

REGION 10
PARENT REPRESENTATION LEADERSHIP FORUM

November 3-4, 2016
Vancouver, WA

DAY 1 – November 3, 2016

***Making the Case for High Quality Parent Representation –
The Positive Impact for Parents, Children, and the
Child Welfare System in the Northwest***

7:45 – 8:30 Breakfast Buffet and Registration

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome

David Kelly - Child Welfare Program Specialist for Court Improvement, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families

Mimi Laver - Director of National Alliance for Parent Representation, American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law

**8:45 – 9:30 *Reflections on Success –
Positive Parent Outcomes as a Mirror for Our System***

Moderator: Amy Benedum - Oregon Court Improvement Program

David Taub - Parent Ally and Parent Representation Program Social Services Specialist, Washington

Alicia Richard - Parent Mentor, Oregon

Lisa Kay - Parent Attorney, Oregon

**9:30 – 10:30 *Balancing Act – Walking the Tightrope of Criminal Defense and
Parent Advocacy Modes in Dependency Cases (via video feed)***

Professor Martin Guggenheim - New York University School of Law

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:30

Making the Case for High Quality Representation to Ensure Improved Outcomes – The Rising Tide of Parental Advocacy Raises All Ships in the Child Welfare Ocean

The panel will focus on how use of data (both qualitative and quantitative) and evaluation regarding parent representation can improve outcomes for children and families. Additionally, the session will address collaboration and the role of judicial leadership in improving courtroom practice.

Moderator: Mimi Laver - ABA Center on Children and the Law

David Kelly - Child Welfare Program Specialist for Court Improvement, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families

Christopher Church - Law & Policy Director, Children's Law Center at University of South Carolina School of Law

The Honorable Kathryn Nelson - Superior Court Judge, Pierce County, Washington

The Honorable Ruth Kagi - Washington State Representative, 32nd District

Shannon Dennison - Assistant Attorney General, Oregon

Travis Erickson - Division Operations Manager, Office of Children's Services, Alaska

12:30 – 1:15

**Buffet Lunch Provided
*Innovation A La Carte***

(table conversations about innovative practices from the 4 states)

Quality Representation – The Evidence is Self-Evident

1:15 – 2:30

***Elements of High-Quality Representation –
Raising the Bar for the Parent Attorneys***

Brett Ballew - Managing Attorney, Office of Public Defense, Washington

Jacob D'Annunzio - Managing Attorney, OPD, Washington

David Taub - Parent Ally/PRP Social Services Specialist, Washington

Alise Hegle - Parent Ally and Children's Home Society Advocacy Lead, Washington

2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45 – 3:15

***The New ICWA Regulations –
Making the Promise of ICWA a Reality for Native Families***

Stacey Lara - Director, Parent Advocacy Project, Native American Law Center, University of Washington School of Law

3:15 – 4:30

***Improving Outcomes for Native American Families in our Region –
Celebrity Interviews (or, How to Rock it Like a Rock Star!)***

Moderator: **Megan Hassen** - Oregon Court Improvement Program

Craig Dorsay - Partner at Dorsay & Easton

The Honorable Calvin Gantenbein - Chief Judge, Siletz Tribal Court

The Honorable Stephen Forte - Circuit Court Judge, Deschutes County, Oregon, and Chair of Oregon Juvenile Court Improvement Program Advisory Committee

4:30 – 5:00

The 15% Solution

Break out by discipline to identify changes that can happen immediately to improve parent representation

| Group | Facilitators |
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| Parent Attorneys | Debra Alsaker-Burke & Mimi Laver |
| Judicial Officers | Megan Hassen & Kelly Warner-King |
| Child Welfare Agency Leaders & Agency Attorneys | Bob Polley & David Kelly |
| Legislators, Policy Advocates & Parent Mentors | Cindy Bricker & Stacey Obrecht |

Adjourn for the Day – Dinner on Your Own

DAY 2, November 4, 2016

Making Quality Representation a Reality – Bringing it Home (literally)

7:45 – 8:30 **Breakfast Buffet**

8:30 – 10:00 ***Practice Issues in the Rural Areas – How to Look on the “Sunnyside” While Always Staying Real About Our Challenges***

Moderator: **Bob Polley** - Court Improvement Program, Alaska

Rebecca Dombcik - Parent Attorney, Yakima County, Washington

Jose Leon - Children’s Administration Supervisor, Washington

Terrence Haas - Supervising Attorney, Public Defender Agency, Bethel, Alaska

The Honorable Angela Greene - Superior Court Judge, Barrow, Alaska

Kimberly Simmons - Executive Director, Idaho Public Defense Commission

10:00 – 10:30 ***What Stands Out? Go Ahead ...SHOUT it Out***

Large group facilitated discussion and launch into action planning

Mimi Laver - ABA Center on Children and the Law

10:30 – 10:45 **Break**

10:45 – 12:30 ***What, So What, Now What?***

Breakout: State Action Planning – Facilitated by CIP Directors

12:30 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 1:30 ***Report Out and Help Out: Making a Public Commitment to Change***

1:30 – 2:15 ***Taking Action Home:
Making a Change for Families One Parent at a Time***

Joanne Moore - Director, Office of Public Defense, Washington

Adjourn

Remember: Your belief in a parent is the first step to them believing in themselves