



# The Office of the Child's Representative Presents *Solution-Focused Advocacy: Applying Recent Legal Reforms to Improve Case Outcomes*

## - AGENDA - October 21-22, 2015

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October 21, 2015

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	■ <i>Registration (Breakfast on Your Own)</i>
8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Opening Comments</b> <i>Linda Weinerman, Executive Director, Office of the Child's Representative</i>
8:45 - 9:45 a.m.	<b>Maximizing Your Representation: The Role of the GAL Attorney as an Advocate for Change — 1.2 CLE</b> <i>Casey Trupin, Casey Family Programs, Judicial Engagement Team</i>
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	■ <i>Coffee Break</i>
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Maximizing Your Representation: Brainstorming Changes to the CJD and OCR Supports — 1.8 CLE (0.6 Ethics included)</b> <i>Linda Weinerman, Esq., OCR Executive Director</i> <i>Sheri Danz, Esq., OCR Deputy Director</i> <i>Dorothy Macias, Esq., OCR Staff Attorney &amp; Legislative Liaison</i> <i>Amanda Donnelly, Esq., OCR Staff Attorney</i> <i>Ashlee Jones, Esq., OCR Staff Attorney &amp; Training Coordinator</i>
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	■ <i>Lunch Provided — DANSR Program Highlight (12:00-12:30)</i> <i>Sarah Felsen, Esq., Dependency &amp; Neglect System Reform (DANSR) Liaison</i>
1:00 - 2:15 p.m.	<b>Enhancing Best Interests Representation Through the Use of Constitutional and Federal Law Arguments — 1.5 CLE</b> <i>Brooke N. Silverthorn, Esq., Staff Attorney, National Association of Counsel for Children</i>
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.	■ <i>Afternoon Break</i>
2:30 - 3:45 p.m.	<b>I'm Not Biased! How Your Implicit Bias Can Create Blind-Spots in Representation — 1.5 Ethics CLE</b> <i>Brenidy Rice, MPA, State Problem Solving Court Coordinator, Division of Court Services, Colorado Judicial Department</i>
3:45 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Setting the Stage for the D&amp;N: Adjudication Law and Litigation Strategy — 1.5 CLE</b> <i>Ashley Chase, Esq.</i> <i>Leo Finkelstein, Esq.</i>
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	■ <i>Please join us for a Networking Reception!</i>



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October 22, 2015	7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	■ <i>Registration (Breakfast on Your Own)</i>
	8:00 - 10:15 a.m. (With Session Break)	<b>Recommended Practices for Serving LGBTQ and Gender Non-Conforming Youth in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems</b> — 2.4 CLE <i>Currey Cook, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney and Director of the Youth in Out-of-Home Care Project, Lambda Legal, New York, NY</i>
	10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	■ <i>Coffee Break</i>
	10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	<b>Navigating the ICPC: Understanding the Law &amp; Implications for Best Interests Representation</b> 1.5 CLE <i>Candi M Mayes, Esq., CEO &amp; Executive Director, Dependency Legal Group of San Diego</i>
	11:45 - 1:15 p.m.	■ <i>Lunch On Your Own</i>
	1:15 - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Case Rounds: Using Shared Expertise to Address the Hard Issues in Your Caseload</b> — 1.8 CLE <i>Moderators:</i> <i>Donna Olalde, Esq., CWLS, El Paso County Office of the Guardian ad Litem</i> <i>Colene Robinson, Esq., Clinical Professor of Law &amp; Co-Director of Juvenile &amp; Family Law Program, University of Colorado Law School</i>
	2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	■ <i>Afternoon Break</i>
	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Rule Changes and Advocacy Strategies in Response to New Federal Law</b> — 1.8 CLE <i>Candi M Mayes, Esq., CEO &amp; Executive Director, Dependency Legal Group of San Diego</i> <i>Gretchen Russo, RN, JD, Permanency Unit Manager, Colorado Department of Human Services</i> <i>Lorendia Schmidt, LCSW, CACII, CAPTA Administrator, Colorado Department of Human Services</i>
	4:30 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b>