

2027 CJC Workshop Tracks

Child Welfare and Family Support

Primary Focus: Child welfare practice from prevention, investigation, and assessment through preservation, placement, dependency, and permanency

Audience: DCYF, community service providers, CASA/GAL, court partners, social workers, family support professionals

Topics:

- CPS / CFWS / FVS / FAR
- Safety assessment and planning
- Family engagement
- Dependency
- Family preservation and reunification services
- Foster and kinship care
- Permanency Disabilities and accessibility
- Prevention and early intervention strategies

Children's Advocacy Centers and MDTs

Primary Focus: Coordinated multidisciplinary response to allegations of child abuse and neglect

Audience: CAC professionals, MDT members, law enforcement, prosecutors, DCYF, medical and mental health providers, victim advocates

Topics:

- Forensic interviewing
- MDT case review
- Victim and family advocacy
- MDT development and collaboration
- Information sharing and confidentiality
- Medical response to child abuse
- Mental health response and treatment
- Investigation and prosecution coordination
- Prevention strategies
- Building a child abuse prosecution with the MDT

Courts (Criminal and Dependency), Legal Advocacy, and Justice

Primary Focus: Dependency and criminal legal practice, representation, judicial practice, and legal system improvement

Audience: Attorneys, Judges, CASA/GAL, Court Staff, Prosecutors, Law Enforcement

Topics:

- Dependency court

- Criminal prosecution
- Parent representation
- Child representation
- Judicial practice
- Legislative and case law updates
- OPD-specific practice
- AGO-specific practice
- OCLA-specific practice
- Trial preparation
- Ethics
- Court improvement
- Trial strategy or evidentiary issues
- ICWA and WICWA

Tribal Partnerships & Practice

Primary Focus: Tribal child welfare, sovereignty, ICWA/WICWA, Tribal specific practice, and Tribal-State collaboration

Audience: Tribal ICW, Judges, Attorneys, Social Workers, DCYF, Community Partners

Topics:

- Tribal child welfare practice
- Tribal-State partnerships
- ICWA and WICWA
- Tribal courts
- Family and community engagement
- Tribal specific practice
- Historical context and impacts
- Medical and behavioral health resources
- Prevention and community-based approaches

Youth, Family, and Lived Expertise

Primary Focus: Elevating youth, survivor, parent, caregiver, and family perspectives across systems.

Audience: All

Topics:

- Youth voice and leadership
- Survivor-centered leadership
- Family engagement
- Parent partners
- Lived expertise/experience
- Education
- Resilience
- Mental and behavioral health

- Health and well-being
- Community partnerships
- System improvement

Leadership, Policy, and System Improvement

Primary Focus: Organizational leadership, workforce, policy, data, evaluation, innovation, and systems change

Audience: Administrators, Directors, Agency Leadership, Community Based Leadership, Policy, Legislators

Topics:

- Workforce development
- Leadership skills
- Recruitment and retention
- Organizational culture
- Data and outcomes
- Quality improvement
- Program management
- Program evaluation
- Legislative and policy updates
- Innovation
- Funding and sustainability
- Systems change

Medical and Behavioral Health

Primary Focus: Medical and mental health responses, trauma, treatment, substance use, and provider practice

Audience: Medical Providers, MH Professionals, Social Workers, Victim Advocates

Topics:

- Child abuse pediatrics
- Medical evaluation of child abuse and neglect
- Emergency medicine
- Mental and behavioral health
- Trauma-informed practice
- Psychology
- Secondary traumatic stress
- Substance use disorders
- Evidence-based and evidence-informed treatments
- Screening, assessment, and referrals

Collaborative Practice Across Systems

Primary Focus: Joint presentations and practices demonstrating effective collaboration across disciplines and systems

Audience: Varies by session; intended for multidisciplinary and cross-system audiences

Topics:

- MDT case studies
- CPS and law enforcement collaboration
- Prosecutor and child welfare collaboration
- AGO and parent/child attorney perspectives
- Data and information sharing across systems
- Tribal and State partnerships
- Cross-system communication
- Coordinating criminal and dependency cases
- Role clarity and professional boundaries
- Cross-system case studies
- Collaborative problem-solving