

**State Court Administrative Office
Child Welfare Services**

**Changing Perceptions and Practices:
Addressing Disproportionate Ethnic and Minority Representation in
Michigan's Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems**

Monday-Tuesday, October 5-6, 2009

AGENDA

Monday, October 5, 2009

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.** **Registration**
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m.** **Housekeeping and Welcome**
- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m.** **Opening Blessing** by Tribal Elder
- 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.** **Definitions:** State and National Disproportionality Data, and Theories of Causation
Dr. Ralph Bayard, Senior Director, National Disproportionality, Casey Family Programs
- 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.** **History of the U.S. Child Welfare System and Disproportionality**
Dr. Carol Spigner, Kenneth L. Pray Professor, University of Pennsylvania
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:15 p.m.** **“Courts Catalyzing Change: Moving from Dialogue to Action, Systems Change Across the Country”** NCJFCJ’s National Priority to Reduce Disproportionality
Hon. Patricia H. Clark, King County Superior Court Judge, Seattle, WA
- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.** **Lunch and questions for table discussion**
Please take some time to get to know your tablemates and start exploring what is going on in your communities, using the provided questions as a starting point.
- 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.** **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS – SESSION A**
- A1** Mental Health Outcomes for Ethnic/Racial Minorities Impacted by the Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Systems
Sue Hoag Badeau, Director, Cross-Systems Integration, Casey Family Programs
- A2** Employment Outcomes for Ethnic/Racial Minorities Impacted by the Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Systems
Eric Steiner, Employment Advisor, Casey Family Programs
Sherrie Bailey, Youth Services Manager, Michigan Department of Human Services
Yvette Harris, Welfare Reform Specialist, Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth
Jonnie Hill, Peer Group Facilitator, The CIAO Project
Jason Rasizzi, Program Manager, The CIAO Project
- A3** Educational Outcomes for Ethnic/Racial Minorities Impacted by the Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Systems
Dr. Debbie Staub, Education Advisor, Casey Family Programs

A4 Michigan's Children: Changing Outcomes for Kids and Families
Jack Kresnak, President and CEO, Michigan's Children

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. “The House We Live In” video from “Race the Power of Illusion” facilitated by
Dr. Carol Spigner, Kenneth L. Pray Professor, University of Pennsylvania

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. “Reflections of a Social Worker on Power, Privilege and Oppression:” Group
Facilitation of the Day’s Information
*Dr. Michael Spencer, Associate Professor, University of Michigan School of
Social Work*

Dinner (on your own)

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. (optional) **A Musical Exploration of the African-Hispanic Cultural
Experience** with *Orquesta La Inspiracion*
*Oswaldo “Ozzie” Rivera, Special Projects in Wayne County, Michigan
Department of Human Services*

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. **Registration**

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Housekeeping and Welcome**
*Hon. Elizabeth Weaver, Supreme Court Justice, Chair of the Michigan
Governor’s Task Force on Children’s Justice*

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **African American Spiritual Awakening**
*Cheikh Ahmadou Banba Mbacké, Vice President, National Association of
Black Social Workers, Inc.*

9:15 – 10:45 a.m. **Assessing Community Readiness for Change**
*John A. Tuell, Director, Child Welfare-Juvenile Justice Systems Integration
Initiative, Child Welfare League of America*

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:00 – 12:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS – SESSION B**

B1 Native American Children: Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Issues
*Hon. William A. Thorne, Jr., Associate Presiding Judge, Utah Court of
Appeals*
Angel Sorrells, Management Analyst, State Court Administrative Office

B2 Kinship Care Model for African American Children
*Sondra Jackson, Executive Director, Black Administrators in Child Welfare,
Washington, DC*
Dr. Sharon Lowe, President and CEO, Second Chance, Inc., Pittsburg, PA

B3 School to Prison Pipeline – Impact of Juvenile Justice and Educational
Disciplinary Systems on Children of Color
Mark Fancher, Racial Justice Director, American Civil Liberties Union

B4 Promising Practices to Reduce Disproportionality
*Dr. Ralph Bayard, Senior Director, National Disproportionality Project,
Casey Family Programs*
Paul Buehler, Strategic Consulting, Casey Family Programs

12:30 – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

- 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.** **Panel Presentation: Programs and Actions Underway in Michigan to Address Disproportionality**
Michigan Supreme Court Access to Justice Initiative
Lorraine Weber, Director, Access and Fairness for Michigan Supreme Court
HighScope Education Research Foundation
Dr. Lawrence Schweinhart, President
Turtle Island Learning Center/Starr Commonwealth Circle of Courage
Adrienne Brant James, Director
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.** **Juvenile Justice Reform Efforts Underway Nationally and in Michigan's Pilot Counties**
Dr. Paul Elam, Director of Business Development and Project Manager, Public Policy Associates
Chiquita McKenzie-Bennett, Chairperson, Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice, Disproportionate Minority Contact
Dr. Francisco Villarruel, Professor, Michigan State University
- 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.** **Call to Action**
Greg Harden, Associate Athletic Director, University of Michigan
- 4:45 – 5:00 p.m.** **Closing Comments and Next Steps**