

THE OHIO CASA/GAL ASSOCIATION  
**15<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATE KIDS!**  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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September 24-26, 2009

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Greetings everyone,

Ohio CASA (formally known as the Ohio CASA/GAL Association) is proud to host its 15th Annual Celebrate Kids! Conference. We are excited about the diverse workshop sessions and speakers we have secured this year and believe you will find them to be interesting, challenging and informative. As always, our speakers are dedicated professionals who believe in Ohio CASA's mission of meeting the needs of abused and neglected children in the court system.

The conference opens Thursday with Dr. Jan Arminio presenting a fun, engaging session on Intercultural Maturity. This interactive session will focus on how one's own cultural context, and the dynamics of power and privilege, influence our perceptions of others and ourselves and how we interact.

There are many time-honored sessions returning but also plenty of new workshops to choose from. Saturday's schedule is full, offering four, one hour sessions in the morning, followed by a General Session presented by Kaleidoscope Youth Center Director, Angie Wellman, on Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth at Risk.

The conference will be held again this year at the CROWNE PLAZA Columbus North. Along with many full-service amenities, the CROWNE PLAZA has a walking path, indoor heated pool and fitness center. The hotel is within 15 minutes of major dining, entertainment, and shopping venues; five minutes from Polaris Fashion Place Mall, fifteen minutes from Easton Town Center, and fifteen minutes from the Short North. Shuttle service from the hotel to Polaris and Easton is available.

Ohio CASA blocked a *limited* amount of rooms at the base rate of \$87.00 per night. After those rooms are reserved, we can not guarantee the price of rooms. We will work with the CROWNE PLAZA Columbus North to get the very best rates after the blocked rooms have been booked. We recommend you make your reservation as soon as possible. Complete information about reserving a room can be found on page 14 under the section, RESERVATIONS.

There is always a resolute effort to keep the cost of the conference down so every volunteer and attendee who wishes to attend can. Our registration rates for CASA volunteers and members have stayed the same for five years thanks to our generous sponsors: The Supreme Court of Ohio, The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Huntington Bank, Southwest Airlines, Good Into Gold, and grants from the National CASA Association and The Columbus Foundation.

The Conference offers several different types of continuing education opportunities: CLE credits (Continuing Legal Education for licensed attorneys), CEU credits (Continuing Education Units for Licensed Social Workers, Counselors and Family Therapists), CASA In-Service Training hours and CASA Director Certification Training hours. In addition, this year we are offering certificates for GAL continuing education hours that comply with the Supreme Court of Ohio's Rules of Superintendence Rule 48. A full explanation of education credits offered at the conference can be found on page 5 under the section, CONTINUING EDUCATION.

And new this year; Gold Into Good. Bring your unwanted or broken gold items and receive cash on the spot! Gold Into Good donates 10% of the value of your gold to Ohio CASA. Gold Into Good will have a booth on Friday for you to turn in your old treasures, make some money, and donate to Ohio CASA all in one stop.

For any questions, please contact us at 614-224-2272, 800-891-OHIO (6446) or email us at [ohiocasa@ohiocasa.org](mailto:ohiocasa@ohiocasa.org).

I look forward to seeing all of you at the conference.

Sincerely,

**Jackie Wilson**

Executive Director, OHIO CASA

# The OHIO CASA 15th Annual Celebrate Kids! Conference

## Thursday, September 24

- 4:00-8:00 REGISTRATION, Capital Room  
4:00-6:15 RECEPTION, Foyer, Hors d'oeuvres  
6:15-6:30 WELCOME, Jackie Wilson, Executive Director, OHIO CASA  
6:30-8:00 GENERAL SESSION, Intercultural Maturity, Dr. Jan Arminio

## Friday, September 25

- 8:00-4:00 REGISTRATION, Capital Room  
8:45-10:45 SESSIONS
- 1 Ethics and Professionalism, John Everett, JD
  - 2 Report Writing Made Easy!, Carol Martin and Judy Leb, JD
  - 3 Filtering the Noise From Young Black Boys, Part One, Anthony President, BA
  - 4 Understanding Sexual Development – What Child Advocates Should Know: Birth to Six Years of Age, Sally Dine Fitch, MSW
  - 5 Drug Addiction: A Conspiracy of Secrets, Ed Hughes, MA, LICDC
  - 6 Abuse and Neglect Case Law Update, Dawn Viggiano, JD
  - 7 Dealing with Difficult Others with Integrity, Part One, Rita Rizzo, CMC
  - 8 Learning How to Identify Kids Involved in Street Gangs and Deviant Groups, Part One, Officer Douglas E. Allen
  - 9 Trauma Informed Response, Shari Uncaphor, LISW-S
- 11:00-12:45 LUNCH  
Awards
- 1:15-2:45 SESSIONS
- 10 Mean Girls: The Challenging Reality of Adolescence for Teenage Girls, Part One, Dr. Georgette Constantinou
  - 11 A Judge's Expectations: Roles and Responsibilities of the Guardian ad Litem, Judge Anthony Capizzi
  - 12 Filtering the Noise From Young Black Boys, Part Two, Anthony President, BA
  - 13 Understanding Sexual Development – What Child Advocates Should Know: Seven to Twelve Years of Age, Sally Dine Fitch, MSW
  - 14 Teen Substance Abuse, Sue Tager, MA, LSW, LICDC
  - 15 Learning How to Identify Kids Involved in Street Gangs and Deviant Groups, Part Two, Officer Douglas E. Allen
  - 16 Dealing with Difficult Others with Integrity, Part Two, Rita Rizzo, CMC
  - 17 How to Help the Judge Reach the Best Outcome, Judge Robert W. Stewart
  - 18 The Toxic Triad: The Relationship Between Child Abuse, Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse, Linda Norris, MA

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3:00-4:30

**SESSIONS**

- 19 Rule 48, A Change for the Better, John Everett, JD
- 20 Compassionate Communication: Bridging Cultural Differences, Rita Rizzo, CMC
- 21 Women, Substance Abuse and Reunification, Virginia O'Keeffe, LICDC
- 22 Understanding Sexual Development: - What Child Advocates Should Know: Adolescence, Sally Dine Fitch, MSW
- 23 Men's Round Table: Facing the Challenges of Male Recruitment, Jason Hillyer
- 24 Mean Girls: The Challenging Reality of Adolescence for Teenage Girls, Part Two, Dr. Georgette Constantinou
- 25 Understanding the Framework for Children's Services, Victor Perez, JD
- 26 Fostering Connections, Dennis Blazey, JD

## Saturday, September 26

8:30-9:30

**SESSIONS**

- 27 Senate Bill 163 and the Effects on Youth in Foster Care, Overcoming Hurdles in Ohio (OHIO) Youth Advisory Board, Barbara Buddendeck
- 28 The New Culture of Poverty, Families and the Present-Day Economy, Daniel A. Houston, MA
- 29 Digital Regret, Roberta Palmer, MSSW, LISW
- 30 Open Juvenile Records: Implications for the GAL, Corinne Hoover Six, JD

9:45-11:15

**GENERAL SESSION, GLBTQ Youth at Risk, Angie Wellman, MS**

11:30-1:30

Lunch  
Awards  
Basket Raffle

## PLEASE NOTE

We recommend these workshops for the following participants:

- G General**—Appropriate for all attendees;
- E Experienced**—Appropriate for practiced attendees;
- D Director Certified**—Approved for Program Director continuing education hours;
- L Legal**—pending CLE credit sessions;
- C Counselor, Social Worker, & Marriage and Family Therapists**—pending CEU credit sessions;
- R Restricted**—Participants must meet specific criteria to attend.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

The conference offers several different types of continuing education opportunities: CLE and CEU credits, Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education credits, CASA In-Service Training hours and CASA Director Certification Training hours.

If you require CLE (Continuing Legal Education) or CPE (Continuing Professional Education) also known as CEU (Continuing Education Units) credits, make sure you indicate that on the 2009 Conference Registration Form. There are nine credits pending for General CLE and CEU credit. This year, CLE credits will include two hours of Ethics and Professionalism as well as five hours of Substance Abuse training. General Session presentations are included in the calculated CLE and CEU credit hours. If you have signed up for CLE or CEU credits on the 2009 Conference Registration Form, you will receive a CLE or CEU form in your conference packet. Make sure you fill your form out and return it at the end of the conference to receive your appropriate credits.

In addition, this year we are offering Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education credit that complies with the Ohio Supreme Court's Rules of Superintendence, Rule 48. This rule requires all Guardians ad Litem complete three hours of continuing education per year. The Supreme Court does not require the completion of the continuing education credit until calendar year 2010, but many local courts are accepting those education hours now. Please check with your CASA/GAL local program or your local court about compliance. The "WORKSHEET" on page 12 has been included to assist you in choosing workshops that meet the requirement. You will be given a Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education Certificate at the conference. For specific information about Rule 48 go to: [www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/GAL/default.asp](http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/GAL/default.asp)

**Make sure you sign in at every session you attend to receive continuing education credits.**

## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

### THURSDAY-GENERAL SESSION 6:30-8:00 P.M.

#### **Intercultural Maturity**

##### **Dr. Jan Arminio**

Dr. Jan Arminio will present a fun and engaging opening session Thursday on Intercultural Maturity, a holistic approach to developing skills that meet the needs of clients. Picking up where many trainings end, Dr. Arminio will facilitate an interactive and engaging session that focuses on a holistic approach to participants' work that includes influences on how people process information, perceive their identities, and interact with others. This session honors the fact that learning is rooted in participants' personal experiences and the validation of their knowledge. Using these practices, this interactive session offers practical insight into competent advocacy for children and families served by CASA/GAL volunteers and other child advocates. Specifically, this holistic approach will utilize attendees' perspectives on why participants are dedicated to this work and how to capitalize on individual strengths. The session will include time for self-reflection on skills and setting goals for competently working with children and families in communities beyond the participant's own.

Dr. Jan Arminio has worked in higher education since 1978. She first worked in student affairs including student conduct, campus programs, multicultural advising, and residence life. Then after completing her doctorate at the University of Maryland at College Park in 1996, she taught in the Department of Counseling and College Student Personnel at Shippensburg University, Pennsylvania where she currently serves as professor and chair. Courses she teaches include multicultural counseling, research and assessment, and legal issues in higher education. She frequently writes, consults, and makes presentations about transformational leadership, inclusion, learning strategies, and assessment. She served as President of the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education from 2004-2008 and currently chairs the Senior Scholars of the American College Personnel Association. Her recent publications include "The Professionalization of Student Learning Practice," "Exploring the Nature of Race-related Guilt," "Waking up White," and "The Nature of Leadership Experiences for Students of Color." In 2008 she was honored with the Founder's Award for Lifetime Achievement by the National Association of Campus Activities and in 2007 the Thomas M. Magoon Distinguished Alumna Award, from the University of Maryland, College Park.

## FRIDAY

8:45-10:45 A.M.

### **SESSION 1—E, D, L**

#### **Ethics and Professionalism**

##### **John Everett, JD**

Back by popular demand!

Every time you enter into the role of Guardian ad Litem, you find yourself faced with ethical and practical questions. When do I report suspected abuse or neglect? What do I do if I make a mistake? What do I do when people lie? How much information do I give and how much do I keep to myself?

What do I do if I see evidence of a crime? Is it permissible for me to commit a crime? This presentation will explore some of the harder issues that a Guardian ad Litem faces as they perform their role. This session will look at and discuss the law; policy; best practice; professionalism with peers, the court and clients; and attendees' own experiences when it comes to these issues. Discussions will also include reference to the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, A Lawyer's Creed and A Lawyer's Aspirational Ideals.

John D. Everett is currently working as a prosecuting attorney for the City of Kettering, Ohio. He has been presenting on legal issues in juvenile court for CASA since 2001 and developed the Dayton Bar Association's Guardian ad Litem training. John Everett received the Ohio CASA/GAL Association's Attorney of the Year Award in 2007.

**SESSION 2—G, D, L**  
**Report Writing Made Easy!**  
**Carol Martin and Judy Leb, JD**

Back by popular demand!

This interactive workshop is designed for both volunteers and trainers. Volunteers- if you want to learn how to write excellent, thorough reports for the court, WITHOUT STRESS, this workshop is for you! Trainers- if you want an interactive, easy way to teach report writing, come and join us! The workshop will provide participants with a CASA report template that makes report writing a simple "fill-in-the-blank" exercise with excellent results. During the workshop you will have the opportunity to practice writing using the template format.

Carol Martin has been Director of the Lucas County (Toledo) CASA program since 1992. She earned a BA from the University of Findlay in English and, after graduation, became a contributing staff writer for Toledo Metropolitan Magazine. Ms. Martin estimates that in her 15-year tenure as a CASA director she has reviewed and edited approximately 2,500 CASA/GAL court reports.

Judy Leb practiced corporate and health care law in Columbus and Toledo, after graduating with honors from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1984. In 2000 she became the Lucas County CASA Training Director where she has helped teach both attorneys and CASA volunteers how to write court reports that are easy to read and easy to write. She is a strong proponent of lawyers writing in plain English.

**SESSIONS 3 and 12—G, D, L, C**  
**Filtering the Noise From Young Black Boys**  
**Anthony President, BA**

In the communication process, noise is anything that impedes a message from being heard. Research suggests that positive messages from parents, teachers and the media are ignored by black urban youth. Yet, these same youth display macho attitudes consistent with those of rap artists. The negative messages are sticking and good messages are not. Youth need an adult voice of reason to help them understand the danger of buying into and emulating the negative subculture of "Thugism." This workshop deals with strategies to empower youth to resist the call of "Thug Life" and develop positive life goals for success.

Anthony President is a Certified Trainer with the Institute for Human Services and a Staff Instructor at Lakeland Community College, and ATS Institute of Technology. He holds a BA in Sociology from John Carroll University. He has served

with distinction as the Senior Training Officer, for Cuyahoga County Human Services and worked with fragile families as a Social Services Worker. Mr. President has over 12 years training experience in both the public and private sector on a variety of social service and employee development topics for a variety of human service agencies throughout the state of Ohio. This former Voice of the Children Award winner, has volunteered his time mentoring at risk youth and presenting workshops on goal setting and career planning.

**SESSIONS 4, 13, 22—G, D, L, C**  
**Understanding Sexual Development – What Child Advocates Should Know**  
**Sally Dine Fitch, MSSW**

The child that is always taking off his clothes and running around. The teen caught having sex while on the job. The child that seems more interested in sex than her older brother did at that age. The teen that has been accessing porn sites online.

Every day, families and those working with families, children and youth, are faced with situations similar to those above. Although many sexual behaviors are normal for children and teens, such incidents frequently catch us off-guard and raise a number of questions such as: "Is this normal?," "Should I be worried?," and "What should I do?"

These three sessions will help CASA/GAL professionals working with children and their families know when a child's sexual expression is normative and developmentally appropriate, and when it has crossed this boundary into the realm of problematic behavior. There are *three separate sessions* for three developmental stages; **SESSION 4**, Birth to Six Years of Age; **SESSION 13**, Seven to Twelve Years of Age; **SESSION 22**, Adolescence.

Sally Dine Fitch joined the Institute of Human Services (IHS) in 1998 as a training manager, trainer, curriculum developer, and specialist in child abuse. She has a master's degree in social work from The Ohio State University, and over twenty-five years of experience in human services. She is a master sexual abuse trainer, and provides local and national consultation and training to programs implementing the IHS *Sexual Abuse Intervention Series*. Most recently, she was invited to provide the first child's sexual abuse training in the country of Belarus.

**SESSION 4—G, D, L, C,**  
**Understanding Sexual Development – What Child Advocates Should Know: Birth to Six Years of Age**

This session will introduce basic concepts of sexual development and the Johnson Continuum of Childhood Sexual Behavior. Normal sexual behaviors for children from birth to their entry into school will be outlined along with factors which may influence a child's sexual behavior.

**SESSION 5—G, L, C**  
**Drug Addiction: A Conspiracy of Secrets**  
**Ed Hughes, MA, LICDC**

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We know that the addicted person suffers from a basic denial of their disease. But families are often active participants in blaming something or someone else for the problems associated with their loved one's addiction. Since shame and guilt are so strongly associated with addiction, the family, as a unit, will most often develop a protective, secretive atmosphere. This will usually involve all family members practicing

a cover-up of the realities of home life, family problems, conflicts, and hardships caused by the addicted person. For children this secretive atmosphere can eventually create a paranoia regarding the outside world, leaving them with only a dysfunctional family to trust and seek protection from, not realizing that their home is neither a place of support or safety. This workshop will focus on the nature of addiction, the cause, prevention, steps toward detection, the manner in which it progresses, how someone becomes motivated toward treatment, and an overview of treatment alternatives. The impact of addiction on the children and the family will be a primary focus. Participants will be provided information about the various barriers to recovery that are inherent in a family impacted by addiction and appropriate intervention.

Ed Hughes has served as President/CEO of The Counseling Center, Inc. since 1989. The Counseling Center is the parent company for several well-known residential treatment programs including Stepping Stone House for Women, The Marsh House for Men, Bridges Adolescent Girls Program and Hope Works. The Counseling Center offers a full continuum of services including prevention, outpatient, intensive outpatient, residential and aftercare.

### **SESSION 6—E, D, L, C** **Abuse and Neglect Case Law Update** **Dawn Viggiano, JD**

This session will review court opinions published within the past year impacting abuse, neglect, and dependency laws in Ohio. Case law impacting all aspects of cases will be addressed, including: the required criteria for an abuse/neglect/dependency adjudication, reunification, reasonable efforts, termination of parental rights, and adoption.

Dawn Viggiano, JD, is a Staff Attorney at the National Center for Adoption Law & Policy located at Capital University Law School. The Center works to improve the law, policies, and practices associated with child protection and adoption systems through education, advocacy, and research. Ms. Viggiano graduated from Capital University Law School with a concentration in child and family law.

### **SESSIONS 7 AND 16—D, R** **Dealing with Difficult Others with Integrity** **Rita Rizzo, CMC**

This workshop is restricted to program directors, program staff, program board members, and court personnel. To say the roles of staff, directors, and board members of CASA are rife with confrontational and challenging interactions is an understatement. Attendees will gain the needed skills to defuse angry others, assert themselves respectfully while under attack, and know when and how to collaborate, compromise, accommodate, avoid, and compete when needed. Learn how to maintain your integrity while dealing with volatile others to provide the best possible service to the children who depend on your advocacy for their future. Come prepared to share your stories about situations you have encountered recently in dealing with difficult others.

Rita Rizzo is the Principal of Rizzo & Associates, an Ohio-based consulting and training firm. Ms. Rizzo is a Certified Management Consultant, a prestigious distinction awarded to her by the Institute of Management Consultants in 2002. She holds a Master's Degree in Training and Human Resource Management from the University of Leicester in Leicester, England and received her undergraduate education in the field of psychology from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Rizzo delivers her presentations with

warmth, wit and sincerity, engaging her audience in fun and fulfilling ways.

### **SESSIONS 8 and 15—G, D, L, C** **Learning How to Identify Kids Involved in Street Gangs and Deviant Groups** **Officer Douglas E. Allen**

Members of gangs represent every culture, socioeconomic strata, race, ethnicity, and gender. In this session, you'll learn how to identify kids involved in street gangs and deviant groups by learning about the five national gang influences and how they relate to local gangs. You will learn to recognize street gang and deviant group behavior, their presentation and identities and their graffiti. You will learn the meaning of their slogans, specific words, tattoos, jewelry and sports and designer apparel. As a result of this session you will gain the knowledge of why youth join gangs, how they join gangs, how their gang commitment is for life and realize that gang activity is present in every community in our country.

Officer Allen has been a member of the Toledo Police Department since 1983, with assignments in the Investigative Services Division, Field Operations Division, Directed Patrol/SWAT Team and the Special Enforcement Division/Gang Task Force. As a detective, he has been involved in gang investigations and suppression since late 1988 and is currently assigned to the Gang Task Force Unit, under the Operations Bureau. His duties include identification of street gangs and their members, suppressing gang activity, responding to and assisting with investigations involving gang-related incidents and testifying in court as an expert witness on street gangs.

### **SESSION 9—G, D, L, C** **Trauma Informed Response** **Shari Uncaphor, LISW-S**

Childhood trauma suffered as a result of maltreatment has unique properties and origins. This workshop will discuss the traumagenic factors of stigmatization, betrayal, powerlessness and traumatic sexuality; pre-trauma and post-trauma developmental phases; and pediatric trauma treatments such as TF-CBT, EMDR, and PCIT. Anecdotal experiences form a mental health perspective as well as professional literature will be shared.

Shari Uncaphor, LISW-S, is the Program Manager for the Center for Child and Family Advocacy (CCFA) and Behavioral Health Services at Nationwide Children's Hospital. CCFA is a child advocacy center that houses child protective services, law enforcement, legal, medical and mental health staffs that are dedicated to the assessment, investigation, protection and treatment of children who have been sexually abused, physically abused and/or exposed to domestic violence. In her role at CCFA, Ms. Uncaphor provides supervision and management to practitioners who offer forensic interviews and mental health assessment and treatment.

## FRIDAY 1:15-2:45 P.M.

### **SESSION 10 and 24—G, D, L, C**

#### **Mean Girls: The Challenging Reality of Adolescence for Teenage Girls**

**Dr. Georgette Constantinou**

This workshop is intended to explore the vulnerability of adolescent girls to cliques, boyfriends, and other pressures of adolescence. We will discuss the concept of the hidden culture of relational aggression in adolescent girls and how it is expressed within social networks. Participants will become more familiar with the biological, cognitive, social and emotional realities which face adolescent girls and discuss societal pressures which mitigate against the development of a true self, including media and marketing pressures. Participants will also learn the role of the family and how to maintain closeness in the adolescent years and what you can do to help.

Georgette Constantinou, Ph.D. is the Administrative Director of Pediatric Psychiatry and Psychology and Co-Director of the Neurodevelopmental Center at the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron. She received her Ph.D. from Ohio State University. She is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. From the start of her career, Dr. Constantinou advocated for the mental health needs of children and their families in the areas of abused and neglected children and children coping with the demands of chronic medical illnesses and traumatic injuries. She created a strong psychology presence in the hospital, participated on committees such as the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the nationally based Society of Pediatric Psychology. She is the hospital liaison to the Parent Advisory Council and currently is the Co-Chair of the Family Centered Care and Cultural Diversity Committees.

### **SESSION 11—G, L, C**

#### **A Judge's Expectations: Roles and Responsibilities of the Guardian ad Litem**

**Judge Anthony Capizzi**

Back by popular demand!

Judge Anthony Capizzi of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court will share his expectations regarding the role and responsibilities of the Guardian ad Litem. The Judge will address this from a statutory perspective, in consideration of pertinent case law and through his experience as a practicing family law attorney and on the bench.

Judge Capizzi was elected Montgomery County Juvenile Court Judge in 2004 for a six-year term. Prior to his election, Judge Capizzi maintained a 25-year, full-time law practice specializing in juvenile law, family law and litigation. He is well-known for having served the community as a City of Dayton Commissioner from 1986-1998. Judge Capizzi continues to maintain the enthusiasm and energy for the welfare of children that has been his trademark throughout his legal career. He has been active and held numerous leadership positions in countless civic and professional associations within the community over the last 26 years. Presently, he is the Chair of the CASA Judicial Liaison Committee.

### **SESSION 12, Part Two—G, D, L, C**

#### **Filtering the Noise From Young Black Boys**

**Anthony President**

See SESSION 3 for topic description.

### **SESSION 13—G, D, L, C**

#### **Understanding Sexual Development – What Child Advocates Should Know: Seven to Twelve Years of Age**

**Sally Dine Fitch, MSW**

Although early theorists referred to this stage as Latency – a suspension of psycho-sexual development, we now know that a good bit of sexual development along with sexual behaviors occur during this important stage of development. This session will help participants identify usual and expected sexual behavior of children in this age group and will identify factors to watch for that indicate when behavior has crossed into the realm of problematic behavior.

See SESSION 4 for complete topic description and presenter biography.

### **SESSION 14—G, D, L, C**

#### **Teen Substance Abuse**

**Sue Tager, MA, LSW, LICDC**

Back by popular demand!

Identifying the difference between addiction and abuse of drugs and/or alcohol use by adolescents can often be difficult. Participants will learn the warning signs and symptoms of adolescent addiction including a review of substance abuse and substance dependence criteria. Relatively new information about adolescent brain chemistry that makes them more vulnerable to developing substance abuse problems will also be explored. This workshop will examine current trends in adolescent substance abuse in Ohio, including the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, with a specific focus on alcohol and cannabis (marijuana). Detection, prevention, cause, and some treatment options will be discussed.

Susan W. Tager is the Performance Improvement and Program Standards Coordinator at New Directions, Inc. a treatment center for adolescents and families in Northeast Ohio. Adolescents treated at this agency are chemically dependent with other behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. In her nine years at New Directions, she has been a primary counselor and program manager for the female adolescent residential program. Prior to her work at New Directions, Ms. Tager spent ten years working with children, adolescents and adults in inpatient and outpatient mental health settings.

### **SESSION 15, Part Two—G, D, L, C**

#### **Learning How to Identify Kids Involved in Street Gangs and Deviant Groups**

**Officer Douglas E. Allen**

See SESSION 8 for topic description.

### **SESSION 16, Part Two—D, R**

#### **Dealing with Difficult Others with Integrity**

**Rita Rizzo, CMC**

See SESSION 7 for topic description.

### **SESSION 17—G, D, L, C**

#### **How to Help the Judge Reach the Best Outcome**

**Judge Robert W. Stewart**

In this workshop you will review the primary guidance afforded the court by statute and case law and discuss specific types of information and evidence that can be most influential when hearing a case. Emphasis will be placed on the role of the Guardian ad Litem in gathering and presenting

compelling reports and testimony. Time for a question and answer session is anticipated.

Judge Stewart is the Presiding Judge of the Athens County Courts of Common Pleas with specific jurisdiction in the Juvenile Division. He personally presides over all abuse, neglect, and dependency cases. During his substantial legal career, he has served as a GAL, attorney for children and parents, Magistrate, and now Judge. Judge Stewart has served as faculty for the Ohio Judicial College and is a strong supporter of CASA/GAL program in his county, and around the state and country. He is a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Ohio Juvenile Judges' Association and serves on the CASA/GAL subcommittees for each organization.

### **SESSION 18—G, D, L, C**

#### **The Toxic Triad: The Relationship Between Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, and Animal Abuse**

**Linda Norris, MA**

Animal abuse rarely stops at just animal abuse. Where animals are abused, people also are at risk, and it is important for adult and child protection workers and advocates to be able to identify the signs and understand the "red flags" that may be indicators of serious problems in the family. Abuse of pets is often minimized, making it easy to overlook the signs that something violent or potentially lethal may be going on in the home. An informed investigator can learn a lot about the family dynamics by observing what is going on with the pets and by asking the right questions. In this workshop, participants will learn these "red flags" of pet abuse as well as how to use a screening tool to get good information. Additionally, participants will learn some personal safety guidelines to follow when there are pets in the home and how to work with local resources to address these problems.

Linda Norris, MA, worked as a Public Health Education Program Planner with the Columbus Health Department's Division of Environmental Health for twelve years, conducting programs about animal safety for children in grades K-3, and animal-related issues including safety, responsible pet ownership, and the link between domestic violence and pet abuse. Ms. Norris currently works as a mediator, and volunteers her time with various animal welfare organizations. She has been a GAL with CASA of Franklin County since 2005.

## **FRIDAY**

**3:00-4:30 P.M.**

### **SESSION 19—E, D, L**

#### **Rule 48, A Change for the Better**

**John Everett, JD**

In 2009, the Supreme Court of Ohio issued new rules for Guardians ad Litem. These rules cover qualifications, procedures and expectations of the GAL. This training session will look at the implementation and implications of these new rules. It will also cover some suggestions on how to make sure you are following these rules whether you are a CASA/GAL or an attorney GAL.

See SESSION 1 for presenter biography.

### **SESSION 20—G, D, L, C**

#### **Compassionate Communication: Bridging Cultural Differences**

**Rita Rizzo, CMC**

In the course of advocating for a child, a Guardian ad Litem might encounter opportunities to interact with children, families, and stakeholders of different ages, socioeconomic levels, ethnicities, races, genders, and religions. It is imperative that GALs feel confident that they can speak in an understanding manner across all types of diversity. This workshop will address the fundamentals of compassionate communication and allow those attending to practice the technique. See SESSION 7 for presenter biography.

### **SESSION 21—G, D, L, C**

#### **Women, Substance Abuse, and Reunification**

**Virginia O'Keeffe, LICDC**

Women with children who suffer from substance abuse, sexual abuse, trauma or mental health issues don't often seek the treatment they need due to the overwhelming societal stigma that is present. Women are judged first as mothers and often fear that exposing their illness will put them in jeopardy of losing their children. Without support, these women often spiral more deeply into their illness, neglecting themselves and their children, find themselves underemployed, homeless or part of the criminal justice system. Addressing the recovery needs of women and their children requires a complexity of services to achieve lifelong recovery and economic independence. Amethyst, Inc. is one of the few programs in the country that allows women and their children to live in permanent supportive housing as long as necessary while going through treatment. Without such support, reunification often fails and the cycle begins again. This workshop will address best practice models for gender-competent, trauma informed treatment for women with children seeking recovery. The workshop addresses detection, causes, prevention, and treatment alternatives for substance abuse.

Virginia O'Keeffe, LICDC, is the CEO and a Founding Mother of Amethyst, Inc. Since 1984, Amethyst, Inc. has provided gender-competent and trauma sensitive services to homeless and low-income, alcohol and/or drug addicted women and their families in Columbus and Central Ohio. Ms. O'Keeffe's own recovery from addiction and sexual abuse drives her commitment to her work. Her openness about her own triumphs and struggles in recovery and healing make her not only a leader for women in recovery but also an example in which other women can find hope. She was the recipient of the YMCA Woman of Achievement Award in 2003.

### **SESSION 22—G, D, L, C**

#### **Understanding Sexual Development – What Child Advocates Should Know: Adolescence**

**Sally Dine Fitch, MSSW**

Adolescents' sexuality is probably one of the most feared developmental domains of this age group. In this session, adolescent sexual development will be explored as a vital part of growing up. A range of usual and expected sexual behaviors for this age group and the role caring adults have in facilitating sexuality education for this age group will be discussed. Unique challenges to doing good work in this area will also be explored.

See SESSION 4 for presenter biography.

## **SESSION 23—E, D**

### **Men's Round Table: Facing the Challenge of Male Recruitment**

**Jason Hillyer**

Most CASA programs statewide struggle with the challenge of recruiting male GALs. There is a disconnect with men somewhere between when they initially hear about CASA's mission, feeling that our work applies to them, and then taking the next step to start the volunteer application process. Why? What can be done to make a better connection with men? This session, targeted towards CASA program staff, will examine CASA of Franklin County's information-gathering process about the phenomenon, male outreach strategy formulation, and various efforts made to target males. Also included will be a glimpse at the current research into reasons why men generally are not immediately drawn to perceived "touchy-feely" causes such as CASA. This session will be a facilitated discussion where attendees can explore this issue and offer some solutions.

Jason Hillyer is Outreach Director at CASA of Franklin County, overseeing all of the agency's community relations and public awareness efforts. He has over 15 years experience working at nonprofit organizations. In his three years at CASA he has been part of the team that has launched numerous marketing, advertising and outreach campaigns. He also initiated the national partnership between Skinit and CASA. As a result of the entire staff's focus last year on the recruitment and training of 100 more volunteers, in 2008, CASA of Franklin County served the most children in its 17 year history.

## **SESSION 24 Part Two—G, D, L, C**

### **Mean Girls: The Challenging Reality of Adolescence for Teenage Girls**

**Dr. Georgette Constantinou**

See SESSION 10 for complete description.

## **SESSION 25—E, D, L, C**

### **Understanding the Framework for Children's Service**

**Victor Perez, JD**

Learn the basics regarding the laws and regulations that control the parameters of children's service practice. This session will address the regulatory framework so that participants can gain a better understanding of practices such as sharing case information, screening reports of child abuse and neglect and placement decision-making.

Victor H. Perez has been an in-house Child Services Attorney for the Seneca County Department of Job and Family Services in Tiffin, since January 2003. As the Child Services Attorney, he litigates civil actions involving child protection actions pursuant to the abuse, neglect and dependency statutes. Previously, Mr. Perez practiced law in Illinois. He participated in *Child Protect*, a national trial advocacy course designed especially for child protection attorneys by the National Child Protection Center and the American Prosecutors Research Institute in Winona, Minnesota. He also co-drafted the Dependency Docket Bench Cards for Ohio Family and Juvenile Court Judges and Magistrates published by the Supreme Court of Ohio. In addition to previous presentations at the Ohio CASA conference, he has presented on the topic of international child services issues and co-presented a class for the Ohio Judicial College. Victor is a graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

## **SESSION 26—G, D, L, C**

### **Fostering Connections**

**Dennis Blazey, JD**

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 is a significant piece of federal legislation concerning child welfare practice and policy that became law in October of 2008. This federal statute will help hundreds of thousands of children and youth in foster care by promoting permanent families for them through relative guardianship and adoption and improving education and health care. Additionally, it extends federal support for youth to age 21. This session will be an overview of the bill and specific issues that affect child advocates.

Dennis Blazey, JD, worked as a consultant to the Kids Are Waiting Campaign of the Pew Charities, and was involved in drafting significant portions of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. He retired from ODJFS after 30.5 years of service. His job duties included design and operation of Ohio's child welfare demonstration program. In 2006 he was recognized as Child Advocate of the Year by PCSAO.

## **SATURDAY**

**8:30-9:30 A.M.**

## **SESSION 27— G, D, L, C**

### **Senate Bill 163 and the Effects on Youth in Foster Care, Overcoming Hurdles in Ohio (OHIO) Youth Advisory Board**

**Barbara Buddendeck**

Senate Bill 163 requires the court to conduct age appropriate consultation with children regarding proposed permanency plans. This workshop will address issues and concerns with implementing this law such as: what is the best way for the court to consult with a child; if a child is present at a hearing what is the best way to prepare them; what are the things that are most important to youth: contact with siblings, visitation with parents or other family members; placement; permanency planning; and aging out. This session will be facilitated and OHIO Youth Advisory Board Director Arlene Jones, with a representative youth, will provide insight into these issues.

Barbara Buddendeck, currently an Ohio CASA Board Member, recently retired after serving for 16 years as the Director of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court CASA Program. Ms. Buddendeck was a CASA/GAL volunteer for 5 years in Montgomery County prior to being named as the Director. She holds a BA in Psychology from the University of Dayton.

## **SESSION 28— G, D, L, C**

### **The New Culture of Poverty, Families and the Present-Day Economy**

**Daniel A. Houston, MA**

This session explores the dimensions of poverty in the present-day economy and the stresses on families as a result. Statistics suggest that the current economic realities will present increasing challenges to families. The result will be more families involved in the child welfare and the criminal justice systems. Through the use of case studies, this presentation will introduce a practical non-stereotypical approach to providing support and motivation to families and children caught in the cycle of situational poverty that may become generational poverty.

Daniel A. Houston, MA, President of *Daniel Houston and Associates*, is an organizational development consultant who specializes in improving management processes and leading agencies in developing higher performance outcomes. He is a National Center for Diversity Trainer of Trainers and an Institute for Human Services (Columbus, Ohio) certified lead trainer in the areas of cultural diversity and leadership development. Mr. Houston has just (May 2009) completed an east coast speaking and training tour where he discussed the effects of poverty on families living in present-day economic realities. Mr. Houston recently completed a new book, *From Poverty to Promise*, which not only details his life as a child in poverty, but offers solutions for helping families move from poverty to promise.

### **SESSION 29— G, D, L, C**

#### **Digital Regret**

**Roberta Palmer, MSSW, LISW**

While many believe sexting (texting sexually explicit messages or images) is just kids being kids, this approach takes us back to the '80s when there was the same thinking about sexual abuse. The images taken are primarily of females, and once disseminated are out there forever. There must be some realization therefore that the abuse never stops. While no one may be putting a hand on the female, the psychological torment of knowing that the picture is out there can be overwhelming. There are creative court approaches that are being used in Cleveland that can address many of these issues and still hold youth accountable so that the behavior does not continue.

Roberta Palmer is the Director of The Mokita Center, Inc. which is well known for its service provisions to clients who have been found delinquent or guilty of sex offenses. She has been involved in assessments, diagnostic services, counseling, polygraph examinations, and administrative services. The Mokita Center, Inc. has contracts with and/or provides services for clients of Cuyahoga Juvenile Court, Ohio Department of Youth Services, Lorain County Juvenile Court, and the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services. Additionally, Ms. Palmer is the Executive Director of Play by the Rules, Inc. which is a primary child sexual abuse perpetration prevention program. This program utilizes a public health campaign to address the issue of child sexual abuse before it occurs by educating youth and adults about the legal rules for consensual sex and the consequences for violations of those rules in the state of Ohio.

### **SESSION 30— D, R**

#### **Open Juvenile Records: Implications for the GAL**

**Corinne Hoover Six, JD**

With the adoption of new rules by the Ohio Supreme Court pertaining to public records, Guardians ad Litem now have an even bigger role in advocating for the best interests of the children they are appointed to, as well as being able to ensure that juvenile records and specifically, GAL reports, remain confidential and closed to the public, media, and anyone not a party to a particular juvenile proceeding. This session will inform CASA/GAL volunteers, attorney GALs, court officials and social workers of the various interpretations of the new rules by local juvenile courts, the implications of these new rules and interpretations, and the GAL's role in protecting the privacy of children and families pursuant to these changes.

Ms. Hoover Six is an attorney who owns and operates her own law practice in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Ms. Hoover Six practices extensively in domestic relations and juvenile law, where she serves as an Attorney/GAL in Summit, Portage, Medina and Stark Counties and a CASA/GAL in Summit County's court-based CASA program. Ms. Hoover Six also serves on the Board of Directors for Ohio CASA and as a volunteer for Royal Family Kids' Camp, a church-based camp for abused and neglected children.

## **SATURDAY GENERAL SESSION 9:45-11:15 A.M.**

### **GLBTQ Youth at Risk**

**Angie Wellman, MS**

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) youth are coming out earlier and earlier – a reality that has many ramifications for youth and family services providers, educators, family members, community agencies and others. Often, youth-serving professionals — however open and accepting they might be — feel little prepared to deal with the issues associated with sexual orientation and gender identity in our culture. This lively, interactive discussion will offer participants the opportunity to explore the issues; differentiate between personal values and cultural myths or stereotypes which, if unexplored, can significantly impact one's ability to work effectively with the GLBTQ youth population; assess their own and their agency's readiness to effectively serve this population; and develop strategies for providing affirming, culturally inclusive programs and services to GLBTQ youth and families within their agency's purview.

A native of Tiffin, Ohio, Angie Wellman has been involved in the GLBTQ movement since her undergraduate career at Kent State University wherein she held leadership positions in the campus Student Services Center and served as a catalyst for providing diversity and inclusion trainings to residence hall staff. There, Ms. Wellman earned her BA in Criminal Justice with minors in Women's Studies and English. Ms. Wellman became involved in community centers by co-facilitating the Women's Discussion Group at the Cleveland Center and helped initiate youth programming at the Akron Pride Center. After moving to Columbus, Ms. Wellman received her Master of Science degree in Clinical Counseling and School Guidance Counseling. She is a licensed professional counselor, and maintains a private practice at Affirmations Psychotherapy. Ms. Wellman has devoted her more than 15 years of social services experience to issues related to child welfare, chemical dependency and mental health, women's rights, and youth advocacy and empowerment. She assumed the position of Executive Director of Kaleidoscope Youth Center in January of 2003. Ms. Wellman has worked with local youth service providers, state government, and national policymakers to promote public understanding of the diverse youth community, heighten awareness of the issues affecting young people, and promote the work and programs of Kaleidoscope Youth Center.



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# WORKSHEET

## GUARDIAN AD LITEM CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 48 division (5)(b), the following advanced education workshops fulfill the guardian ad litem continuing education requirement pursuant to their relation to the topics identified in division (E)(3) (a)-(e) of the rule. The yearly continuing education credit must total three or more hours.

Use this worksheet to indicate which workshop or combination of workshops you will attend to attain the required three or more hours. At the conference, you will be given a Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education Certificate to give to your local CASA/GAL program or local court in which you are a GAL.

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Choose one or more of the following workshops, totaling three (3) or more hours of training:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>GS)</b>           | Intercultural Maturity                                     | 1.5 hrs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>1)</b>            | Ethics and Professionalism                                 | 2 hrs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>2)</b>            | Report Writing Made Easy!                                  | 2 hrs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>3) &amp; 12)</b>  | Filtering the Noise From Young Black Boys, <i>Two-part</i> | 3.5 hrs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>4)</b>            | Understanding Sexual Development: Birth to 6               | 2 hrs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>5)</b>            | Drug Addiction: A Conspiracy of Secrets                    | 2 hrs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>6)</b>            | Abuse and Neglect Case Law Update                          | 2 hrs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>8) &amp; 15)</b>  | Kids Involved in Street Gangs, <i>Two-part</i>             | 3.5 hrs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>9)</b>            | Trauma Informed Response                                   | 2 hrs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>10) &amp; 24)</b> | Mean Girls, <i>Two-part</i>                                | 3 hrs.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>11)</b>           | Roles and Responsibilities of the GAL                      | 1.5 hrs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>13)</b>           | Understanding Sexual Development: Ages 7-12                | 1.5 hrs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>14)</b>           | Teen Substance Abuse                                       | 1.5 hrs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>17)</b>           | How to Help the Judge Reach the Best Outcome               | 1.5 hrs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>18)</b>           | The Toxic Triad  | 1.5 hrs. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>25)</b>           | Understanding the Framework for Children's Services        | 1.5 hrs. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>27)</b>           | Senate Bill 163, Effects on Youth in Foster Care           | 1 hr.    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>30)</b>           | Open Juvenile Records                                      | 1 hr.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>GS)</b>           | GLBTQ Youth at Risk  | 1.5 hrs. |

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