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When alcohol or other drugs are mixed in with a family who is already in trouble, it takes specialized knowledge and skill to help them see their way clear. Always in sight, from the perspective of the professional involved, is the protection of the children. Knowing that 80-90% of child neglect and abuse involves alcohol or other drugs only adds more anxiety for both caregivers and the professionals. How should the professional react to a parent's use and how many "chances" do they get before you give up? This interactive, two-day seminar will give the participant the knowledge they need to do a more effective job with these families and individuals.

Participants in this two-day training program will be able to:

- Discuss the origins of addiction;
- List the ways in which addiction is a "brain disease";
- Distinguish between screening and assessment;
- Describe the purposes and goals of treatment;
- React appropriately to a parent's substance use disorder;
- Develop intervention strategies with adolescents;
- Protect the children in substance abusing homes; and,
- Be more effective in cases where substance abuse is a factor.

## **About the Presenters**

**Steve Hanson** is the Associate Commissioner of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. He has been a trainer for the National Drug Court Institute for over 15 years and has presented internationally. He was also an Adjunct Lecturer at SUNY Brockport. He holds a M.S.Ed. degree in counseling psychology from the University of Rochester.

**Judge Peggy Fulton Hora (Ret.)** is the President of the Justice Speakers Institute, LLC. She retired from the California Superior Court after serving 21 years. She had a criminal assignment that included presiding over the Drug Treatment Court. She is a former dean of the B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California and has been on the faculty of the National Judicial College for over 20 years. Judge Hora is a Senior Judicial Fellow for the National Drug Court Institute and the Global Centre for Drug Treatment Courts.

## **Agenda**

#### Monday, December 5, 2016, 8:30am-4:00pm

- 1. What is alcoholism/addiction?
- 2. What is the genesis of it?
- 3. What is treatment?
- 4. Hypotheticals and reports back

#### Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 8:30am-4:00pm

- 1. Lessons from the problem-solving courts
- 2. Family drug treatment courts
- 3. Juvenile drug courts
- 4. Best practices
- 5. Hypotheticals and reports back



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This program will focus on four areas of complex child custody work for new and experienced evaluators, attorneys, judges, parenting coordinators, and family therapists. Topics will include: (1) needs of young children and appropriate parenting plans, with discussion about modifications and step-up planning as children age and change; (2) step-by-step information for evaluators, attorneys, and judges about reliable and accurate interviewing of children in the context of custody evaluations, including when there are allegations of maltreatment; (3) managing difficult clients including those with mental illness, substance abuse, and personality disorders; and (4) an introduction to addressing children's resistance or refusal to have contact with a parent.

Participants in this two-day training program will be able to:

- Identify young child developmental issues to consider when making parenting plans;
- Consider relevant factors when modifying parenting plans;
- Identify questions to use when interviewing children;
- Recognize the format for a reliable child interviewing protocol;
- Recognize personality and mental illness factors that may impact parenting;
- Identify tips for managing high conflict parents;
- Identify the multiple systems necessary to manage families when a child resists or refuses contact with a parent; and,
- Identify the needs of each member of the family system when a child resists/refuses contact with a parent.

### **About the Presenter**

Robin Deutsch, PhD, ABPP, is the Director of the Center of Excellence for Children, Families and the Law at the William James College (www.williamjames.edu/cffc). Previously she was on the faculty of Harvard Medical School, most recently as an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology. Dr. Deutsch is a child and family forensic psychologist, mediator, parenting coordinator, and is board certified in couple and family psychology. She developed and currently teaches the Certificate in Child and Family Forensic Issues at William James College and is a founder of Overcoming Barriers, an organization that provides family-centered services for families in conflict. She is the past president of the Massachusetts chapter of AFCC, past president of AFCC, and former Chair of the APA Ethics Committee.

## Agenda

#### Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 8:30am-4:00pm

- 1. Factors to consider when developing a parenting plan for young children
- 2. Thinking about attachment
- 3. Considerations to step it up and modify the parenting plan
- 4. Child competence, suggestibility, and memory
- 5. Appropriate questions for children
- 6. Basic interview principles and protocol

#### Thursday, December 8, 2016, 8:30am-4:00pm

- 1. Dealing with parents with personality disorders
- 2. Conflict and brain development
- 3. Decision-making process for examining mental health allegations in custody matter
- 4. Differentiating parent-child contact problems
- 5. Screening cases with allegations of parent alienation
- 6. Collaborative team
- 7. Goals for families when a child resists/refuses contact



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## **General Information**

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### **Managing Intractable Issues in Child Custody Disputes**

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**Location:** University of Baltimore, Student Center, Fifth Floor, 21 West Mount Royal Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21201

**Registration:** Registration includes program materials, training, and refreshments. Lunch is on your own. Register early—class size is limited.

Continuing Education Credits: Each two-day training program is eligible for 12 hours of continuing education for psychologists. AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program and its content. The University of Baltimore School of Law Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts, as a state accredited academic institution, qualifies as an automatic sponsor for offering academic courses or programs recognized as acceptable social work curriculum subject areas pursuant to the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners Continuing Education Regulations. Continuing legal education is not mandatory in Maryland; registrants outside the state will need to seek approval with their state's bar or licensing board.

**Lodging:** A block of rooms has been reserved at Hotel Indigo Baltimore-Downtown, 24 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, MD, 20101 in the name of UB School of Law. For reservations at the special rate of \$109/night plus tax for single or double occupancy, call 877-859-5095. Make your reservations soon—any unreserved rooms will be released November 11, 2016.

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