Save the Date! Training Announcement September 15th or 16th, 2016

The Multnomah County Circuit Court's Family Court Enhancement Project (FCEP) is hosting a full-day, multidisciplinary training for family law professionals to better understand the implications of domestic violence on parenting. The day will include practical exercises to create safer parenting plans, use tools to screen for domestic violence with both victims and perpetrators, plan next steps once domestic violence has been identified, and talk about the issues in court. The training will be facilitated by national faculty and staff from the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and the Center for Court Innovation (CCI). Each day is the same content, repeated.

Brown Bag Training Series

Procedural Fairness: Judges are all about it -- Why you should be too!

When: March 17th 12-1:30 Where: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 356

Trainers: Amanda Kay, JD, Program Attorney, NCJFCJ; Robyn Mazur, JD, Director of Gender and Justice Initiatives, CCI

Unraveling the Mysteries of Family Court: Nuts and Bolts of the Court Process

When: April 21st, 3:30-5 Where: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 308 Trainers: The Honorable Katherine Tennyson; Jenny Woodson, FCEP Coordinator

Hard Conversations: Effective Interviewing to get the Whole Story

When: May 19, 12:15-1:15 Where: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 308 Trainers: The Honorable Amy Holmes Hehn; Dr. Wendy Bourg, Custody Evaluator

Finding Their Voice: Trauma Informed Approach to Witness Preparation

When: June 16, 12:15-1:15 Where: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 308 Trainers: The Honorable Katherine Tennyson; Abbey Stamp, Executive Director of Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Committee

Judicial Perspectives on Domestic Violence Cases: Understanding the DV Presumption

When: July 21, 12:15-1:15 Where: Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 308 Trainers: Panel of Multnomah County Family Law Judges

Procedural Fairness: Judges are all about it -- Why you should be too!

You may have heard of procedural justice and assumed the concept was limited to judges and courts. But you as attorneys can promote and implement procedural justice principles in your practice. Come join us for a brown bag lunch to learn more about how elements of the process can be as important as the outcome, in both client relationships and courtroom advocacy. CLE credits pending.

Unraveling the Mysteries of Family Court: Nuts and Bolts of the Court Process

In family law cases our go-to advice to litigants is often "hire an attorney." The reality in Multnomah County however, is that 85% of divorce and custody cases have at least one self-represented litigant. The purpose of this training is to give those working with families in family court an overview of the steps in a family law case and answer some frequently asked questions about the process.

Hard Conversations: Effective Interview to get the Whole Story

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 credits pending.

Finding Their Voice: Trauma Informed Approach to Witness Preparation

When working with families that 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 who are impacted by trauma with the ultimate goal of making them "good" witnesses and have the ability to tell their story in court. CLE credits pending.

Judicial Perspectives on Domestic Violence Cases: Understanding the DV Presumption

Learn more about when and how to apply the Domestic Violence Presumption in custody cases. CLE credits pending.

The purpose of the Family Court Enhancement Project (FCEP) 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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