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14TH SYMPOSIUM ON CHILD CUSTODY

The Future of Child Custody: Stacking the Deck in Favor of Children

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November 9-13, 2020

(or November 10-14, 2020, depending on your time zone)

20 breakout sessions for up to 22.5 hours of
continuing education for judges, lawyers, psychologists,
social workers, mental health professionals, mediators, and others.



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Join Us For AFCC's First Virtual Conference

To promote general health, wellbeing, and greater access to education, AFCC will present its 14th Symposium on Child Custody in a virtual format. The symposium will include educational and social opportunities. Each session will be 90 minutes in length, with 60-minute or 30-minute breaks between programs to allow participants to return phone calls, check email, or grab a bite to eat. *Access to recordings of all sessions is included in the registration fee.**

An Opportunity for Global Participation

The scheduling of conference sessions provides an opportunity for live participation for AFCC members throughout the world! The sessions will take place in the morning for Australians and New Zealanders, late morning to late afternoon for west coast North Americans, early afternoon to early evening for east coast North Americans, and early to late evening for Europeans. The entire conference will be recorded for registrants who wish to watch at their convenience; however, you must attend the **live sessions** to receive a certificate of attendance.

A Flexible Conference That Fits Your Schedule and Educational Needs

Unable to block off a week to attend this conference? There are still plenty of options! Registrants can attend programs live at the prescribed hour, opt to watch session recordings at times that are more convenient,* or mix and match. Registrants could also watch recorded sessions in a group setting, allowing participants to pause the recording for discussion, or to follow up with a facilitated discussion with your colleagues.

About the Conference

AFCC strives to offer a wide range of conference sessions highlighting different research, advocacy positions, policies, practices, programs, procedures, and ideas. Some programs may be evidence-based while others may report on works in progress, emerging practices, or policy initiatives. The goal of the conference is to enhance learning while encouraging respectful inquiry, discussion, and debate consistent with AFCC organizational values. AFCC does not necessarily endorse or support the opinions of conference presenters.

Continuing Education Credits

AFCC will provide a certificate of attendance for a processing fee of \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. The certificate will verify attendance at symposium sessions and may be used to apply for continuing education credits with the registrant's accrediting institution. AFCC will post a list of symposium sessions eligible for continuing education credit.

Psychologists: AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for this program and its content. The program is eligible for up to 22.5 hours of continuing education for psychologists.

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Hospitality	7:30pm-8:30pm	6:30pm-7:30pm	4:30pm-5:30pm	12:30am-1:30am	11:30am-12:30pm	1:30pm-2:30pm
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Break	3:00pm-4:00pm	2:00pm-3:00pm	12:00pm-1:00pm	8:00pm-9:00pm	7:00am-8:00am	9:00am-10:00am
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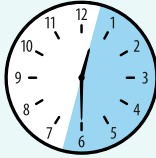
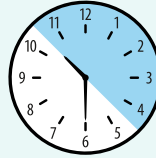
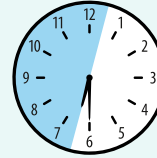
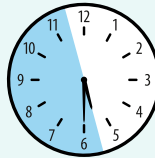

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Pre-Symposium Institutes

(Separate registration required. Please see registration information on page 12.)

Pre-Symposium Institutes will take place in three 90-minute sessions.

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There will be a 60-minute break after the first session and a 30-minute break after the second session.					

1. Fool Me Twice, Shame on Me: Are You Being Conned by a Coercive Controlling Abuser?

One of the biggest challenges facing professionals in cases involving possible coercive controlling abuse is the tendency of abusers—and occasionally their victims—to deny, minimize, and otherwise obfuscate the facts. Complicating everything is the fact that COVID-19 has provided abusers with many new tools with which to entrap and control their partners and to dupe practitioners. Increased reliance on remote mediation, interviews, and hearings can further confound the practitioners' ability to divine what is really going on. It is important for practitioners to understand the range of tactics that abusers can use to control their partners and children and to bamboozle professionals. This interactive institute will improve practitioners' ability to identify and assess the situation and to design parenting arrangements that are neither over-restrictive nor under-protective.

Loretta Frederick, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project, Minneapolis, MN

Hon. Anne Hirsch, Olympia, WA

Katreena Scott, PhD, Univ. of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Arnold Shienvold, PhD, Riegler, Shienvold & Assoc., Harrisburg, PA

Nancy Ver Steegh, MSW, JD, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Saint Paul, MN

2. Online Dispute Resolution, Teletherapy, and Remote-Child Custody Evaluations in the Age of COVID-19 and Beyond

The COVID-19 pandemic has required mental health professionals to consider and use various technologies to conduct alternative dispute resolution, teletherapy, and remote-child custody evaluations. These approaches involve the same skills as in-person procedures and a set of considerations and skills specific to using the technologies. A growing research literature shows these approaches are often as effective as services delivered in-person with adults and children, as well as effective across a broad array of conditions and circumstances. This institute will address the practical considerations used by the presenters to conduct online dispute resolution, teletherapy, and remote-child custody evaluations.

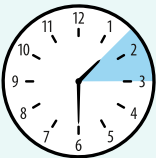
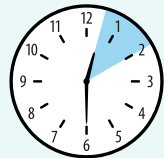
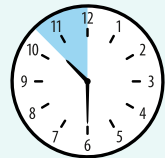
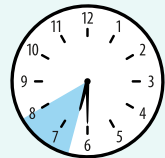
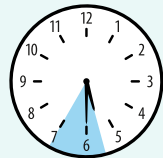
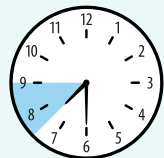
Milfred D. Dale, PhD, ABPP, JD, Psychologist & Attorney, Topeka, KS

Eve-Lynn Nelson, PhD, FATA, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS

Matthew Sullivan, PhD, AFCC Past President, Palo Alto, CA

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WORKSHOPS 1-2 Followed by a 60-minute break					

1. Overcoming the Alienation Crisis: A Team Model


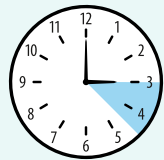
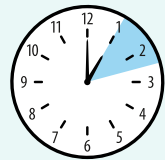
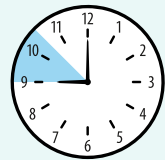
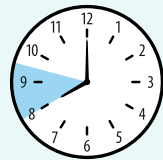
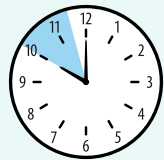
Resist-refuse dynamics (RRD) interventions require case management among clinicians, parenting coordinators, attorneys, and judges. This presentation will explain an innovative clinical model for overcoming RRD, which emphasizes the development of trust in the intervention team, re-establishment of coordinated coparenting, conflict de-escalation strategies, and management of cognitive distortions and resentment. This session explores interval family intensive interventions as a treatment option, demonstrating how parenting coordinators and child's attorneys can participate in the intervention team.

John A. Moran, PhD, Ottawa, ON, Canada

2. Things My Cousin Vinnie Taught Me: Trial Skills for Mental Health Professionals and Attorneys

Mental health professionals are increasingly asked to testify in court as evaluators, as experts retained to review a colleague's work or to provide didactic testimony to the court. The level of preparation by the mental health professional is often critical to the court's perception of the credibility of the testimony. How well the attorney conducts the cross-examination can impact the trustworthiness of the testimony. This workshop is designed to assist attorneys and mental health professionals with trial skills. Presenters will address body language, courtroom management, testifying, and cross-examination skills.

Lawrence Jay Braunstein, JD, Braunstein and Zuckerman, White Plains, NY
Sol R. Rappaport, PhD, ABPP, Northern Illinois Institute of Forensic Psychology, Libertyville, IL

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OPENING PLENARY Followed by a 30-minute break					

Stacking the Deck in Favor of Children: What to Do When the World Goes Haywire

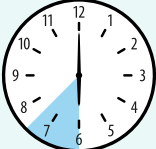

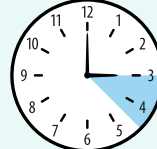
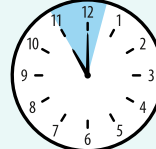
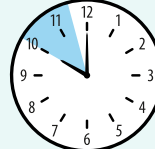
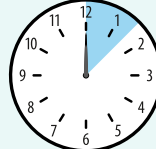
Parenting time disputes create challenges for families and professionals, and issues such as resist-refuse dynamics (RRD) and intimate partner violence create a more complex situation. Add to that a dangerous and highly politicized global pandemic, and all bets are off! Join this panel to examine the trials and tribulations of providing effective services to families in conflict when the world goes haywire.

Gabrielle Davis, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project, Minneapolis, MN

Susan Myres, JD, President, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Houston, TX

Hon. Marge Slabach (Ret.), Past President, Overcoming Barriers, Fremont, CA

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WORKSHOPS 3-4 Followed by 60 minutes of Virtual Hospitality					

3. Parenting Time Paradigms Meet the Pandemic

Child custody principles are built around paradigms of continuity and connectedness. But the COVID-19 pandemic disrupts all aspects of family life and the institutions it relies upon. What factors should decision-makers balance in the midst of ever-changing circumstances and health threats? This workshop looks at mismatched households facing issues of health protection, work and school from home, travel obstacles, and connected relationships when all is in flux.

Michael Saini, PhD, Univ. Of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

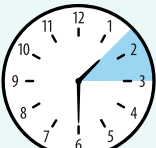
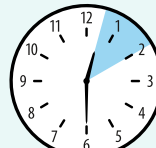
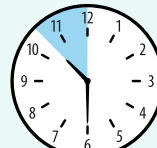
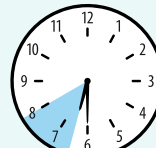
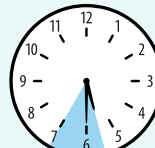
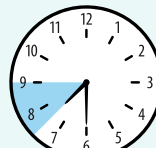
Carlton D. Stansbury, JD, Burbach & Stansbury SC, Milwaukee, WI

4. Drug and Alcohol Testing and Parenting Agreements in Child Custody Cases

This workshop will review drug and alcohol testing options for managing cases with alleged substance abuse. Professionals will learn available methodologies, detection windows, and limitations to best establish protocols for eliciting important data when making child custody determinations. The presenters will discuss how court orders have been mandated in the past and how they are evolving based on new technology to meet specific parenting and child safety measures, all while upholding the best interests of the child. Techniques for cheating and adulterating specimens will also be explored.

Hon. Angie Arkin (Ret.), Judicial Arbiter Group, Denver, CO

Tricia Engelbert, RN, 5280 Drug Testing, Greenwood Village, CO

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WORKSHOPS 5-6 Followed by a 60-minute break					

5. Playing Defense: Tips for Designing Custody Assessments to Withstand Attack

Custody evaluators must cope with attacks on the quality of their work, in addition to the many other stressors of forensic practice. After releasing their reports to the court, practitioners may withstand peer reviews and cross-examination that can be frightening and disheartening. In this workshop, participants will learn about four lenses to use to proactively plan and critique their own assessments, and attitudinal shifts that can make the process of being critiqued more tolerable. Practice settings where resources are limited will also be discussed.

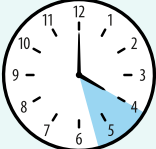
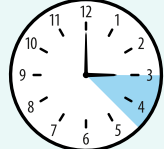
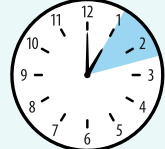
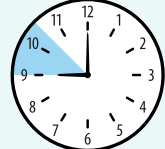
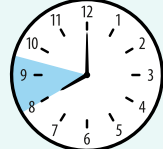
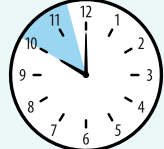
Jeffrey P. Wittmann, PhD, Albany, NY

David A. Martindale, PhD, St. Petersburg, FL

6. Teens in the Digital World: What Professionals Need to Know

Youth use technology for nearly all interactions: communication, education, entertainment, and just being out and about. Family law professionals working with families in conflict have a responsibility to understand how technology is being used in their cases, especially those involving children. This workshop will demonstrate technologies that are being used by youth to cause harm, harass, and threaten others. It will explore smartphone technology, location applications, and commonly and uncommonly used social networking sites.

Steven Bradley, BS, OurFamilyWizard.com, Tallahassee, FL

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Betting on the Voice of the Child in Parenting Disputes

The best interests of children are considered paramount in any parenting dispute, yet there is no clear consensus about how best interests are determined. Consideration of the child's voice has become standard procedure in most countries, and in many US courts, but assuring the child's voice has a meaningful place in professionals' consideration of their best interests is another story. During the global pandemic, the voice of the child seems to have been further diminished as professionals struggle to figure out how to deliver even the most basic services. This panel will examine how to keep children's voices front and center, regardless of the challenges faced by professionals.

Mindy Mitnick, EdM, MA, Uptown Mental Health Center, Edina, MN

Stacey Platt, JD, Loyola University Chicago ChildLaw Center, Chicago, IL

Hon. Herman Walker, Jr., Alaska Superior Court, Anchorage, AK

Moderator: Marsha Kline Pruett, PhD, ABPP, Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA

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WORKSHOPS 7-8 End of Day					

7. Interviewing Children in Custody Evaluations When There Are Allegations of Abuse or Intimate Partner Violence

While many child custody evaluators include interviews of children over the age of five, the process can become complicated when allegations of intimate partner violence or child abuse are present. Evaluators must be competent in the areas of child development, family dynamics, appropriate interviewing techniques, and trauma-focused approaches. This workshop will review the current literature and provide specific tips and techniques for evaluators to implement in their interview process.

Diana Avalle, PsyD, Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, San Diego, CA

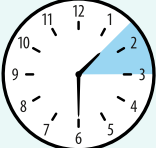
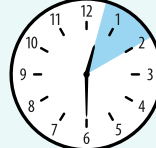
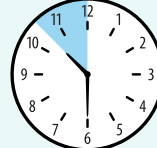
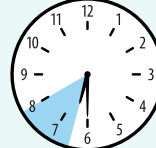

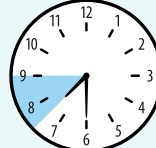
Morgan Shaw, PsyD, Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, San Diego, CA

8. Forensic Methods of Gathering Data via Telehealth

Data collection has changed in the wake of COVID-19. This workshop will present the advantages and disadvantages of remotely gathering data via telehealth. The presenters will provide tutorials that demonstrate how to get litigants and collateral contacts to complete signatures, forms, and questionnaires online. Attendees will also learn methods to remotely administer personality assessments.

Chris Mulchay, PhD, Asheville Testing, Asheville, NC

Sean Knuth, PhD, Charlotte, NC

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WORKSHOPS 9-10 Followed by a 60-minute break					

9. Encapsulated Delusion? How Do We Identify It and What Do We Do?

Some cases where children resist or refuse access to a parent are fueled by a parent's unsupported underlying delusional belief about abuse of the child. In this workshop, the presenters will explore the psychological processes that underlie this delusional belief system, describe a screening process, and differentiate cases that are likely to respond to treatment from those that are not. Considering the behaviors and capacities of parents as caretakers, the presenters will propose a system of accountability with concrete goals for the family and for judges to consider in their orders.

Robin Deutsch, PhD, ABPP, Wellesley, MA

Leslie Drozd, PhD, Newport Beach, CA


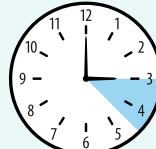
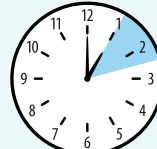
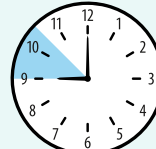
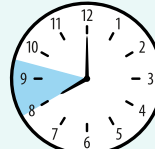
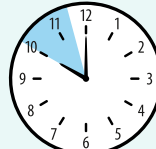
Hon. Harvey Silberman, Los Angeles Superior Court, Pasadena, CA

10. The Silver Spoon vs. the Spork: Child Custody Evaluations on Any Budget

This workshop will examine the step-by-step process of conducting a child custody evaluation from order through final trial testimony. The foundational elements will be addressed, regardless of the clients' income level. Participants will learn how to craft a thorough and competent report that meets the needs of the court and the clients. The presenters will explain how to become a skilled child custody evaluator, and how to utilize research and apply ethical principles in practice.

Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, MA, Coppell, TX

Tammi L. Axelson, MSW, Lufkin, TX

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WORKSHOPS 11-12 Followed by a 30-minute break					

11. Resisting Simplicity to Understand Child Resistance: Alienation Meaning in the Field of Family Law

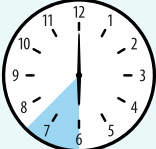
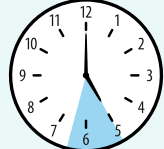
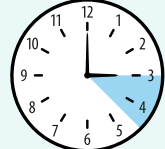

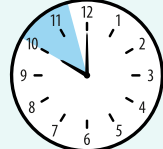

Initiated by a collaboration among AFCC, NCJFCJ, and the University of Toronto, more than 1,000 family law practitioners responded to an online survey about their views, experiences, and attitudes regarding resist-refuse dynamics (RRD), including parental alienation, unjustified gatekeeping, and estrangement. Participants in this session will review various definitions that have been proposed to explain different forms of RRD. Based on percentage agreements and additional qualifying comments provided by survey participants, the presenter will clarify definitions, address confusion, and look for consensus. The purpose of this session is to clarify the common glossary of terms, without losing the complexity of the various dynamics and factors that can influence a child's resistance towards parents after separation or divorce.

Michael Saini, PhD, Univ. Of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

12. Parenting Coordination During Custody Litigation: Challenges and Opportunities

When, if, and how to use parenting coordination effectively during custody litigation has been widely debated, and little guidance has been available to help courts and lawyers make these decisions. This workshop will present considerations to help guide those determinations, while exploring ethical challenges and risks to children. The presenter will explore the opportunities to help parents move toward settlement, focused thinking, and a functional and sustainable coparenting alliance. AFCC's 2019 *Guidelines for Parenting Coordination* will be highlighted as a decision-making tool.

Debra K. Carter, PhD, National Cooperative Parenting Center, Bradenton, FL

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WORKSHOPS 13-14 Followed by 60 minutes of Virtual Hospitality					

13. Affirming LGBTQ Children in Custody Matters

This workshop will explore the importance of ensuring that LGBTQ children receive affirmation from family and custody proceedings. Presenters will provide a primer of LGBTQ terminology, an explanation of the importance of familial support to the mental health and development of LGBTQ youths, and discussion about the effects of affirming and non-affirming parenting and care on custody evaluations and determinations. This workshop will examine ways that legal and mental health professionals can support children throughout the proceedings to ensure that their identities are being appropriately centered, affirmed, and supported.

Jodi Argentino, MS, JD, Argentino Fiore Law & Advocacy, Montclair, NJ

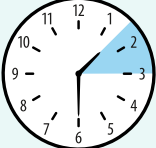
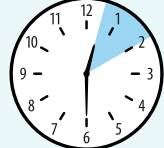
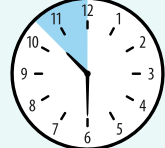
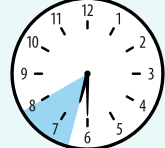
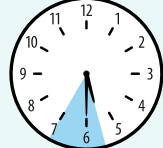
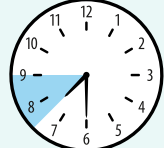
Camie L. Nitzel, PhD, Kindred Psychology, Lincoln, NE

14. Decision-Making about Services for Families: Needs, Gaps, Better Models?

Professionals have long struggled with decisions about to which services families should be referred, particularly when family and court resources are limited. This presentation will consider whether there are implicit biases that forensic evaluations are the most appropriate services, assuming the family can afford them, especially given the possibility that these issues will become even more acute in the aftermath of COVID-19. The presenters will identify relevant research and discuss practical strategies that may create more effective alternatives for children and families.

Lyn R. Greenberg, PhD, ABPP, Los Angeles, CA

Frank Davis, PhD, Oakland, CA

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WORKSHOP 15-16 Followed by a 60-minute break					

15. Thinking Differently about the Value of Collateral Information

This workshop examines assumptions guiding the use and validity of information from multiple informants in child custody assessment. Parents view their children in particular settings and make attributions about their behavior based upon factors that are different from other observers. Discrepancies among different observers have often been viewed as a reflection of bias or measurement error and tend to cast doubt on one or both informants. The assumption has been that at least one of the informants has provided unreliable information about the child's behavior rather than recognizing that different informants' validity tends to contribute different information.

Jonathan W. Gould, PhD, ABPP, Charlotte, NC

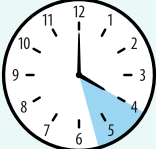
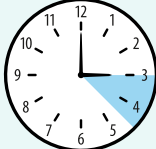
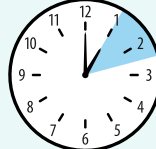
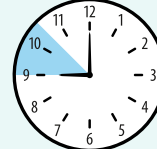
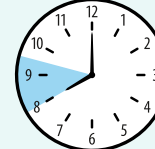
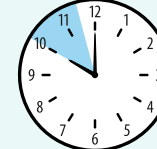
Jay Flens, PsyD, ABPP, Valrico, FL

16. Hearing the Evidence of Children: Rights and Remedies

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child confirms that children are to be given an opportunity to express their views and preferences in legal proceedings affecting them. However, courts have struggled with how to fulfill that obligation. This presentation will explore the various methods employed by courts to ascertain children's views and preferences, as well as the efficacy of those methods, the evidentiary issues they raise, and their potential impact on traditional therapeutic goals.

Gary Joseph, LLB, LLM, MacDonald & Partners, Toronto, ON, Canada

Stephen Kirby, JD, MacDonald & Partners, Toronto, ON, Canada

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WORKSHOPS 17-18 Followed by a 30-minute break					

17. Deception and Malingering in Child Custody Cases: Research-Based Strategies

Family court practitioners endeavor to find elusive truths in custody matters. Unfortunately, research has consistently demonstrated that most people are not good at detecting lies, with accuracy rates of 54% just above chance. Experimental and clinical researchers, however, have ascertained that specific interview, testing, and evaluation methods could improve one's ability to assess the credibility of a client's claims. This workshop introduces participants to empirically supported cues to deception and malingering, interviewing techniques that elicit cues to deception, and the role of culture in assessing credibility.

Lindsey S. Davis, PhD, William James College, Newton, MA

18. Safe, Appropriate, and Workable Parenting Plans

This session will focus on safe and appropriate parenting plans in parenting and/or civil protection order cases when domestic violence is present. Presenters will discuss Ohio's model as it answers the following questions: How do the danger factors impact the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities? How do domestic violence acts relate to the statutory best interest factors? How does the presence of domestic violence impact meaningful allocation of parental rights and responsibilities and enforcement of parenting time arrangements?

Hon. Diane M. Palos, Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court, Cleveland, OH

Alexandria Ruden, JD, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

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WORKSHOPS 19-20 End of Conference					

19. A High Conflict Case: Trauma's Impact on Memory, Children, Parents, and the Courts

It is well-known that children are harmed by exposure to significant conflict when parents separate. However, the traumatic impact on everyone involved has not been dissected and discussed much over the years. This interactive workshop will highlight and discuss ways in which a family's conflict results in trauma for their child, look at the parents' behaviors through a trauma-focused lens, and provide tools for navigating bias and the trauma behaviors that arise in high conflict cases.

Philip M. Stahl, PhD, ABPP, Queen Creek, AZ

Rebecca M. Stahl, JD, LLM, Univ. of Baltimore School of Law Center for Families, Children and the Courts, Baltimore, MD

Hon. Bruce R. Cohen, Maricopa County Family Court, Phoenix, AZ

20. The Right Glasses: Viewing Counterintuitive Conduct in Interpersonal Violence

Assessments of truth, factual determination, and safety all require accurate interpretation of what is seen in cases where interpersonal violence and child abuse are alleged or suspected. Conduct, statements, and evidence have many interpretations. This session will discuss common faults, causing professionals to miss real motives and dangers. Power and control tactics, victimology, and the dynamics of abuse all weigh heavily on the scales of justice when custody is at issue. The law and protection of the weak require that interpretation of conduct be correct. The wrong conclusion may jeopardize the psyche or a life.

Seth L. Goldstein, JD, Monterey, CA

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This conference brings new meaning to the old saying, "it's five o'clock somewhere!" Wherever and *whenever* you are, join us for famous AFCC hospitality, whether it's for a wee dram in the wee hours in Edinburgh, a brunchtime Bloody Mary in Australia, a happy hour cocktail in Minneapolis, or a glass of red wine by the evening fire in Boston. Non-alcoholic beverages are encouraged if you are planning to drive! Unfortunately, this year the hospitality suite is, by necessity, BYOB. Sponsored by Mediate.com.

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Wednesday, November 11 1:30pm-3:00pm Workshop 5-6 _____

Wednesday, November 11 4:00pm-5:30pm Plenary Session _____
Yes/No

Wednesday, November 11 6:00pm-7:30pm Workshop 7-8 _____

Thursday, November 12 1:30pm-3:00pm Workshop 9-10 _____

Thursday, November 12 4:00pm-5:30pm Workshop 11-12 _____

Thursday, November 12 6:00pm-7:30pm Workshop 13-14 _____

Friday, November 13 1:30pm-3:00pm Workshop 15-16 _____

Friday, November 13 4:00pm-5:30pm Workshop 17-18 _____

Friday, November 13 6:00pm-7:30pm Workshop 19-20 _____

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