# **Brown Bag Training Series**

This brown bag series is for attorneys who represent children and other family law attorneys. It will align with the goals and materials of the Family Court Enhancement Project, which include a compilation of research-based guides designed to provide guidance on how to identify, understand, and account for the nature, context, and implications of abuse in family court proceedings.

# Hard Conversations I: Effective Interview to get the Whole Story from Parents

When: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:15-1:30 Where: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 318

Trainer: Annelisa Smith, Attorney

# Hard Conversations II: Effective Interview to get the Whole Story from Children

When: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:15-1:30 Where: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 318

Trainer: Dr. Wendy Bourg, Custody Evaluator

### Beyond Being in the Room: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Kids

When: July 11th, 12:15-1:15 Where: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 318 **Trainer:** Erin Fairchild, MSW, Defending Childhood Initiative Coordinator

## Now What? Presenting Evidence of Impact of Abuse on Children

When: July 25th, 12:15-1:15 Where: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 318 Trainers: Hon. Katherine Tennyson Laurel Hook, Attorney

#### Hard Conversations I: Effective Interview to get the Whole Story from Parents

Whether you are an attorney, custody evaluator, or another professional working with families experiencing domestic violence, getting all the information helps you give the best advice and provide the best recommendations. Gain some advice and suggestions for available tools for effective client interviews. CLE pending

#### Hard Conversations I: Effective Interview to get the Whole Story from Children

Though children may not have directly witnessed domestic abuse from one parent to the other, they can provide significant information about what is happening behind closed doors. Understanding the impact of the abuse on children, from the child's perspective, will guide you in advising what types of parenting schedules are best for children and their families. CLE pending

#### Beyond Being in the Room! The Impact of Domestic Violence on Kids

Children often know much more about what is happening in the home and between parents than we think. Even if children have not directly witnessed violence from one parent to another, they are affected. Better understanding the impact of complex trauma on children exposed to domestic violence will help you advise families experiencing domestic violence. CLE pending

#### Now What? Presenting Evidence of Impact of Abuse on Children

When working with families who are experiencing domestic violence and trauma, does it ever feel like you are trying to fit chaos into the rules of evidence? If so, this session is as good primer to help you best work with clients impacted by trauma with the ultimate goal of presenting a complete picture of what is happening between parents and what impact that has had on children. CLE pending

The purpose of the Family Court Enhancement Project is to improve the family court response to custody cases involving domestic violence so that resulting parenting and co-parenting arrangements effectively protect the well-being of the victimized parent and children.

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