognizing the added challenges and discrimination they face.

SPEAKERS
Aisha Canfield-Allen, M.P.P.; Director, Ceres Policy Research
Carolyn Reyes, Regional Managing Attorney, Youth Justice Unit, Bay Area Legal Aid



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SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

AISHA CANFIELD-ALLEN, M.P.P.

Director, Ceres Policy Research

Aisha Canfield-Allen is currently the Director at Ceres Policy Research. For almost a decade, she's conducted research on the disproportionate detention of LGBT/GNCT youth of color and their pathways into the justice system. Aisha seeks to make her research accessible and useful to the youth, their families, communities and to practitioners working directly with them. In addition to her research, she serves as an evaluation partner to community-based organizations serving as healing centered alternatives to traditional system responses for youth of color.

MELINDA CROSS

Division Manager of Juvenile Facilities, Ventura County Probation Department

Melinda Cross has been working in the field of probation for nearly 30 years, during which time she has worked a number of assignments, including field and institutions, specializing primarily on domestic violence and sex offender supervision. The last four years, she has been focused on implementing CCR, where they have seen the number of youth in care drop dramatically to only 12 youth.

MICHELLE GUYMON, MSW

Director, Child Trafficking Unit, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Michelle Guymon, MSW is currently the Director of the Child Trafficking Unit with Los Angeles County Probation Department. Ms. Guymon is a frequent presenter and trainer regarding child abuse issues, strategies for working with youth in the Probation system, and over the past eight years has been presenting on the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). Ms. Guymon is currently the lead on the Los Angeles County CSEC Integrated Leadership Team working with various county/community agencies to create a multi-system response model for CSEC in Los Angeles County. She is an advocate for youth and is, and always has been very passionate about her work within the Probation Department.

SIMONE TURECK LEE

Director of Housing & Health, John Burton Advocates for Youth

Simone Tureck Lee is a Bay Area native with a Master's Degree in Social Welfare in the Management and Planning Concentration from UC Berkeley. Simone spent a decade doing direct practice in the foster care, mental health and youth development fields before transitioning into advocacy and systems-improvement work. Simone worked for John Burton Advocates for Youth from 2009 to 2014, where she supported AB 12/Extended Foster Care implementation, the Homeless Youth Capacity Building Project and the THP-Plus Statewide Implementation Project. Simone was the Executive Director of the Alameda County Foster Youth Alliance from 2014 to 2016, before returning to John Burton Advocates for Youth where she currently serves as the Director of Housing and Health.

CATHERINE MATTHEWS

Executive Director, Gateway Residential Programs

Catherine Matthews is the Executive Director of Gateway Residential Programs, a STRTP in Sacramento that provides treatment to 12-18 year old males who have been adjudicated of a sexual offense. She was born in Hawaii, attended Harvard University for her undergraduate degree and got her Masters in Social Work from UCLA. She has been working at Gateway for eleven years initially as a therapist then as Clinical Director and now as Executive Director.

DONNA NACHREINER

Deputy Probation Officer II, Shasta County Probation Department

Donna Nachreiner began her career with Shasta County Probation Department in 1996, working in the juvenile hall and in a youth camp operated by Shasta County. She has spent the majority of her career, as a probation officer, working with youth and their families. For the past five years, she has worked as a placement officer and foster family recruiter. She has been involved with CCR implementation from the beginning.



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DINA OLIVAS

Youth and Family Division Chief, Ventura County Behavioral Health

Dina Olivas is a LCSW and was raised in downtown Los Angeles where she started her social work career over 34 years ago. As a bi-cultural community-based professional, she remains committed to creating appropriate and accessible services and programming reaching vulnerable children and youth experiencing complex trauma. Her work experience ranges from public and private hospitals, universities, and county mental health. She has worked for Ventura County Behavioral Health for the last 18 years and currently holds the position of Youth & Family Division Chief.

DR. ISAIAH PICKENS, PH.D.

CEO, iOpening Enterprises

Dr. Isaiah Pickens is a licensed clinical psychologist and writer who believes the best version of each of us lies in our pursuit of healthiness, not happiness. Using science and entertainment, Dr. Pickens helps people build lives full of meaning and promote their healthiest selves. The difference between pursuing health versus happiness is understanding that there is beauty and potential growth in both the triumphs and failures of life. Regardless of the situation, the important question always is "How can I get better?" Dr. Pickens shares innovative tools to help you become a better and healthier version of yourself.

CAROLYN REYES

Regional Managing Attorney, Youth Justice Unit, Bay Area Legal Aid

Carolyn Reyes serves as Regional Managing Attorney of the Youth Justice Unit at Bay Area Legal Aid, with almost three decades working on behalf of marginalized children youth and families. Carolyn leads a team providing civil legal services to youth experiencing homelessness and exploitation and those who are systems-involved. A national expert on issues related to LGBTQ youth in juvenile justice and child welfare systems, Carolyn has also worked with youth as a child welfare worker, children and family therapist, and school counselor.

CHIEF BRIAN RICHART

El Dorado County Probation Department, 2020 CPOC President

Brian Richart was appointed Chief Probation Officer for the California County of El Dorado in 2013. He assumed that role after serving for three years as Chief of Staff in Alameda County, CA and after a thirteen-year career with the Shasta County Probation Department. Chief Richart received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1995 from the California State University at Chico. He currently serves on the California State SARB Board and was recently appointed by Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee of the California Judicial Council. Chief Richart is very active in statewide policy issues as a member of the Juvenile Advisory Committee for the Chief Probation Officers of California and is considered a juvenile reform advocate in California.

LORI STEELE

Clinical Division Chief, Shasta County Health and Human Services

Lori Steele is the Clinical Division Chief at Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency. She has been in the field of caring for high risk placement youth with mental health concerns for over 30 years. She specializes in developing and working in placement and wraparound teams that support high risk youth.





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KIM SUDERMAN, LCSW

Consultant, County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) of California

Kim Suderman is a retired Behavioral Health Director of Yolo County, and a previous Deputy/Chief of Mental Health Children & Youth Services at San Joaquin, Yolo, and Sutter/Yuba Counties. Her professional background includes provider agency work in a foster family agency & residential program, Child Welfare Adoptions, as well as high school counselor. Currently Ms. Suderman is a Consultant for the County Behavioral Health Director's Association (CBHDA), assisting Mental Health Plans implement CCR, AB 1299, AB 501, and other related child and youth issues. She also consults for CIBHS on related issues. Ms. Suderman received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from Fresno Pacific College; her Master of Social Work from California State University, Fresno; and has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) since 1988.

DAVE YASUTAKE

CEO, Kids to Kids, Ventura, California

David Yasutake is the CEO of Kids to Kids, a STRTP for 12-18 year old females in Ventura, California. Mr. Yasutake graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a degree in General Psychology. He has over 29 years of experience in the placement, group home and STRTP field.

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