



New York Public Welfare Association  
**152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Conference**

***Rough Roads***

***Can Lead to***

***Great Destinations***

**Program Brochure**

***Virtual Event***

**January 19-22 & 25-29, 2021**

# Rough Roads Can Lead to Great Destinations

• January 19-22 & 25-29, 2021 • Virtual Winter Conference •

## Opening Address



**Tara Linh Leaman** is a listener, learner, unlearner and re-learner, while speaking from her heart. As a transracial adoptee, who spent the first chapter of her life in international foster care, her voice conveys a powerful calling to share her experiences on transforming adversity into resiliency. Since May 2014, she has helped lead Westchester County's efforts to assist young people in foster care successfully transition to adulthood. Many of us know Tara's work to boost the Bravehearts, Inc., featured in past NYPWA programs, and the BraveLife Intervention, which are both youth-directed initiatives laser-focused on advancing equity through the lens of elevating youth voice and informed choice. Tara helped create our conference theme; and it is our goal that her keynote will inspire us all, knowing that Rough Roads can lead to Great Destinations.

### Kathryn Muller, NYPWA President

"It's been a wild ride for everyone. A new camaraderie developed that has lasted through the challenges. Helping people is what really matters. We all have stories to share about how people find themselves in a better place because of the work that we do."

### Schedule

Attend three workshops daily:

- 10:30 - 11:45
- 1:00 - 2:00
- 2:30 - 4:00

### State/Local Commissioners' Meetings

Restricted, by invitation only.

- OCFS/OTDA, Thurs., Jan. 21, 8:30 - 10:00
- DOH, Wed., Jan. 27, 4:00 - 5:00

### Association Meetings

Private meetings for local commissioners and NYPWA groups. By invitation only. Early mornings and late afternoons.

### Information

- Webex links emailed 1 day ahead.
- 1 link per workshop.
- CLE materials are in Webex link. Go to event material and click on view info.
- LDSS moderators introduce each session.
- Presenters/moderators login 20 min. early.
- Webinar format allows panelist to speak.
- Chat messages are private to panelists.
- Participants may not record sessions.

### Tips to Enhance the Virtual Experience

- Close all programs except Webex.
- Consider headphones, mic, and camera.
- Minimize any disruptions you can.
- Follow your IT expert's advice.
- Use browser recommended by IT.
- *If you lose your Internet Connection:* Log off and login again. Or, login on another computer, tablet or phone.
- Login to waiting room 20 min. early.
- Breathe in, breathe out.

**Tuesday ■ January 19**

**10:30 AM - 11:45 AM**

**Welcome -**

**NYPWA President, Kathryn Muller**

**Opening Address -**

**Tara Linh Leaman, Westchester Building Futures**

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Inspired Leadership**

Our facilitator will engage our panel of local DSS Commissioners in a presentation on why it is an honor and a privilege to be a leader in these times. Topics: What examples of leadership did we see in our districts during the last year? How have we changed the way we lead and provide opportunities for staff? What do we hope for when we return to our former operating environment? How are we preparing for the year ahead? Why do you consider working in human services, and in government, to be a great opportunity?

*Presenters:*

**Kathryn Muller**, NYPWA President and Commissioner, Steuben County DSS

**Tammy DeLorme**, NYPWA First Vice President and Commissioner, Washington County DSS

**Ellen Wayne**, Commissioner, Wayne County DSS

**Daniel Auwarter**, Commissioner, Chenango County DSS

**Anthony Turano**, Commissioner, Cattaraugus County DSS

*Presenter & Moderator:*

**Michael McMahon**, NYPWA Board Member and Commissioner, Montgomery County DSS

**2:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Designing Sustainable Race Equity and Social Justice Initiatives in Child Welfare: The importance of community, staff and stakeholder engagement**

Our national racial crisis has highlighted the need to move from reflection to action on addressing racial inequities, which in New York State is painfully illustrated by the continuing overrepresentation of Black children in the child welfare sys-

tem. The data shows us that Black children are overrepresented at several key decision-making points such as substantiated investigations, placement in foster care, and exits from foster care. As we strive to transform child welfare to a more just and equitable system, representatives from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and the NYC Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) will present some research-based strategies and tools they have developed to address systemic racism in the child welfare system, including an agency-wide social justice action plan rooted in data, which addresses staff development, policy and data analysis, recruitment and retention, SOGIE and diversity events, among other activities.

*Presenters:*

**Mary Carli**, Associate Commissioner, Human Resources, NYS OCFS

**Lisa Gharthey Ogundimu, Esq.**, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Welfare and Community Services, NYS OCFS

**Tyler James**, Director of Race Equity Strategies, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, NYC ACS

**Steven Gordon**, Director of LGBTQ Equity Strategies, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, NYC ACS

*Moderator:*

**Thalia Wright**, Commissioner, Monroe County DHS

**2:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

**The Child-Parent Security Act: A Simple Path to Establishing Parentage**

The Child-Parent Security Act (CPSA), signed into law in April 2020, legalizes gestational surrogacy and provides a simple path to establish parentage for children born through assisted reproductive technology (ART). The new Acknowledgment of Parentage created in the law will continue to provide a streamlined administrative process to establish legal parentage of children born to unmarried parents, while also providing a process for both married and unmarried parents to formally establish their parental rights and responsibilities to a child born of assisted reproduction. This workshop will provide an overview of the

CPSA, including the legal and technical aspects as they impact the Child Support Program. Related information will be shared in order to prepare for implementation by February 15, 2021.

Presenters:

**Ann-Marie Yeates**, Program Outreach Specialist 2, Division of Child Support, NYS OTDA

**Edward W. Stano, Esq.**, Associate Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, NYS OTDA

Moderator:

**Susan Recktenwald**, Coordinator of Child Support Enforcement Unit, Steuben County DSS

## Wednesday ■ January 20

### 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

#### ***Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA): Status of NYS Implementation***

OCFS and Chapin Hall will present an overview of NYS Family First Implementation status. Particular focus will include Preventive Services, QRTP's, and Foster Care landscape. This session is designed to provide information to assist with local implementation.

Presenters:

**Gail Geohagen-Pratt**, Associate Commissioner, NYS OCFS

**Renee Hallock**, Associate Commissioner, NYS OCFS

**Dr. Rebecca Colman**, Director of Research, NYS OCFS

Moderator:

**Edna Kayes**, Commissioner, Allegany County DSS

### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### ***Response, Recovery, and Partnership: Meeting Emergent Needs in the Child Care Field***

We will focus on strategies to help meet the emerging needs in the Child Care Subsidy Program as communities continue to deal with the impacts of COVID-19. Topics include state and local government response resulting from the COVID-19 crisis, impacts on the NYS CCDF Plan and state compliance, discussion on the COVID-19 related waivers available to districts, and working foster families in need of child care.

Presenters:

**Merideth Infantino**, Manager of the Child Care Subsidy Program, NYS OCFS

**Robert Korycinski**, Director of Administrative Operations, NYS OCFS

**Janice Molnar**, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Care Services, NYS OCFS

Moderator:

**Kristen Monroe**, Commissioner, Cortland County DSS

### 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

#### ***Child Welfare Caselaw Highlights***

**1.5 CLEs will be provided by the NYPWA.**

This session will provide attorneys with a review of important caselaw that has emerged in and sometimes outside of New York, or in federal court that is pertinent to child protective litigators in New York. An overview of other child welfare caselaw, complements this session and does not include the same cases. See page 8.

Presenters:

**Vineet Chawla, Esq.**, Senior Team Leader & Legal Trainer, NYC ACS

**Jennifer Sadaka, Esq.**, Legal Trainer, NYC ACS

### 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

#### ***Child Support Program Updates, Session 1***

This session will provide program updates at the federal and State level; 2020 performance; recently issued and in-development policy guidance impacting districts; recently released and in-development training opportunities; updates on system enhancements and releases; and other updates related to Program Operations and the State Disbursement Unit.

Presenters:

**Eileen Stack**, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Support Services, NYS OTDA

**Monique Rabideau**, Assistant Director, NYS OTDA

**Susanne Dolin**, Bureau Chief, NYS OTDA

**Matt Hotopp**, Bureau Chief, NYS OTDA

**Aimee Furdyna, Esq.**, Senior Attorney, NYS OTDA

**Shannon Smith**, Child Support Specialist 3, NYS OTDA

**Elizabeth McGeough Gamache**, Child Support Specialist 3, NYS OTDA

**Jennifer Sherry**, Child Support Specialist 3, NYS OTDA

**Karen Sicurelli**, Child Support Specialist 3,

NYS OTDA

**Jeffrey Isaacson**, Senior Education Specialist, Child Support Services, PDP/ Rockefeller College for SUNY

*Moderator:*

**Susan Recktenwald**, Coordinator of Child Support Enforcement Unit, Steuben County DSS

## Thursday ■ January 21

### 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

#### ***Diving into the Executive Budget***

Budget experts from OCFS, OTDA, and DOH will discuss the Governor’s budget proposal for social services in SFY 2021-22. There will be an opportunity to dig deeper into the Governor’s budget as our panel of local district fiscal experts seek to clarify the new budget proposals.

*Presenters:*

**Michael Kendall**, Director, Bureau of Budget Management, NYS OTDA

**Bryan Bagstad**, Director, Bureau of Budget Management, OCFS

**Jeremy Russell**, Medicaid Unit Manager, Bureau of Budget Management, NYS DOH

*Moderator:*

**Peter Simon**, Director of Administrative Services, Dutchess County DCFS

### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### ***Hot Topics for State & Local Fiscal Administrators***

Join local fiscal administrators and state staff from OCFS, OTDA, and DOH as we focus on fiscal matters affecting social services districts.

*Presenters:*

**Mary Bucca**, Assistant Director, Bureau of Financial Services, NYS OTDA

**Bryan Bagstad**, Director, Bureau of Budget Management, NYS OCFS

**Mala Boolchandani**, Director, Bureau of Financial Operations, NYS OCFS

**George Cusack**, Program Research Specialist 4, NYS DOH

**Anil Thomas**, Principal Accountant, NYS DOH

*Moderator:*

**Lise Reynolds**, Deputy Commissioner of Adminis-

trative Services & Finance, Steuben County DSS

### 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

#### ***Implementing SCR Reform Legislation***

##### ***1.5 CLEs will be provided by the NYPWA.***

This session will provide an overview of the legislative changes enacted by Part R of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2020, that are referred to as "SCR reform". "SCR" refers to the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

Implementation of the SCR reform legislation will result in large scale change to child protective practices in New York State when many of the requirements take effect in January of 2022. This law will change the standard of evidence necessary for child protective services to indicate reports of child abuse or maltreatment and have impacts on the family court practice, administrative review and fair hearing process for matters involving child abuse, neglect and/or maltreatment. This session will include an overview of pertinent legislative provisions, important information on forthcoming practice changes and a question and answer period.

*Presenters:*

**Cassandra Kelleher-Donnaruma, Esq.**, Senior Director, Office of Implementation, Community Affairs and Protective Practices, Division of Child Welfare and Community Services, NYS OCFS

**Kelleena Richards, Esq.**, Senior Attorney, Fair Hearing and Administrative Review Management (FHARM), NYS OCFS

**Steve Connolly, Esq.**, Director & Chief Administrative Law Judge, Bureau of Special Fair Hearings, Legal Division, NYS OCFS

*Moderator:*

**Jessica Peaslee, Esq.**, Counsel to the Commissioner, Steuben County DSS

### 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

#### ***Child Support Program Updates, Session 2***

This session will provide program updates at the federal and State level; 2020 performance; recently issued and in-development policy guidance impacting districts; recently released and in-development training opportunities; updates on system enhancements and releases; and other updates related to Program Operations and the State Disbursement Unit.

*Presenters:*

**Eileen Stack**, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Support Services, NYS OTDA  
**Monique Rabideau**, Assistant Director, NYS OTDA  
**Susanne Dolin**, Bureau Chief, NYS OTDA  
**Matt Hotopp**, Bureau Chief, NYS OTDA  
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**Karen Sicurelli**, Child Support Specialist 3, NYS OTDA  
**Jeffrey Isaacson**, Senior Education Specialist, Child Support Services, PDP/ Rockefeller College for SUNY  
*Moderator:*  
**Susan Recktenwald**, Coordinator of Child Support Enforcement Unit, Steuben County DSS

## Friday ■ January 22

### 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

#### ***Temporary Assistance & Employment 2021***

OTDA will present priorities and initiatives specifically for directors of local DSS temporary assistance and employment programs. Discussion may include plans for ITAP training, successfully engaging clients in work, serving persons who are homeless, the evictions moratorium, applying for assistance, and other topics.

*Presenters:*

**Alison Maura**, Director of Temporary Assistance and Home Energy Assistance Programs, NYS OTDA  
**Stephanie Boshart**, Director of Employment and Advancement Programs, NYS OTDA

### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### ***Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Forum***

OTDA has planned the presentation exclusively for TA and SNAP Directors and staff to discuss OTDA priorities and local DSS topics as they apply

to the pandemic: Pandemic EBT Benefits for school children; COVID-19-related SNAP interview adjustments and other waivers; certification period extensions and balancing the SNAP recertification caseload; and the QC process for federal fiscal year 2021.

*Presenters:*

**Tom Hedderman**, Director of Food and Nutrition Policy, NYS OTDA  
**Wendy DeMarco**, SNAP Bureau, NYS OTDA  
**Jaime Weeks**, SNAP Bureau, NYS OTDA  
**Tracy Gatchell**, SNAP Bureau, NYS OTDA

### 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

#### ***Child Support Caselaw Update***

##### ***1.5 CLEs will be provided by the NYPWA.***

This session will provide a review of the significant child support-related court decisions in 2020 and their implications to local district practice and child support operations.

*Presenter:*

**Brian S. Wootan, Esq.**, Deputy Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, NYS OTDA

*Moderator:*

**Donald Thomson, Esq.**, Attorney, Steuben County DSS

## Monday ■ January 25

### 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

#### ***Blind Removals and Kin-First Firewalls***

OCFS has released two new policies that will improve practice at key decision-making points in the child welfare continuum – investigations and placements. These policies – the Blind Removal Process and Kin-First Firewall – align with the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) of keeping children safely at home, and, when that is not possible, placing children with relatives. This presentation will provide information on performance outcomes associated with Blind Removal and Kin-First Firewall practices, and steps LDSSs and VAs can take to implement these strategies as required by OCFS policy.

*Presenters:*

**Teresa Boykins**, Administrative Analyst Trainee 2, NYS OCFS

**Barbara Green-Flood**, Director of Regional Operations, NYS OCFS CWCS

**Naomi Schultz**, Children and Family Services Specialist, NYS OCFS

**Dr. Mary McCarthy**, Assistant Dean, University at Albany School of Social Welfare

**Maria Lauria**, Social Services Deputy Commissioner, Nassau County DSS

**John Thompson, MSW**, Principal Education Specialist, PDP/ Rockefeller College for SUNY/ NYS OCFS

*Presenter & Moderator:*

**Sabrina Marzouka**, Commissioner, Dutchess County DCFS

### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### ***Integrated Eligibility System Program Update (IES)***

During this panel presentation, attendees will learn about IES Program updates, including accomplishments to date and plans moving forward.

*Presenters:*

**Christopher Lloyd**, IES Program Director, NYS ITS

**JP Scullin**, IES Operations Deputy Director, NYS ITS

**Dennis Packard**, IES Business Change Lead, IES Program

*Moderator:*

**Michael Fitzgerald**, Commissioner, Madison County DSS

### 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

#### ***Stress Reduction Strategies for Child Support Coordinators***

This program provides strategies for making your professional and personal life more productive by examining priorities, improving self-motivation, sharpening time management, and reducing stress from outside influences.

*Presenters:*

**Jeffrey Isaacson**, Senior Education Specialist, Child Support Services, PDP/ Rockefeller College for SUNY

**Penny LaRocque**, Project Director, Child Support Services, PDP/ Rockefeller College for SUNY

**Eileen Stack**, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Support Services, NYS OTDA

**Monique Rabideau**, Assistant Director, NYS OTDA

**Susanne Dolin**, Bureau Chief, NYS OTDA

*Moderator:*

**Susan Recktenwald**, Coordinator of Child Support Enforcement Unit, Steuben County DSS

### 2:30 PM - 4:15 PM

#### ***Adult Protective Services Legal Practice***

**1.5 CLEs will be provided by the NYPWA.**

This session will focus on basic APS legal practice, reviewing the statutes, regulations, and OCFS directives specific to APS, and how they relate to situations that an APS attorney may be called upon to deal with. The session will also highlight other statutes that are not specific to, but do impact APS practice.

*Presenter:*

**Mark Maves, Esq.**, Counsel to NYPWA

## Tuesday ■ January 26

### 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

#### ***Staff Development and Succession Planning in a Virtual World***

This presentation will focus on methods for continuing staff development and succession planning even while dealing with the challenges faced by managing through a pandemic. Methods will be shared to continue staff development, including virtual training and mentoring, whether in-person or through virtual meetings and unit or departmental group coaching. The combination of these methods allows supervisors and directors to learn how to set expectations, track outcomes and hold their workforce accountable even if the workforce or the supervisor are working remotely.

*Presenter:*

**Kate Ebersole**, Principal KEE Concepts Consulting

*Moderator:*

**Anthony Turano**, Commissioner, Cattaraugus County DSS

### 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

#### ***Psychiatric Medication for Children in Foster Care: A Policy Reform***

Numerous studies have revealed that young people in foster care are prescribed psychiatric medication far more frequently than their peers. Many

of these medications are used “off-label,” and are associated with a significant risk of serious long-term health consequences. ACS' new policy, Informed Consent for Psychiatric Medication for Children in Foster Care, aims to address the issue of over-prescription of psychiatric medication to children in foster care by: improving the process for obtaining informed consent from, and improving the quality of information provided to, parents and legal guardians of children; imposing time limits on consents to ensure that the need for medication is re-evaluated at regular intervals; and requiring clinical review either when a parent or legal guardian has declined to consent or when the treatment being provided to a child meets a certain predetermined threshold.

*Presenters:*

**Suchet Rao, MD**, Medical Director, Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, NYC ACS

**Martin Irwin, MD**, Clinical Professor, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

*Moderator:*

**Debra Bonnerwith**, Deputy Commissioner, Dutchess County DCFS

### 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

#### ***NY Confidential***

#### ***2.0 CLEs will be provided by the NYPWA.***

The presenter will review the 2021 version of the Confidentiality Handbook, which covers all areas of DSS practice and contains new sections on the release of child fatality reviews and CPS fair hearing decisions, as well as the disclosure of CPS information to the media and others. There will also be a discussion of a variety of confidential questions and answers.

*Presenter:*

**Mark Maves, Esq.**, Counsel to NYPWA

## Wednesday ■ January 27

### 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

#### ***Medicaid Eligibility During and Post COVID-19***

Please join members of the New York State Department of Health's Division of Eligibility and

Marketplace Integration (DEMI) for a presentation on the latest information in resuming certain Medicaid activities during and post the COVID-19 public health emergency. This session will discuss recent guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. It will also cover other activities DEMI has been working on.

*Presenters:*

**Lisa Sbrana, Director**, Division of Eligibility and Marketplace Integration, NYS DOH, OHIP

**Mary Frances Carr**, Director, Bureau of Long Term Care/SSI-Related Populations, Division of Eligibility and Marketplace Integration, NYS DOH, OHIP

**Kathleen Johnson**, Director, Bureau of Community Enrollment and Eligibility Processing, Division of Eligibility and Marketplace Integration, NYS DOH, OHIP

*Moderator*

**Kira Posepsel**, Commissioner, Greene County DSS

### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### ***Long Term Care Updates***

This session will explain the 2020-21 LTC budget initiatives including independent assessor and others. It will also include an eligibility update from the OHIP team on the 30-month look back for community based LTC services.

*Presenters:*

**Cherlyn Fay**, Director, Bureau of LTC Policy and Program Development, Division of Long Term Care, NYS DOH

**Mary Frances Carr**, Director, Bureau of Long Term Care/SSI-Related Populations, Division of Eligibility and Marketplace Integration, NYS DOH, OHIP

**Eileen Brennan**, Health Program Administrator, Bureau of Long Term Care/SSI-Related Populations, Division of Eligibility and Marketplace Integration, NYS DOH, OHIP

*Moderator*

**Kira Posepsel**, Commissioner, Greene County DSS

### 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

#### ***Overview of Child Welfare Caselaw***

#### ***2.0 CLEs will be provided by the NYPWA.***

This session covers a vast number of court decisions from the NYS Court of Appeals and the Appellate Division (January-June 30, 2020) including Abuse, Neglect, Dispositions, Permanency Hearings, Foster Care, TPRs, and Adoptions. This com-



plements the caselaw session by NYC ACS and does not include the same cases.

*Presenter:*

**Mark Maves, Esq.**, Counsel to NYPWA

## Thursday ■ January 28

### 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

#### ***Mentorship as a Strategy for Staff Development, Support and Retention***

In this presentation, you will learn how the ACS Division of Child Protection implemented a virtual peer mentorship program to support staff retention, encourage the transfer of learning through peer discussions and offer staff the ability to support each other while coping with the impact of COVID-19. The DCP CPS Peer Mentorship Program benefits mentors, mentees and the organization as a whole by creating an environment for peer learning for newer staff and opportunities for leadership skill development for experienced staff. Through the mentorship program, DCP has created a culture of learning and peer support to strengthen the workforce charged with promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and families.

*Presenters:*

**Helene Etienne**, Assistant Commissioner of Policy & Staff Development, NYC ACS

**Catherine Arman-Santana**, Director, NYC ACS

**Sharlene Minus**, Staff Development Coordinator, NYC ACS

**Heide Gersh Rosner**, Manager, NYC ACS

### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### ***Local DSS Medicaid Administration Panel***

*(This session is restricted to LDSS participants only.)*

Commissioner Kira Pospesel (Greene), Marjorie Krohn (Nassau), and Carmen Hlostá (Chautauqua) will share their perspectives on changes in Medicaid Administration with Medicaid directors and other local administrators.

### 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

#### ***Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Updates***

#### ***1.5 CLEs will be provided by the NYPWA.***

This presentation will provide updates regarding the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) program, which provides for the protection and services to children placed across state lines.

*Presenters:*

**Sonia Meyer, Esq.**, Associate Counsel, Division of Legal Affairs, NYS OCFS

**Carol McCarthy**, Director, Bureau of Permanency Services and NYS ICPC Compact Administrator, NYS OCFS

## Friday ■ January 29

### 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

#### ***Effectively Leading A Multi-Generational Workforce***

This presentation will help leaders better understand the five generational groups active in the workforce today. Participants will learn about the characteristics, work ethic and social influences of each generation. In addition, we'll discuss how each generation views work, leadership and their preferred method of communication. This knowledge will help leaders to evaluate their staff and lead a multi-generational team effectively.

*Presenter:*

**Deborah J. Cabral, CPO**, Founder & President, Cabral Enterprise, LLC

### 12:00 PM

#### ***Winter Conference Adjourns***

***Participants are strictly prohibited from recording any sessions.***

#### **NYPWA Staff**

Nicole Gee, Administrative Coordinator/Conference  
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# NYPWA Presentations for Attorneys and Interested Administrators & Staff

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## **Child Welfare Caselaw Highlights, NYC ACS (1.5 CLEs), Wed., Jan. 20, 2:30-4:00**

This is a deep dive into selected caselaw that is pertinent to child protective litigators in New York State. It complements our session on "Overview of Child Welfare Caselaw" and does not include the same cases.

For: Attorneys, directors of services, administrators, supervisors, and caseworkers.

## **Implementing SCR Reform Legislation, OCFS (1.5 CLEs), Thurs. Jan. 21, 2:30-4:00**

This new State law will change the standard of evidence necessary for child protective services to indicate reports of child abuse or maltreatment.

For: Attorneys, directors of services, administrators, supervisors, and caseworkers.

## **Child Support Caselaw Update, OTDA (1.5 CLEs), Fri., Jan. 22, 2:30-4:00**

Significant court decisions in 2020 and their implications to local child support operations.

For: Attorneys and local administrators that oversee child support programs.

## **Adult Protective Services Legal Practice, Mark Maves, Esq., Counsel to NYPWA (1.5 CLEs), Mon., Jan. 25, 2:30-4:15**

APS legal practice, statutes, regulations, and directives.

For: Attorneys, administrators, APS supervisors and caseworkers.

## **NY Confidential, Mark Maves, Esq., Counsel to NYPWA (2.0 CLEs), Tues., Jan. 26, 3:00-5:00**

New confidentiality issues on all areas of DSS practice, such as, child fatality reviews, fair hearing decisions, and disclosure of information to the media and public.

For: Attorneys, commissioners, administrators, directors, and supervisors concerned with confidentiality.

## **Overview of Child Welfare Caselaw, Mark Maves, Esq., Counsel to NYPWA (2.0 CLEs), Wed., Jan. 27, 2:30-4:30**

This session covers a vast number of court decisions in NYS (January-June 30, 2020) including Abuse, Neglect, Dispositions, Permanency Hearings, Foster Care, TPRs, and Adoptions. This complements the caselaw session by NYC ACS and does not include the same cases.

For: Attorneys, directors of services, administrators, supervisors, and caseworkers.

## **Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Updates, OCFS (1.5 CLEs), Thurs., Jan. 28, 2:30-4:00**

ICPC updates regarding the protection and services to children placed across state lines.

For: Attorneys, directors of services, administrators, supervisors, and caseworkers.

### ***The NYPWA Financial Assistance Policy for Continuing Legal Education:***

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