



# Focus on Kids

## The Nevada Supreme Court

### Court Improvement for the Protection and Permanency of Dependent Children Project Committee (CIP)

In conjunction with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and  
the National Child Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues

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## An Interactive Judicial and Legal Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect Matters

KEEP THE DATE • KEEP THE DATE • KEEP THE DATE

Thursday & Friday, December 6-7, 2007

Embassy Suites Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

Judges, Masters, DA's, AG's, Special Public Defenders,  
CAP Attorneys and Court Appointed Attorneys who currently hear,  
are assigned to, or are interested in Child Dependency Cases:

Travel will be reimbursed for attendance within state guidelines

~ 12 CLE Credits ~

**National Speakers - Role Panels**  
**Youth Panel - Legal Ethics - Older Youth & Permanency**  
**Experiential Hearings - State & Federal Regulations**  
**Mental Health Issues**

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**COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STATEWIDE TRAINING**

**December 6 & 7 2007**

**Embassy Suites Hotel, 3600 Paradise Road  
Las Vegas, NV 89109**

**FOCUS: Child Abuse and Neglect Matters**

**Day One**

6:00 am – 8:30 am		Buffet Breakfast
7:00 am – 8:30 am		Registration
8:30 am – 8:45 am	All Participants	Welcome: Chief Justice Maupin & Justice Saitta
8:45 am– 9:45 am	Plenary Session	Through the Eyes of a Child Youth Panel
9:45 am– 10:00 am		Break
10:00 am– Noon	Plenary Session	Roles Panel Attorney for Parents Attorney for Kids Attorney for Agency Judge Social Worker (Include a local expert panel of NV Lawyers)
Noon – 1:30 pm		LUNCH (Provided in Atrium)
1:30 pm– 3:00 pm	Break Outs	<u>Judges</u> Role of the Judge ASFA – the law, the rules  <u>Lawyers</u> Advocacy around ASFA and related child welfare laws (ICWA) (Understanding the federal law foundation for dependency proceedings)
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm		Break
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm		<u>Judges</u> Bench Book Experiential Hearings – A step by step walk through the legal requirements of each stage of the dependency process with special emphasis on the findings required by federal and state law. This session will focus on hearings and reviews required in the first six months.

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.		<u>Lawyers</u> Nevada specific issues through a HYPO case: mental health services, relinquishment/open adoption, adequacy of services in a case plan dropping kids into IL, sibling placement/rights, adequate visitation, etc. (Distribute HYPO case in advance and identify the issues we will discuss)
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	All Participants	Wrap Up of Day One
5:00 pm		DINNER (On Your Own)
<b><u>Day Two</u></b>		
6:00 am – 8:30 am		Buffet Breakfast
8:30 am – 8:45 am		Re-Cap – Summary of Previous Day
8:45 am – 10:15 am	Break Outs	<u>Judges</u> Experiential hearings (cont'd) Permanency hearings, termination of parental rights, adoption
		<u>Lawyers</u> Older Youth and Permanency
10:15 am – 10:30 am		Break
10:30 am – 12:30 pm		<u>Judges</u> Legal Ethics
		<u>Lawyers</u> Legal Ethics
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm		LUNCH (Provided in Atrium)
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	All Participants	Court Improvement Project Overview and federal requirements
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm		Hopes and Dreams for CIP
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm		Break out into three (3) groups – Washoe/Clark/Rural. Identify their local issues and connect them to CFSR and PIP committees and other involvements. (Facilitated discussion)
3:30 pm		Wrap Up and Adjourn