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Wednesday Plenary



Larry C. Bryant, PhD, is a professional educator, consultant, and advocate for nearly 30 years. Dr. Bryant's research examines the cultural relationships between urban adolescents and social systems. His immediate interest lies in understanding the impact of race in education, the social interaction between race and social systems, and social justice in education. More specifically, Dr. Bryant employs theories of justice to address the phenomenon of the overrepresentation of African American males in special education programs for students with emotional and/or behavioral disabilities.

THE CRIMINALIZATION OF BLACK, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC) ADOLESCENTS WITH INTERSECTING SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND/OR BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES WITH OTHER ETHNIC IDENTITIES

This proceeding is designed to advance the idea that social institutions, supported by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004), use notably ambiguous language of the law to heavily surveil Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) adolescents. This practice sustains biases held by public servants, and criminalize the cultural identities and behaviors of BIPOC adolescents. The phenomenon of constructing and criminalizing intersecting identities of BIPOC adolescents and the role of social institutions and public servants warrants more than a cursory investigation. All the while, BIPOC adolescents with disabilities or perceived disabilities face perpetual forms of discrimination in the social construction of their disability and ethnic identities. However, unlike their White counterparts, BIPOC adolescents often have intersecting identities - large, black, and male, which poses additional challenges to their adolescent development. The social formation and formulation of fear of BIPOC adolescents appears to be a function to necessitate separation and isolation from general education classrooms and general public spaces.



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MEGAN'S STORY: BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING IN TODAY'S WORLD

Tina Meier's life changed dramatically on October 16, 2006, when her 13 year old daughter, Megan Taylor Meier, took her own life after being cyberbullied by an adult neighbor posing as a fictitious boy on MySpace. In 2007, Tina Meier founded the Megan Meier Foundation in St. Charles, Missouri, a non-profit organization that proactively addresses issues of bullying, cyberbullying, and suicide.

Tina Meier shares her daughter's story and shows first-hand the devastating effects of bullying, cyberbullying, and suicide. Megan's story touches students, parents, and educators in a deeply profound way reminding us to think before we speak, click, or act.

Tina and Foundation staff have reached over 585,000 students, parents, and educators across the United States. Tina worked closely with Senator Scott Rupp and Governor Matt Blunt's Internet Task Force for the State of Missouri to help pass Senate Bill 818, which went into law in 2008. Tina has appeared nationally and internationally on a large variety of network television stations, news magazines, and syndicated talk shows speaking about the issues of bullying, cyberbullying, and suicide. She served as a consultant for the 2011 ABC Family movie, "Cyberbully", and appeared in several documentaries, including Discovery ID's "Web of Lies" and the story of Lizzie Velasquez "A Brave Heart." Tina was a featured speaker for TEDx 2016 in Bend, Oregon. The Megan Meier Foundation received certification through the Department of Mental Health and became a member of the United Way Safety Net in 2019.

Tina has received numerous recognitions and awards on behalf of the Foundation for her bullying, cyberbullying, and suicide prevention efforts:

- Teen Line's Humanitarian of the Year
- Presidential Invitation to the White House Anti-Bullying Conference
- Judge Arnold Krekel Trailblazer Award by the Missouri Commission on Human Rights
- Women in Leadership honoree by Tribute to Success
- GRIT Award
- Human Relations Commission "Person of the Year 2022"

Today, Tina continues to travel throughout the country educating youth, parents, educators, and professionals on the issues surrounding bullying, cyberbullying, and suicide awareness with hopes to inspire others to "Be Megan's Voice... Be the Change!



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John A. Tuell, Executive Director

Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice

EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSING STATUS OFFENSES AND DIVERSION TO “RIGHT SIZE” THE YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM

This plenary session will provide an opportunity for participants to learn of the critical importance of identifying policy and practice opportunities within their youth justice system that align with credible research on stakeholder and community collaboration, adolescent brain development, and successful methods for application of evidence-informed approaches and practices that lead to “right sizing our youth justice system” to achieve optimal youth outcomes. Guided by the backdrop of a PowerPoint presentation and opportunities for interactive involvement, the plenary session will re-establish hallmarks of an effective juvenile justice system and place special emphasis on all stakeholders collaborating to establish proven effective methods to handle status offenders and create a comprehensive system of alternative responses to formal prosecution.

Mr. Tuell has devoted his entire professional career to practice within and reform on behalf of the juvenile justice and related youth serving systems. Mr. Tuell began his career in the Fairfax County, Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court by working as a probation, intake and residential group care worker and manager from 1979-1996. Mr. Tuell was employed with the U.S. Department of Justice (1996-2001) and served as the Deputy Director of the State Relations



John A. Tuell currently serves as the Executive Director for the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice at Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps. The National Resource Center focuses on practice and policy reform through an active commitment to partnerships with state, local and federal agencies dedicated to improving the lives of our nation’s youth.

and Assistance Division in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). He also served as the Director of the newly created Juvenile Justice Division at the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) from 2001-2009. Mr. Tuell then began his affiliation with the Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps in 2009, providing consultation, technical assistance and training in juvenile justice, child welfare and multi-system reform and quality improvement and has continued that professional relationship through his creation of the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice and his appointment as Executive Director in December 2013.

Mr. Tuell has been an author and contributing author to numerous publications that support the work of the National Resource Center’s Dual Status Youth, Probation System Reform, and Juvenile Justice System Enhancement initiatives. He also served on the National Academy of Science’s Committee that authored *Implementing Juvenile Justice Reform: The Federal Role* (2014), which set forth a detailed and prioritized strategic plan that the federal government should use to support a developmental approach to juvenile justice reform. This led to the release of *Developmental Reform in Juvenile Justice: Translating the Science of Adolescent Development to Sustainable Best Practice Brief*, co-authored by

Mr. Tuell in 2017, which details the principles and tenets that guide state or local jurisdictions in their practical path toward achieving optimal system fairness and performance and positive youth outcomes.

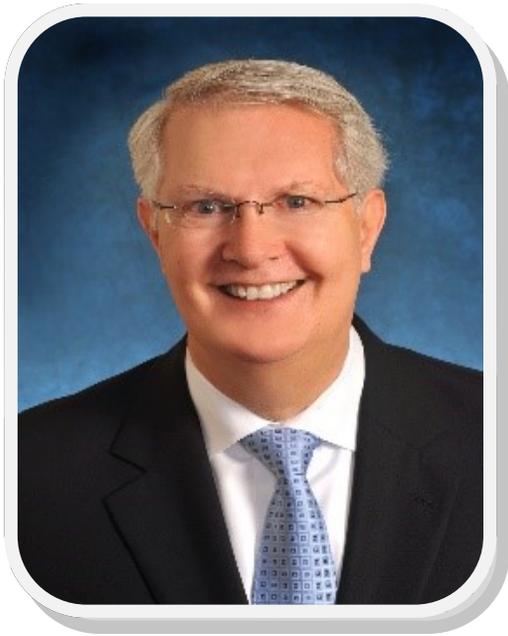
Mr. Tuell earned his Bachelor of Social Work degree from James Madison University and his Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from George Washington University. He is the proud father of two sons, Austin (age 32) and Zachary (age 26).



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Friday Plenary



Lt. Joe Laramie (ret) is a Program Manager with the National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) of Fox Valley Technical College working in the Missing and Exploited Children's and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Training and Technical Assistance Programs. He retired from the Glendale, Missouri Police Department, with more than 30 years of child protection, investigation, and training experience. He created the Greater St. Louis ICAC Task Force, and in 2003 became the founding Commander of the MO ICAC. He was later an Administrator with the MO Attorney General's Office, with responsibility for online crimes against children,

human trafficking, and the computer forensic lab. He was a subject matter expert on the MO Governor's Cyberbullying Task Force, the MO Task Force for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Child Sex Trafficking Training Project and is currently serving on the TN DCS Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Committee. From 2016 through 2021 he served on the Board of Directors for the Davis House Child Advocacy Center in his home of Franklin, TN, and is currently serving on Board of Directors for the National Children's Alliance (NCA).

SELF-GENERATED CONTENT AND SEXTORTION AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Self-Generated Content (sexting) sharing has become ever increasingly normative behavior for youth. This behavior is leading both sexually and financially motivated criminals to reach out to youth through deceptive means to get them to send explicit imagery or videos. Once this material is sent, the offender pressures the sender for more content, sexual contact, or demands money to keep their content from being distributed to their friends and family. These threats can cause shame, fear and confusion and has led some victims to suicidal behaviors. This presentation will identify tactics used to target victims and focus on awareness and preventive messaging to help provide protective factors for youth.



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Conference Registration Fees

MJJA Member rate: \$250

Non-Member rate: \$320

Conference day rate: \$150

Guest fee for meals only: \$125

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\$425 - Exhibit fee-Private Vendor main representative (required)

\$125 - Exhibit fee-Additional representative (no workshop)

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(MJJA Member Rate)**

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(Non-Member Rate)**

**Note: Only registered attendees, guests, faculty and exhibitors
will be permitted to participate in conference meals,
refreshment breaks and events!!**

*** The courses are MO Bar accredited for CLEs - Pending**

*** University of MO, Columbia - School of Social Work-CEUs - Pending**

***POST Hours - Pending**

Wednesday, October 26

11 a.m. Registration Opens – Paradise Foyer

12:30 p.m. Opening Remarks – Paradise A
Abby Sapp, MJJA Board President

1 – 2:30 p.m. Plenary: ***The Criminalization of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Adolescents with Intersecting Social, Emotional, and/or Behavioral Disabilities with other Ethnic Identities*** – Paradise A

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Refreshment Break – Paradise A

2:45 – 4:30 p.m. **WORKSHOPS**

***Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice
Cross-Examining the Expert Witness***

***The Criminalization of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Adolescents with Intersecting Social, Emotional, and/or Behavioral Disabilities with other Ethnic Identities
Under One Roof: The Connection between Child and Animal Abuse
The Trauma & Delinquency Connection***

6–8 p.m. **STRIKES for SUCCESS Bowling** – Fin City

Thursday, October 27

7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast – Paradise A

8:15 – 8:30 a.m. Morning Welcome – Paradise A
Abby Sapp, MJJA Board President

8:30 – 10 a.m. Plenary: ***Megan's Story: Bullying and Cyberbullying in Today's World***

10 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. **WORKSHOPS**

Drug Identification and Awareness

Deconstructing the Culture of Bullying and Cyberbullying: Empathy and Peer Relationships

The Kid Said What? Hearsay Exceptions for Children in Family Court Case

Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice – Part Two

Restorative Practices: A Democratic Hope for Our Youth

12 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch – Paradise A

Award Presentations

Abby Sapp, MJJA Board President

1:30 – 3 p.m. – **WORKSHOPS**

Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice – Part Three

Case Law Update

Psychological Safety: Safe Space in the Workplace, Really?

Teen Dating Violence: What Service Providers and Adults Need to Know

3 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Plenary: ***Effectively Addressing Status Offenses and Diversion to "Right Size" the Youth Justice System***

5 – 6 p.m. President's Reception – Compass Rose Ballroom

MJJA Raffle

Friday, October 28

7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast – Paradise A

8:15 – 9:45 a.m. Plenary: ***Self-Generated Content and Sextortion Awareness and Prevention***

9:45 – 10 a.m. Break – on your own

10 – 11:30 a.m. WORKSHOPS

ICAC and MDT Collaboration and Resources
Termination of Parental Rights: Update and Preparation for Trial
Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice – Part Four
Fostering Community
Driving and Diving into Data – from Stats to Success

11:30 a.m. Conference Adjourns

*Additional information
coming soon!*

Wednesday Workshops

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

From probation intake to secure corrections, juvenile justice staff are responsible for the management and care of a large population of youth, many of whom are experiencing behavioral health conditions. Those staff members with the most direct contact with youth are often untrained to understand how these conditions impact staff-youth and peer-peer interactions. The MJT-JJ was designed to build practitioner knowledge of the behavior health and trauma needs of youth in their care, while also building their skills and capacity to use trauma-informed and therapeutic approaches in their daily interactions with youth. In addition, staff also build their skills to prevent crisis situations, and effectively intervene and de-escalate when these situations do occur.

This training is a 4-part series. Participants must attend and sign in at each session in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Faculty: Bob James, 22nd Circuit, Cathy Horejes, Retired St. Louis City Family Court, Ed Hoover, Chief Juvenile Officer, 12th Judicial Circuit and Rachel Jones, Manager of Trauma Informed Care, Missouri Department of Mental Health

CROSS-EXAMINING THE EXPERT WITNESS

Isn't it true that a good cross-examination should end with opposing counsel's expert admitting they were wrong and they actually agree with you? Isn't that correct? Wouldn't you agree? While law school and movies may have had you convinced that a good cross-examination of an expert involves a dramatic change of heart with he or she eventually siding with you on the stand, practicing lawyers know that is hardly the case. As juvenile cases continue to evolve into more contested matters involving multiple expert witnesses, this workshop will explore tips and tricks of cross-examination and preparation, will provide real life examples and strategy as well as resources to ensure successful cross-examination of any expert.

Faculty: Natasha Hastings, Attorney - Special Counsel for Children's Division, Former Chief Legal Counsel - 11th Circuit

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The goal of this course is to review the historical, theoretical, and political development of "carcerality", including technologies of punishment, coercion, surveillance, and control. In addition, the course will examine the rise of the prison industrial complex in the United States and its effects on oppressed communities – specifically BIPOC adolescents with intersecting social, emotional and/or behavioral disabilities. Also, the course will explore skin color as a contested site of power relations: looking at media, economics, education, law, and other areas of cultural (re)production; moreover, this class considers the diverse and even clandestine ways that power operates and that subordinated populations resist.

Faculty: Dr. Larry C. Bryant, PhD

UNDER ONE ROOF: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CHILD AND ANIMAL ABUSE

In this workshop the literature connecting child and animal abuse will be reviewed along with the impact on children and youth exposed to animal abuse. Further discussion will cover the use of animal abuse to silence/coerce children and youth, the importance of early intervention when animal abuse becomes known as well discussion over children and youth who abuse animals. Finally, we will discuss using legislation to improve outcomes for those who abuse animals.

Faculty: Aislinn McCarthy-Sinclair, Associate Executive Director, Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation

THE TRAUMA & DELINQUENCY CONNECTION

This workshop explores the connection between childhood trauma exposure, trauma within the parental home, and parent-child attachment styles that can have long-lasting consequences on child development and delinquent behavior. Those who advocate for and work with youth with delinquency and justice involvement will gain a better understanding of the similarities and differences between behavioral health and delinquent behavior. This workshop will discuss how to anchor strategies and interventions in trauma informed principles to more effectively address the unique complexities of youth with trauma and delinquency. (POST Approved 1.5 Interpersonal Hours)

Faculty: Rachel Jones, Manager of Trauma Informed Care, Missouri Department of Mental Health

More Workshop information coming soon!



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Thursday Workshops

DRUG IDENTIFICATION AND AWARENESS

In Drug Identification and Awareness students will learn the six (6) different classifications of drugs, how to identify illegal drugs commonly seen in Missouri, and the signs and symptoms of separate drug classifications. Instruction will include the common street terms for drugs, in Missouri, and the drugs covered during the training.

Faculty: Master Sergeant Shawn Griggs, Missouri State Highway Patrol

THE KID SAID WHAT? HEARSAY EXCEPTIONS FOR CHILDREN IN FAMILY COURT CASE

The purpose of this workshop is educate juvenile law practitioners and members of the multi-disciplinary team about the case law surrounding out of court statements made by children to family members, law enforcement, and other professionals. This CLE will take participants through the various cases addressing hearsay concerns with disclosures from children regarding sexual abuse, physical abuse, and emotional abuse. It will also cover the most recent change in the case law, carved out by D.S. v. Greene County Juvenile Officer, that restricts the use of the P.K.A. hearsay exception for out of court statements made by children. By the end of the presentation, participants will have a better grasp on the current law governing child hearsay, how to distinguish their cases from D.S., and how to prepare a child to testify at trial.

Faculty: Jennipher M.C. Hawkins, Attorney for the Juvenile Officer-Abuse and Neglect Warrant Desk Attorney, 16th Judicial Circuit

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE-part two

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES: A DEMOCRATIC HOPE FOR OUR YOUTH

Have you ever seen the statue of lady justice with the blindfold? This seminar discusses the blindfold that symbolizes the impartiality and objectivity of the law. We discuss how outside factors, such as race, politics, wealth, or fame, influence decisions. Restorative Practice is an alternative to blind spots in the justice system and provides restorative paths for youth. The race is not listed in the definition - I added it. Why? Because Black youth are disproportionately sent to prison daily. According to Edwin Grimsley of the Innocence Project (2015), at least 75% of exonerees of color who were minors at the time of their arrests were falsely implicated by other children. Colin Powell expressed optimism about the future "Have a vision. Be demanding." LET'S STOP THE MADNESS RESTORE AND GIVE HOPE.

Faculty: Dr. Gaye Lang, President and Founder of Workplace Restorative Practices Inc.

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE -part three

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: Ellen K. Haynes, JD., Special Counsel, Missouri Children's Division

DECONSTRUCTING THE CULTURE OF BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING: EMPATHY AND PEER RELATIONSHIPS

Provide the participants with an overview about the importance of understanding the issues surrounding bullying, cyberbullying, and suicide, their prevalence and impact, as well as provide prevention and intervention techniques, resources, and support.

Faculty: Tina Meier, Executive Director, Megan Meier Foundation

PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY: SAFE SPACE IN THE WORKSPACE, REALLY?

In this session, participants will learn what is psychological safety and how to remove barriers of individuals feeling supported and empowered to take risks, contribute ideas and express themselves without facing negative consequences. This will be an engaging and interactive session where participants will leave with practical tools to take back to their workplace.

Faculty: Mari Sifo, MBA, Managing Partner of Talent Management Consultants, (TMC) LLC

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE: WHAT SERVICE PROVIDERS AND ADULTS NEED TO KNOW

Teen dating violence is far more common than most adults understand. This session will inform participants of the types of teen dating violence, the impact it has on youth, and what adults can do to prevent and respond to teen dating violence. Participants will also be given tools on how to teach young people about healthy relationships and resources to respond to dating violence.

Faculty: Paula Rector, M.S., Missouri State University

More Workshop information coming soon!



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Friday Workshops

ICAC AND MDT COLLABORATION AND RESOURCES

This workshop will demonstrate the resources used by Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Investigators and Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) members and Child Advocacy Centers (CAC), and the importance of cross discipline collaboration and resource sharing. Resources such as ICAC's ability to examine digital evidence and images and MDT's ability to investigate child abuse and conduct forensic interviews will be discussed.

Faculty: Lt. Joseph E. Laramie, Ret., Program Manager, National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS: UPDATE AND PREPARATION FOR TRIAL

In this session we will provide an update on the new additions and changes to 211.447, RSMo. Following the update and discussion, the workshop will explore trial preparation strategies for various team members, as well as discussion surrounding potential substantive and procedural issues to be conscious of in anticipation of a possible appeal.

Faculty: Hon. Shannon Dougherty, 23rd Judicial Circuit; Melissa Perris, Director of Legal Services, 23rd Judicial Services; Abigail Sapp, Attorney, Law Office of Abigail W. Sapp, LLC.

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE-part four

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

Youth grow and thrive in the context of relationships. Working with children and adolescents requires attention and care to not only build individual connections, but also to support the development of relationships with their peers. This training focuses on strategies for encouraging support and cooperation among peers, nurturing healthy group dynamics, managing conflict, and building a sense of community.

Faculty: Cristin Martinez, Director of Professional Learning and Amy Hill, Vice President, School Based Services, Burrell Behavioral Health

DRIVING AND DIVING INTO DATA – FROM STATS TO SUCCESS

Missouri continues to collect a plethora of data surrounding youth justice. Data access and current research point to ongoing racial and ethnic disparities, yet few data informed practices are utilized in daily operations and encounters with youth offenders. In this session, OSCA data analyst dives into current data on youth referrals, while MJJA's State Racial Ethnic Disparity Coordinator aligns stats with the ongoing work of Missouri's local RED Coordinators, and shares replicable diversion programs and activities to assist in youth diversion. RED Consultant reviews organizational barriers, proactive strategies, and infrastructure designs that help to better connect and improve barriers that prevent success with the stats. Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend to discuss ways to move beyond data, drive the data, and to grow into sustainability of equitable practices.

Faculty: TaNea Green, RED Data Analyst, OSCA, Dr. Juanita Cleaver-Simmons, RED Consultant, Liz Ballard, RED Coordinator, MJJA

More Workshop information coming soon!



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