

Nevada Legal Services'
First Annual
CHILDREN'S LAW CONFERENCE

Hyatt Lake Tahoe

April 19-21, 2017

Pre-Conference
Sessions April 19



First Annual Children's Law Conference

Nevada Legal Services is proud to announce that the 2017 First Annual Children's Law Conference will be taking place April 19th through the 21st in Incline Village, Nevada. We would like to extend an invitation for you to join us as national and local professionals share their expertise and experience to better the lives of our children throughout Nevada.

The Children's Law Conference provides a holistic approach to bring together all partners among our Nevadan communities. Join us to share, engage in, and ultimately better your practice of delivering services to children in need.

The Children's Law Conference is a statewide, multi-disciplinary conference addressing issues of importance in child welfare and juvenile justice. The conference is held for the benefit of educators, child welfare workers, judges, lawyers, juvenile justice personnel, advocates, foster parents, young people, lawmakers, and others.

The conference will provide the most up-to-date information on the law, best practices and changing trends locally and nationally, as well as vital opportunities to network and share information.

Registration Fees

Early Bird Rates End 3/1/17

After 3/1/17 rates increase by \$50

Approved for 12 Continuing Legal Education Credits

(Meets eligibility for California MCLE credits)

\$500 for Attorneys and Judges

\$350 for Government Attorneys

\$300 for Non-Attorneys

(Social Workers, CASAs, Law Enforcement, Educators, etc.)

\$200 for Students and Judicial Law Clerks

**(CEU Credits Pending)*

Wednesday, April 19th:

Pre-Conference

Additional Cost of \$75

(Includes Pre-Conference CLE, Keynote and Updates)

7:30AM-8:30AM: Continental Breakfast

**9AM-11:30AM: Adoptions - Procedures & Pitfalls for
Private and System Adoptions**

(Approved CLE credits)

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KEYNOTE: 12:30PM-2:00PM: To Be Announced

(accompanied by plated lunch)

**2:30PM-4:00PM: State and Federal Children's Law
Updates**

**5:30PM-7:00PM: Welcome Cocktail and
Hors d'oeuvre Reception**

Thursday, April 20th

7:30AM-8:30AM: Continental Breakfast

First Sessions

9:00AM-10:30AM:

- **Juvenile Justice**
- **The Indian Child Welfare Act**

Fifteen Minute Break

Second Sessions

10:45AM-12:00PM:

- **Millennial Parentage**
- **Child Trafficking & Exploitation**
- **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act**

CLE Credits Approved For Each Session

Thursday, April 20th cont.

PLENARY: 12:15-1:45PM: National Association of Counsel for Children (accompanied by plated lunch)

Third Sessions

2:00PM-3:30PM:

- **Advocacy for All Parties — Standards & Recommendations**
- **The Indian Child Welfare Act**

Fifteen Minute Break

Fourth Sessions

3:45PM-5:00PM:

- **How to Interview Abused Children**
- **Aging Out of Foster Care**

CLE Credits Approved For Each Session

Friday, April 21st

7:30AM-8:30AM: Continental Breakfast

First Sessions

9:00AM-10:30AM:

- **How to Interview Abused Children**
- **Juvenile Justice**
- **Where is the Balance between Psychology and Medicating our Children**

Fifteen Minute Break

Second Sessions

10:45AM-12:00PM:

- **Child Trafficking & Exploitation**
- **Where is the Balance between Psychology and Medicating our Children**
- **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act**

12:30PM-1:30PM: Boxed Lunch

CLE Credits Approved For Each Session

Session Descriptions

ADOPTIONS—PROCEDURES AND PITFALLS FOR PRIVATE AND SYSTEM ADOPTIONS

Northern Nevada Presenters: Judge Egan Walker, 2nd Judicial District Court and Kim Surratt of Surratt Law;

Southern Nevada Presenters: Judge Sullivan, 8th Judicial District Court and Ishi Kunin of Kunin Law Group

The differences between private adoption and foster care adoption are immense, and each has their own advantages and disadvantages depending on the adoptive parents' goals. Join us for this interactive and informative presentation that will discuss the procedural differences and potential complications in the adoption process.

ADVOCACY FOR ALL PARTIES: STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Presenter: National Association of Counsel for Children

During this session we will address the issues surrounding the stabilization of a child's environment. Included in this presentation will be foster placement, reunification and adoption options, standards of best interest placements and addressing the interests and concerns of all parties.

AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

Presenters: Betsy Fordyce, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center and Brooke Silverthorn, National Association of Counsel for Children

Each year, an estimated 20,000 young people "age out" of the U.S. foster care system. Many are only 18 years old and still need support and services. Several studies show that without a lifelong connection to a caring adult, these older youth are often left vulnerable to a host of adverse situations. This session will provide an interactive discussion which will cover alternatives and solutions to this ever increasing challenge.

Session Descriptions cont.

CHILD TRAFFICKING & EXPLOITATION

Presenter: Katherine Kaufka Walts, Director of the Center for the Human Rights of Children with Loyola University Chicago

While there is growing recognition that the problems of child trafficking and exploitation occur in the United States, there is still ample misunderstanding of the legal framework and intersectionality of child trafficking and systems, such as child welfare, juvenile justice, and criminal justice. This session will provide participants with a brief overview of federal and state laws and policies, identification tools and techniques, and beneficial practices for legal providers to identify and protect the rights of children who have been trafficked for sex and/or labor in the United States.

HOW TO INTERVIEW ABUSED CHILDREN

**Presenters: Judge Charles McGee, 2nd Judicial District Court;
Rebecca Nathanson, Ph.D., Boyd School of Law**

This session will provide an overview of the best practices for interviewing children in cases of alleged abuse. The presenters will discuss the purpose of the child forensic interview, provide historical context, review overall considerations, and outline each stage of the interview in more detail.

THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

Presenter: Steve Hager, Director of Litigation with Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc.

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was enacted in 1978 in response to a crisis affecting Indian children, families and Tribes. Studies revealed that large numbers of Indian children were being separated from their parents, extended families, and communities and placed in non-Indian homes. Recent data from across the nation demonstrates that Indian children continue to be removed from their homes and families at a disproportionate rate compared to other children. In order to encourage a consistent interpretation of the law across the country, the Department of Interior enacted new ICWA regulations, which will take effect on December 14, 2016. This session will be an interactive discussion on the new regulations and their application to child welfare practice.

Session Descriptions cont.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT AND SECTION 504 OF THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ACT

Presenter: Jean Murrell Adams of Adams Esq.

The major differences between Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act are in the flexibility of the procedures. For a child to be identified as eligible for services under Section 504, there are less specific procedural criteria that govern the requirements of the school personnel. This presentation will provide a thorough discussion of the criteria for identification, eligibility, appropriate education and due process procedures under IDEA and Section 504.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Presenter: Susan Roske, Esq.

This session will help attendees understand how child welfare and the juvenile justice system work together for the best interest of the juvenile. This session will explore how and when counsel, case workers, and judicial practitioners merge together when a juvenile is involved in both the juvenile justice system and the child welfare system. The intersection with education and behavioral health will also be discussed.

MILLENNIAL PARENTAGE

Presenter: Kim Surratt of Surratt Law

This presentation will explore the impact of marriage equality on parentage laws in the United States and internationally. We will explore the unexpected pitfalls and outcomes due to outdated parentage laws while educating the participants on surrogacy and embryo donations through assisted reproductive technology.

Session Descriptions cont.

WHERE IS THE BALANCE BETWEEN PSYCHOLOGY AND MEDICATING OUR CHILDREN

**Presenter: Melissa Piasecki, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry at
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine.**

Despite the growing national attention on the use of psychotropic medication in the treatment of youth, the role of the child advocate in the development of mental health treatment plans often goes without being underscored. A child psychiatrist and attorney will provide an overview of medications, discuss how medications play a role, often outsized, in treatment of foster youth and provide tips on how to engage youth in the creation and implementation of their treatment plans.

Accommodations

The Children's Law Conference will take place at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe.

**For special conference rates please register at:
<https://aws.passkey.com/go/CLC17> or call (888)-421-1442.**

Location:

**Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa and Casino
111 Country Club Dr., Incline Village, NV 89451
(775) 832-1234**

Proposed Dates and Rates:

**The Hyatt is offering a special conference rate from April 18 – 21, 2017
\$130.00 per room, per night***

***The quoted rates are based on the following: Per room per night, single or double occupancy, additional persons over 18 years of age, \$25.00 per person, per day (maximum of four occupants) and subject to occupancy tax (currently 13%).**

Transportation:

Located just 45 minutes (34 miles) from the Reno/Tahoe International Airport (RNO), getting to the Resort is easy! Shuttle service is available through North Lake Tahoe Express for only \$49.00 per person each way or \$85.00 round-trip. Private transportation is also available, and taxis are approximately \$100.00 each way. Visit the above link for more details

Click here for a [Map and Directions](#)

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Special Offers:

10% discount on Stillwater Spa treatments; excludes service charge and retail

Double Hyatt Gold Passport points awarded

Resort Amenities:

Mini-refrigerator; Overnight Valet/Self-Parking;

Entrance to 24-hour Fitness Center; Private Beach and Year Round Heated Pool Access;

800/888/Local call access fee waived;

Welcome Glass of Champagne upon PM Check-in; In-room Safe, iHome, and coffeemaker;

Incoming fax (up to 9 pages); Outgoing fax (up to 5 pages);

24-Hour Business Center Use

**To register for Nevada Legal Services' First Annual Children's Law Conference please visit our website
www.nlslaw.net**

**For additional questions please contact
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email at
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Cancellation Policy

For cancellations, all costs will be refunded except for a \$50 handling fee. No refunds for cancellations after April 12th (one week prior).



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