



**MJJA 2020**

**FALL EDUCATIONAL**

**VIRTUAL**

**CONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER 28TH-30TH**

**HOPE...**

**CHANGE...**

**ENGAGE**

# MJJA 2020 VIRTUAL FALL CONFERENCE AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00—9:15

**Opening Remarks**

9:15—10:15 a.m.

**Plenary**

***Rediscovering the Beauty Within***

In his candid personal memoir, Sasha Joseph Neulinger revisits his childhood and the events that tore apart his seemingly-perfect world. For as long as Neulinger can remember, his father was constantly filming— from birthday parties, to hockey games, to holidays. But his camera, trained on the frequent gatherings of a tight-knit family, was also documenting a hidden secret, the revelation of which would lead to a media firestorm, a high-stakes court battle, and a generational reckoning.

Drawing upon an incredibly revealing home video archive, Neulinger revisits these events 20 years later to piece together an unflinching story of the cycles and consequences of abuse, to examine what it means to heal, and to use those experiences to effect positive change in the world. REWIND probes the gap between image and reality and proves just how little, and how much, a camera can capture.

**Faculty: Sasha Joseph Neulinger, Founder and President, Voice For The Kids, Speaker, Filmmaker, Survivor**

10:30—11:45 a.m.

**Workshop #1**

***Do No Harm: A Victim Centered Approach to Human Trafficking***

This workshop will be a very brief review of what trafficking is, including discussion of the culture of trafficking, who are the victims, how do we identify an individual who has been trafficked, what do we do in the event we have encountered a trafficked minor, victim or offender: how do we tell the difference, and challenges involved when working with minor aged HT victims and ways to address such challenges.

**Faculty: Kris Wade, Executive Director, The Justice Project**

12:30—2:00 p.m.

**Plenary Session**

**What's Happening in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare**

A panel of juvenile justice experts will examine current legal, legislative, and trending issues in juvenile justice and child welfare.

**Panelists: Tammy Walden, Chief Juvenile Officer, 26<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Bill Prince, Chief Juvenile Officer 31<sup>st</sup> Circuit/ MJJA Policy Team Chairman; Bev Newman, Court Programs Manager, Office of State Courts Administrator; Teri Armistead, Deputy Director, Missouri Children's Division.**

2:15—4:30 p.m.

**Workshop #2**

***Screening of Rewind with Q&A***

Participants will have the opportunity to view Sasha's film, REWIND and then engage in a question and answer session with Sasha following the screening of the film.

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00—10:15 a.m.

**Workshop #3**

***Basic Cultural Competence-Roots and Tools***

Participants receive an overview of culturally competent terminology, inclusive language, and understand how choice of language and behavior result in Implicit Bias, micro-aggressions, micro-messaging (acts of incivility). While understanding how these concepts reveal one's own Cultural DNA, and how their own Cultural DNA impacts professional perceptions that impact decision-making, participants learn and discuss how improving their cultural competence can improve workplace climate, and outcomes for clients, and client relations.

**Faculty: Juanita M. Cleaver Simmons, retired Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Northwest Missouri State University**

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 CONTINUED

10:30a.m.—Noon

### Plenary Session

#### *Whatever it Takes for All Students to Succeed in School and Life*

“Whatever It Takes” is the title of a new book by Dr. Bryan Pearlman. This has also been his motto and mission for decades. He shares his own personal struggles as a student and his successes as a teacher and administrator helping students with challenging behaviors and those that have been traumatized. Dr. Pearlman infuses many stories, strategies, and out of the box ideas for helping all students to be successful in this engaging presentation.

**Faculty: Dr. Bryan Pearlman, Founder & Head Trainer, Most Valuable Professional Development (POST APPROVED 1.5 hrs. Interpersonal)**

12:30—1:45 p.m.

### Workshop #4

#### *Pre-Adjudication Discovery Issues*

This session will review the rules of discovery, both informal and formal, in Juvenile Court. Common problems and practical tips for both abuse/neglect and delinquency cases will be discussed. Topics will include seeking HIPAA protected medical/treatment records of parents in abuse/neglect cases, seeking Protective Orders for forensic interviews of children, taking and defending depositions, including of expert witnesses, and ensuring that exculpatory evidence in delinquency cases is obtained and disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Brady v. Maryland.

**Faculty: Monica Penrose, Attorney for the Juvenile Officer, Jackson County Family Court**

2:00—3:15 p.m.

### Workshop #5

#### *I'm Sad, Mad & Traumatized & You Still Expect Me To Learn?*

Students that have experienced trauma are coming to our schools in record numbers. Our hearts bleed for these kids, but empathy is not enough. We still have to set the bar high and help all students to reach their potential. Current research, data, stories, and many strategies will be shared with participants in this interactive training.

**Faculty: Dr. Bryan Pearlman, Founder & Head Trainer, Most Valuable Professional Development (POST APPROVED 1.5 hrs. Interpersonal)**

3:30—5:00 p.m.

### Workshop #6

#### *Case Law Update*

This session will give attendees an overview of the year's most significant cases impacting juvenile law practice, update participants on new law, and offer discussion of recent developments in regulatory, statutory and case law and their impact upon practice by Juvenile Officers, Children's Division workers and attorneys.

**Faculty: Shawn McCarver, Attorney at Law**

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:30—9:00 a.m.

### Virtual Exhibit Hall Raffle Drawings

9:00—10:15 a.m.

### Workshop #7

#### *Adolescent Mental Health: The intersection of Trauma, Diagnosis and Environment*

This session will explore the intersection of how trauma, an unstable living environment and a behavioral health diagnosis impact an adolescents functioning. Clarifying which symptoms are similar and which symptoms are distinct to each will be discussed and treatment options explored.

**Faculty: Laura Heitmann, LCSW, Community Mental Health Liaison, Arthur Center Community Health (POST APPROVED 1.5 hrs. Interpersonal)**

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 CONTINUED

10:30—11:45 a.m.

### Workshop #8

#### *Turning Data in Action: Ethnic and Racial Disparities in Juvenile Justice*

Nearly 20 years ago, the W. Haywood Burns Institute called out the ‘multi-million dollar cottage industry whose primary activity (it) is to restate the problem of disparities, endlessly adoring the question but never reaching an answer.’ This state of affairs resulted in part from the complexity of the problem of racial injustice in America. In this session, we will demonstrate meaningful responses to this call to action. Participants will learn how to interpret relative rate index (RRI) data, uncover disparities at juvenile justice decision points and develop strategies to address ethnic and racial disparities throughout the local system. Presenters will offer practical solutions for increasing fairness and reducing biases for youth and families involved in the justice system.

**Faculty:** Pamela Behle, Director of Assessment and Development Services , Justine Greve, Program Manager of Research & Development, Jackson County Family Court, 16th Circuit

12:30—1:20 p.m.

### Workshop #9

#### **Missouri Medical Marijuana Regulatory Program**

This presentation will cover the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) strategies related to the implementation and on-going operation of the program. Attendees will be presented with a variety of information including the program’s history, timeline for implementation, goals, and status of patient registration and facility application implementation. We will also discuss where the program is headed in the next six months to year.

**Faculty:** Erica Ziegler, Department of Health and Senior Services

1:30—2:20 p.m.

### Workshop #10

#### *Confidentiality and Release of Information and Records*

This workshop will address juvenile court records and proceedings, confidentiality and the release of information to victims and their rights. Further, protective orders will be discussed as well as what information Juvenile Officers and School Resource Officers can provide to schools.

**Faculty:** Darren Korte and Tyler Smith, Attorneys for the Juvenile Officer, 16th Judicial Circuit

2:30—3:20 p.m.

### Workshop #11

#### *Missouri Crossover Youth Implementation Toolkit*

Youth who cross between Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice are often referred to as Crossover Youth, and they historically experience the most negative outcomes. Missouri’s commitment is to ensure services to Crossover Youth are equitable, youth centered, trauma informed, promote well-being, and are inclusive of the best of what our communities have to offer.

Building on the work of Missouri’s Crossover Youth State Policy Team, experiences of pilot projects and ongoing assessment of field practice and outcomes, several key youth serving organizations partnered with the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform to create the Missouri Crossover Youth Toolkit. The toolkit is designed as a complete guide for child welfare and juvenile justice professionals to implement best practices for Crossover Youth. In this session, participants will receive training on the Missouri Crossover Youth Toolkit’s purpose, content, and utility, including the System Self-Assessment which will empower them to identify system strengths and areas where practice change should begin. Participants will leave this session with knowledge of how to access the Missouri Crossover Youth Toolkit, and clear first steps to begin implementing best practices for Crossover Youth in their respective circuits.

**Faculty:** Kate Watson, Court Engagement Specialist, Missouri Children’s Division and Macon Stewart, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 CONTINUED

12:30—3:20 p.m.

### Workshop #12

(This workshop runs simultaneously with workshops #9, 10, & 11. If you choose this workshop, you will not be able to attend workshops #9, 10, or 11. If you choose one of those workshops, you will not be able to attend #12.)

#### ***Understanding and Responding to Youth With Problem Sexual Behavior Part 1***

This training will provide professionals in the field the tools and knowledge to differentiate between typical and atypical/problematic sexual behaviors in children. Tools will be identified and shared to assess for safety and to support and empower caregivers to address these problematic behaviors and ensure the safety of the child victim. Additionally, tips will be shared to increase knowledge about the level of community intervention at home, at school and when residential care might be indicated. This training is designed to give professionals the tools and knowledge they need to address these issues in a way that increases both a positive outcome for the child victim, the child with sexual behavior problems and their caregivers while also improving community safety.

#### ***Understanding and Responding to Youth With Problem Sexual Behavior Part 2***

This session will be a continuation of the Friday morning session. This training will provide professionals in the field the tools and knowledge to differentiate between typical and atypical/problematic sexual behaviors in children. Tools will be identified and shared to assess for safety and to support and empower caregivers to address these problematic behaviors and ensure the safety of the child victim. Additionally, tips will be shared to increase knowledge about the level of community intervention at home, at school and when residential care might be indicated. This training is designed to give professionals the tools and knowledge they need to address these issues in a way that increases both a positive outcome for the child victim, the child with sexual behavior problems and their caregivers while also improving community safety.

**Faculty:** Matthew J. Moncado, MS, LPC, JSOCC, Director of the Sexually Abusive Youth Program, Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and Rene McCreary, Ed.S., LPC

3:20—3:30 p.m.

### Closing Remarks

## MJJA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:

MJJA MEMBER RATE: \$125

NON-MEMBER RATE: \$195 (INCLUDES 1-YEAR MJJA MEMBERSHIP)

CONFERENCE DAY RATE: \$50

CORPORATE SPONSORS: NO CHARGE!!!

⇒ THE COURSES ARE MO BAR ACCREDITED FOR CLEs - TOTAL: 21.3 WITH ETHICS: 1.5  
AND ELIMINATION OF BIAS: 1.5

⇒ UNIVERSITY OF MO, COLUMBIA - SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CEUs - PENDING

⇒ POST HOURS PENDING APPROVAL

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT PERSONNEL

JUVENILE DETENTION PROFESSIONALS

JUDGES

ATTORNEYS

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

LAW ENFORCEMENT

GUARDIANS AD LITEM

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

EDUCATORS

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

YOUTH SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

SOCIAL WORKERS

PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

PARENTS

COMMUNITY LEADERS

STATE LAWMAKERS

POLICYMAKERS

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS