



OSPD Family Defense Certification Training
The Threefoot Hotel & Riley Conference Center
Meridian, Mississippi
March 21 - 22, 2024

AGENDA

Thursday, March 21, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Civil Rights Protections for Persons with Disabilities Involved in the Child Welfare System (1hr)

Carla Carter, Associate Deputy Director for Civil Rights, HHS, Office for Civil Rights

Beatriz Romero-Escobar, Senior Investigator, HHS, Office for Civil Rights

12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. Evaluations & Lunch - Provided

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Civil Rights Protections for Persons with Disabilities Involved in the Child Welfare System (1hr)

Carla Carter, Associate Deputy Director for Civil Rights, HHS, Office for Civil Rights

Beatriz Romero-Escobar, Senior Investigator, HHS, Office for Civil Rights

1:30 p.m. – 1:35 p.m. Evaluations

1:35 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Break & Registration

2:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Welcome and Announcements
André de Gruy, State Public Defender
Jennifer Morgan, Family Defense Program Manager
Erin Briggs, Training Director
Office of State Public Defender

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Ethics & OSPD Updates (1 hour)
Jennifer Morgan, Family Defense Program Manager,
Office of State Public Defender

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Evaluations & Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Motion Practice (1 hour)

Jennifer Morgan, *Family Defense Program Manager,*
Office of State Public Defender

Jessica Bates, *Family Defense Attorney,*
Jackson County Youth Court

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Evaluations & Announcements

Friday, March 22, 2024

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Trial Skills (1.5 hours)
Chad King, Associate Attorney
Matthew Thompson, Founder
Thomas Addison, PLLC
Madison, Mississippi

10:00 a.m. –10:30 a.m. Evaluations & Hotel Check-Out

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Families and Children Case Law Update (1 hours)
Chad King, Associate Attorney
Matthew Thompson, Founder
Thomas Addison, PLLC
Madison, Mississippi

11:30 a.m. Evaluations, Prizes & Closing Announcements

Other Materials

House Bill 1624

MS Access to Justice

NACC Child Welfare Law Specialist Certification

Parent Handbook

Senate Bill 2792