



OSPD 2018 SOUTHERN REGION PARENT REPRESENTATION SEMINAR
Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS
Thursday, April 26, 2018

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast**

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements**

*André de Gruy, State Public Defender
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi*

*Brenda Locke, Juvenile Resource Counsel
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi*

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Hope and Healing: How attorneys can partner alongside birth
parents in child welfare**

*Alise Hegle, BAS
Advocacy Lead
Children's Home Society of Washington
Seattle, Washington*

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Attorney – Client Relationship**

This session will focus on the importance of client interviews; from trust building to information gathering.

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11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Client Interviewing** (workshop)

Building on the interview plenary, this session will use role play and hypothetical situations to help improve interview skills.

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12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch (provided)**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Changing Visitation into Family Time**

More frequent parent-child contact is associated with shorter placements in foster care. What role can parent attorneys play to create productive family time? In this session we will introduce practical tips on advocating for increased family time and framing family time as a reasonable effort and how some states have changed their practices, policies, and laws.

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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Visitation Advocacy** (workshop)

Using hypothetical situations, we will brainstorm visitation advocacy techniques and practice drafting a visitation plan/order.

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3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Break**

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **The 5 Ws of Appeals**

This session will focus on **who** has standing to appeal, **what** orders can be appealed, **when** to file a notice of appeal (deadlines), **where** the appeal goes after the notice, and **why** parent attorneys should appeal (sometimes). There will also be practice tips on making objections, preserving error and creating a good record for appeal.

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