

REGISTRATION FORM

There is no registration fee for this program.

A \$20.00 fee will be charged at the door to all lawyers and judges seeking CJs or CLEs. The program is approved for 6.5 General CLEs, CJs, and CEUs.

Lodging will be provided for judges and lawyers who must travel over 70 miles one way to participate.

You must register by October 21st to receive free lodging.

Name _____

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Organization _____

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Do you need lodging on November 12? Yes No

If so, you must register by October 21, 2009.

Please describe the category or categories that best describe you:

- Judge/Hearing Officer Children's Court Attorney
 Respondent Attorney Guardian ad Litem
 Youth Attorney Other _____

Space is limited.
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Babies Can't Wait:



How Children's Court Can Address the Mental Health Needs of Maltreated Infants & Toddlers

A Program for Judges and Attorneys

November 13, 2009
8:00 am — 4:30 pm

Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown
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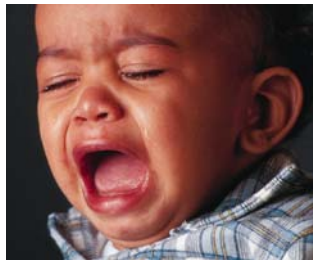
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Babies under 12 months of age are the largest group of children to enter, remain in and re-enter the child welfare system. Since an alarming number of these babies are born with complications (low birth weight, premature, or prenatally exposed to drugs), they are far more likely than other children to have serious medical problems, disabilities and developmental delays. If left undetected and unaddressed, the needs of infants in foster care can jeopardize their healthy development and prospects for a permanent home. Our courts and child welfare system are at the front line of protecting these infants. In this program, local and national experts will link new knowledge about infant development with the best child welfare practices.



AGENDA

7:30 - 8:00 Registration & Check-In

8:00 - 8:15 **Welcome & Introductions**

Dorian Dodson, Secretary, New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department

8:15 - 10:00 **What is Infant Mental Health?**

Charles H. Zeanah, M.D., Director of the Tulane Infant Team, Tulane University School of Medicine. Dr. Zeanah will discuss the impact of abuse and neglect on infants' brain development, the developmental delays that result from trauma, the attachment problems infants and toddlers experience because of ongoing abuse or neglect and removal from home, and the importance of timely, high-quality interventions for young children in the state's custody.

10:15- 12:00 **Improving Outcomes with Infant Mental Health Teams**

Julie A. Larrieu, Ph.D., Associate Director and Supervising Psychologist of the Tulane Infant Team, Tulane University School of Medicine. Dr. Larrieu will describe the Tulane Infant Team, explaining how the Infant Team works and how it improves mental health outcomes for infants and toddlers in Children's Court by providing: early assessment of the infant's development and mental health in all domains (including interactions and relationships with primary caretakers); comprehensive, coordinated and timely treatment to the infant, the biological family, the foster family, and the potential adoptive family; and information to the court that informs judicial decision-making for the infant.

12:00 - 1:15 Lunch (provided)

1:15 - 2:30 **The Legal Framework**

Tara Ford, Esq., Co-Director, Pegasus Legal Services for Children. Ms. Ford will focus on the existing legal framework for meeting the mental health needs of infants and toddlers, including provisions in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act/Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, the Adoption and Safe Families Act, Medicaid, and the New Mexico Children's Code.

2:45- 4:00 **Now that I Know About Infant Mental Health, What Do I Do Differently?**

Hon. Pamela Abernethy, Oregon Circuit Court. Judge Abernethy will describe her Fostering Connections Court, a court that brings together treatment counselors and parenting resources to support



parents whose children are in state custody. She will also discuss changes judges, lawyers, and child welfare professionals and volunteers can make now to improve outcomes for infants and toddlers, even without the creation of an entire Infant Team. She will describe innovative practices being used in her court and courts around the country, including concurrent planning, coordinated assessment and services, visitation, and transition planning.

4:00 - 4:30 **What's Happening in New Mexico?**

Deborah Harris, L.I.S.W, IMH-E®, and ZERO TO THREE Fellow, will describe regional and statewide efforts to provide and improve mental health services for infants and toddlers in New Mexico's child welfare system.