

About the West Virginia Court Improvement Program

The West Virginia Court Improvement Program (CIP) is funded through the Administration for Children and Families and the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. The CIP Oversight Board is chaired by the Honorable Gary L. Johnson, Chief Judge of the 28th Judicial Circuit. The Board and its sub-committees are multidisciplinary.

Judge Johnson and Senior Status Judge Robert B. Stone co-chair the training committee that planned this year's conferences.

CIP aims to promote safety, timely permanency, well-being, and due process for children and families in the child welfare system.

To learn more about WV CIP, please visit its website: www.wvcip.com.



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The Court Improvement Program
of the Supreme Court of Appeals
of West Virginia
presents

Changing Culture for Children's Safety



The Annual, Free
Child Abuse and Neglect
Cross-Training Conferences

June 21-22, 2010, at
Canaan Valley Resort, Davis

June 24-25, 2010, at the
Martinsburg Holiday Inn

July 12-13, 2010, at the
Big Sandy Arena, Huntington



West Virginia Coalition
AGAINST
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
for a safer state of family



Co-Sponsored by the West Virginia
Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Learning Objectives

Day One:

- Learn the procedure of a Chapter 49 child abuse and neglect case, choosing either the basic or advanced track
- Explore collaboration in identifying and addressing child abuse and neglect issues

Day Two:

- Learn updates in child abuse and neglect law
- Explore specialized topics to improve practice
- Explore collaboration in identifying and addressing child abuse and neglect issues

Conference Caveats

The three conferences will have the same format, but speakers for certain sessions will vary.

The conferences are free, but pre-registration is required and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lunch will not be provided.

Travel expenses are the responsibility of participants and/or their organizations.

Space is limited to 200 people each day of the conferences. Once registration capacity is reached, a waiting list will be implemented.

If you do not receive an email confirmation, you may not be registered. Please call (304) 340-2924 to confirm.

Cancellation Policy

Please specify if you only plan to attend one day. If you register but cannot attend, please cancel your registration by using the link for changes on your registration confirmation email or by calling Linda Carter at 304-340-2924.

Continuing Education

This free, two-day conference has been approved for the following continuing education credits:

Attorneys and Judges: 14.2 credits , including 2.7 ethics credits, based on a 50-minute credit hour (Workshops with ethics credits have an asterisk after the title.)

Social Workers: 13.75 credits, based on a 60-minute credit hour

Nurses: 13.75 hours, based on a 60-minute credit hour

Domestic Violence Advocates: 13.75 hours, based on a 60-minute credit hour (The breakdown varies depending on workshop selections.)

Counseling, law enforcement, and psychology credits are pending.

If you have questions about continuing education credits, please contact Kandl Greter at (304) 340-2755.

Day One	Child Abuse and Neglect Procedure
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.-9:50 a.m.	Navigating the Child Protection System from the Perspective of a Foster/Adoptive Parent Tammy DeHesa
9:50 a.m.– 10:50 a.m.	SAMS: The New Decision-Making Model Changing Child Protective Services (CPS) Practice in Your Area Amy Lawson-Booth or Susan Richards, WV Bureau for Children and Families
10:50 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Break
Basic Track	
11:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	The Filing of the Child Abuse and Neglect Petition Kelly H. McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney, Braxton County
11:45 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.	The Child Abuse and Neglect Case, Part I Catherine Munster, Esq.
2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	The Child Abuse and Neglect Case, Part II Catherine Munster, Esq.
Advanced Track	
11:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	The Practice of Co-Petitioning Catherine Munster, Esq., and Joyce Yedlosky, WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WVCADV)
11:45 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.	Maximizing Multidisciplinary Treatment Teams (MDTs) Corey Colyer, Ph.D., and Judge Mary Ellen Griffith
2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	The Ethics of Effective Representation* Teresa Lyons, Esquire
3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Appellate Procedure in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases Teresa Lyons, Esquire
4:00 p.m.– 4:15 p.m.	Break
For Everyone	
4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	A Judge’s Suggestions for Successful Advocacy Judge Thomas A. Keadle, Canaan Valley Resort Judge Donald H. Cookman, Martinsburg Holiday Inn Judge O. C. Spaulding, Big Sandy Arena in Huntington
4:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Speakers Answer Questions
Day Two	Practical Applications
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Awareness of Cultural Biases and Their Impact on the Child Protection Process Rita Cameron Wedding, Ph.D.
10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	What is Family-Centered Practice? Rita Cameron Wedding, Ph.D.
10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	Update on the Law Robert Wilkinson, Chief Public Defender, Cabell/Wayne Counties

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

Day Two Workshops (Three Choices Per Time Slot)

1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. **A: Educational Rights of Children in Out-of-Home Care**
James G. Brown and Rebecca Rice Derenge, WV Department of Education (WVDE)
B: The Co-Occurrence of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
Joyce Yedlosky, Protective Services Coordinator, WVCADV
C: Helping Parents Who Have Substance Abuse Issues
John M. Yarbrough, M.D., at Canaan and Martinsburg, and Christi Cooper-Lehki, D.O., at Huntington

2:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. **D. Making An Educational Plan for Children in Care**
Frances P. Allen, M.A., L.S.W.
James G. Brown and Rebecca Rice Derenge, WVDE
E: What is the Role of Foster Parents?
TBA
F. Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Practical Issues
Peter J. Conley, Esq., and Sue C. Hage, WV Bureau for Children and Families

3:15 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m.– 4:45 p.m. **G. Saving Grace: Child Abuse and Depression**
John M. Yarbrough, M.D., at Canaan and Martinsburg, and Christi Cooper-Lehki, D.O., at Huntington
H. The Ethics of Representing Children*
Judge Mary Ellen Griffith
I. Helping Families When Parents Have Intellectual Disabilities
Frances P. Allen, M.A., L.S.W.

Online Registration (Preferred Method)

For Canaan, Davis, June 21-22 2010, go to <https://www.regonline.com/CIPCanaan>.

For Martinsburg, June 24-24, 2010, go to <https://www.regonline.com/CIPMartinsburg>.

For Huntington, July 12-13, 2010, go to <https://www.regonline.com/CIPHuntington>.

Registration by Mail or Fax

Name: _____

Profession/Role: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Conference you would like to attend (check all that apply):

- Canaan, Davis Day One (June 21) Day Two (June 22)
 Holiday Inn, Martinsburg Day One (June 24) Day Two (June 25)
 Big Sandy Arena, Huntington Day One (July 12) Day Two (July 13)

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