



## In-Service Trainings & Community Events

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### AUGUST 2017

Below please find the in-service trainings and community events for AUGUST 2017. In-service trainings do qualify for the 12 ongoing education credits required for the GAL Program yearly recertification. Some of the trainings have limited availability so don't wait to RSVP. Be sure to RSVP, as directed, for the trainings and events in which you wish to participate.

#### Volunteer GALs:

Please be sure to log and record your in-service training hours in Optima.

#### WHEN      **Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

From 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**WHAT:**      ***Miami-Dade Community Based Care Alliance Board Meeting***

**WHO:**      All are welcome to help improve our child welfare practice in Miami-Dade. We're looking forward to your participation and feedback.

On the Agenda for this month:

- *Our Kids Discussion- Budget & Independent Living Funds*
- *Presentation: Foster Parent's Exit Interview Results*
- *DCF/ Our Kids Reports*
- *Open Discussion- Caregiver Input Forms Update*

**WHERE:**      Rohde Building, North Tower – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Visionary Conference Room, 401 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33128

**RSVP:**      None required.

For additional information contact Bryttany Stringer, CBC Alliance Executive Director, at **to** [Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com](mailto:Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com)

#### WHEN:      **Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**WHAT:**      **Stewards of Children Training,**

This revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program believes and teaches that child safety is an adult's job. It was developed by the Darkness to Light organization. The 3-hour, nationally recognized, best practice program uses videos, workbook activities and discussion to engage and educate about child sexual abuse and how to keep children safe. Parents, college students, working professionals, volunteers at child-serving organizations and other staff at agencies and community-based organizations learn that child sexual abuse knows no socio-economic, cultural or racial boundaries. Through compelling stories from survivors of child sexual abuse of their trauma and healing, participants will learn how to develop practices to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The latest changes in mandated reporting laws will be reviewed. The presentation includes Video, Lecture, Workbook, and Small Group Collaborative Exercises.



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### Objectives

1. Participants will understand the short and long term consequences of child sexual abuse.
2. Participants will articulate intervention strategies that prevent child sexual abuse.
3. Participants will identify a plan to effectively react to disclosures or suspicions of abuse.

Participants are asked to RSVP at least 3 days ahead of time by contacting Dawn Thompson as listed.

**WHO:** Kristi House

**WHERE:** Kristi House  
1265 NW 12th Ave  
Miami, FL 33136

There is parking at the lot on which Kristi House sits; it is controlled by Miami-Dade County and parking is \$9 per car.

**RSVP:** For additional Information contact Dawn Thompson at 305-547-6834 or [dthompson@kristihouse.org](mailto:dthompson@kristihouse.org)

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

From Noon to 1 p.m.

**WHAT:** **Keys to Independence**

Learn about state funds available to help youth in foster care get their Drivers License.

**WHO:** Presented by Educate Tomorrow

**WHERE:** Children's Courthouse - 5th Floor, Community Meeting Room  
155 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33128

**RSVP:** For additional information contact Bryttany Stringer  
CBC Alliance Executive Director, at [Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com](mailto:Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**WHAT:** **Happy Hour Reunion**

**WHO:** We would like to invite **ALL GALs** to join us in congratulating and celebrating our newly certified GALs. We want to give our recent graduates the opportunity to reunite with the rest of their class and a chance to mix and mingle with other GALs and staff. It is an open forum to discuss concerns and challenges, as well as share successes and accomplishments. We look forward to seeing you there.

**WHERE:** **Shuckers Waterfront Grill**  
1819 79th Street Causeway  
Treasure Island, Florida 33141

**RSVP:** Send an email to [Flora.Beal@gal.fl.gov](mailto:Flora.Beal@gal.fl.gov)



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**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**WHAT:** **Children and Traumatic Stress**

Child traumatic stress refers to the physical and emotional responses of a child to events that threaten the life of the child or of someone critically important to the child. Those who work with children, caregivers and/or students preparing to become social workers, teachers, counselors or who plan to work with children in other ways are invited to participate in this informative, interactive education program about trauma-informed care and what it means for the health and well-being of children. This educational program was developed and tested in collaboration with FIU College of Education and based on materials from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

Objectives

1. Participants will understand the impact of trauma on the development and behavior of children and their adult caregivers.
2. Participants will articulate trauma-informed intervention strategies.
3. Participants will address the safety and well-being of the children they serve.

There is no cost to attend, however participants are asked to RSVP at least 3 days ahead of time.

**WHO:** Kristi House - Naranja Office

**WHERE:** 13955 SW 264th St  
Homestead, FL 33032

There is parking at the lot on which Kristi House sits; it is controlled by Miami-Dade County and parking is \$10 per car.

**RSVP:** To register contact to Deborah Billings at 305-547-6800 or [dbillings@kristihouse.org](mailto:dbillings@kristihouse.org)

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

From 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

**WHAT:** **Miami Child Well-Being Court Model Trainings Series:**  
*Recognizing Sexual Abuse in Children within Foster Care*

**WHO:** Dawn Thompson and Kristi House Team

**WHERE:** Children's Court House – Fifth Floor Community Conference Room  
155 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33128

**RSVP:** For additional information contact  
Bryttany Stringer CBC Alliance Executive Director, at  
[Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com](mailto:Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com) or click the link below:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ask-the-judges-tickets-31508139694>



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### RECOMMENDED READING

#### Articles of Interest

Courtesy of Evin Daily ☺

#### **America's Deadly Domestic Violence Problem**

##### **This Is Not A Love Story**

<http://testkitchen.huffingtonpost.com/this-is-not-a-love-story/http://testkitchen.huffingtonpost.com/this-is-not-a-love-story/>

#### ***Most Murders Of American Women Involve Domestic Violence***

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/most-murders-of-american-women-involve-domestic-violence\\_us\\_5971fcf6e4b09e5f6ccea87?ncid=APPLENEWS00001](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/most-murders-of-american-women-involve-domestic-violence_us_5971fcf6e4b09e5f6ccea87?ncid=APPLENEWS00001)

#### ***A Raised Hand: Can a new approach curb domestic homicide?***

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2013/07/22/a-raised-hand>

#### ***Synthetic seventh heaven: London and Paris deal with the perils of chemsex***

[http://www.thejournal.ie/chemsex-dangers-3507187-Jul2017/?utm\\_source=facebook\\_short](http://www.thejournal.ie/chemsex-dangers-3507187-Jul2017/?utm_source=facebook_short)

#### ***Recommendations for Reporting on Suicide***

<http://www.suicidology.org/Resources/>

#### ***Suicide game for teens (also in Miami): Family finds clues to teen's suicide in blue whale paintings***

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/17/health/blue-whale-suicide-game/index.html>

#### ***Stress And Poverty May Explain High Rates Of Dementia In African-Americans (NPR)***

<http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/07/16/536935957/stress-and-poverty-may-explain-high-rates-of-dementia-in-african-americans>

#### ***How “socially skilled” child molesters get us to ignore red flags***

<http://michiganradio.org/post/how-socially-skilled-child-molesters-get-us-ignore-red-flags>

#### ***This Rare Medical Condition Makes You Love Everyone***

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/07/williams-health-love-genetics-books/>

#### ***Guidelines for the Treatment of Complex Trauma***

(see Attachments)

This Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Complex Trauma might be helpful. It is from the Australian Child Welfare System, which is way ahead of the most in dealing concretely with creating specific guides to help children and their families deal with the trauma of abuse. They recognize that it is essential to get ahead of the impact of the trauma BEFORE it becomes complex. Too often it is so disheartening to learn of the



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trauma of our parents that was patched and labeled and medicated when they were younger by the “system” that did not embrace and insist upon a true, evidence-based approach to heal the victims of trauma. The extend of the trauma experienced by our children and parents and juveniles is made clear in the 2<sup>nd</sup> attachment, which would make it crystal clear why and how we need to become a trauma informed system in REALITY not in word.

For additional recommendations you can go to

[http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPIsE/b.7799943/k.9FEB/CASAGAL\\_Book\\_List.htm](http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPIsE/b.7799943/k.9FEB/CASAGAL_Book_List.htm)

### RECOMMENDED VIEWING

#### **Sexual Exploitation of Children** <sup>NEW!</sup>

Medical Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (04/21/2017) (1.0 hour) Includes post quiz and certificate of completion.

<http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/video/center/2017abuseneglectconf/medresponse/start.html>

#### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Florida Guardian ad Litem Program Disabilities Training Conference.***

This year’s keynote speakers and panels were inspiring, thought provoking, and gave us all tools to use in helping the children we work with every day. The workshops were wide ranging with presenters sharing their expertise in areas such as guardianships, psychotropic medications, master trusts and educational advocacy. The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) is posted with each presentation on the website. With Board Certification in Juvenile Law becoming available this is important training to improve the advocacy for children. There are a total of 33 CLE hours available, including 12.0 Juvenile Law Certification Credits included in the trainings and 1.5 hours of Ethics. The course numbers are valid for 18 months or until November 5, 2018. A special thanks to the Guardian ad Litem Foundation and Sunshine Health as sponsors of the event. Here is the link to the conference videos from the workshops and keynote speakers.

<http://guardianadlitem.org/training-advocacy-resources/conferences-training/2017-disabilities-training-conference-making-the-impossible-possible/>

#### **TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program Needs Pro Bono Attorneys
- Why Wait for Waiver: Securing Educational and Behavioral Services?
- Least Restrictive Means: What Every Judicial Officer Needs to Know
- Special Needs Trusts Working with ABLE Accounts
- To Infinity and Beyond: Transition, Accommodations, and Life After Secondary School
- Wagging Tails and Other Indispensable Tools in the Treatment of Trauma
- When Disability Intersects with Culture
- GALTALK - Transitioning Children with Disabilities to Success
- Guardianship & Guardian Advocate Training for Attorneys and Advocates Post the Regis Little Statute



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- Obtaining Trauma-Informed Educational Services Under the IDEA and Section 504/ADA
- Understanding the Unique Needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
- Why Institutional Living Facilities Harm Children with Disabilities
- Keynote: When is an Animal More Than a Pet?
- Keynote: Nothing About Us Without Us: Engaging the Family in Planning for Success
- Accessing Services for Children with Developmental Disabilities in the Dependency System
- Hidden Treasures: McKay and Gardiner Scholarships for Dependent Children with Disabilities
- Medicaid Jeopardy
- No Time to Waste: Advocating for Children Before, During & After Placement in Residential Treatment
- General Session: Questions Asked & Answered - Attorneys for Children with Special Needs Panel
- Courtroom Advocacy to Improve Outcomes for Older Youth with Disabilities
- Sunshine Health's Medicaid Child Welfare Specialty Plan
- Suspensions, Expulsions, Arrests and Baker Act, Oh No!
- Transition Planning Tools and Tips for Special Needs Older Youth

For additional recommendations you can go to

[http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPIsE/b.9168955/k.9B6F/CASAGAL\\_Film\\_List.htm](http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPIsE/b.9168955/k.9B6F/CASAGAL_Film_List.htm)

### SAVE THE DATE

#### UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAININGS:

**WHEN** Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

From 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**WHAT:** ***Miami-Dade Community Based Care Alliance Board Meeting***

**WHO:** All are welcome to help improve our child welfare practice in Miami-Dade. We're looking forward to your participation and feedback.

**WHERE:** Rohde Building, North Tower – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Visionary Conference Room, 401 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33128

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### **WHEN: Saturday, September 9, 2017**

***The Children's Trust Family Expo*** is a daylong festival held at the Miami-Dade Fair & Expo Center. The event features activities and entertainment for the entire family in an effort to provide parents with direct contact to health and social services, as well as educational opportunities. The Expo attracts more than 15,000 visitors a year. Activities include face painters, clowns, stilt walkers, magicians, storytellers, arts and crafts, bounce houses, rock climbing walls, and music and dance performances. Exhibits feature after-school and enrichment programs, nutrition education, injury prevention, programs for children with special needs, pre-K registration information, KidCare outreach, chess tournaments, a book fair, tennis and fencing, martial arts demonstrations, appearances by beloved storybook characters, mobile units offering community services and much more.

### **WHEN: Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>,**

#### **WHAT: GAL Support Group Meeting**

Judge Jason Dimitris (took over the 01 division)- even if you don't have a case in 01 now, you never know when you will!!

**WHO:** Judge Jason E. Dimitris

**WHERE:** Grove Spot

3324 Virginia St, Coconut Grove, FL 33133

**RSVP:** By email to Andrea Steinacker at [andrea.steinacker@morganstanley.com](mailto:andrea.steinacker@morganstanley.com)

### **WHEN: DATES LISTED BELOW**

From 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

#### **WHAT/WHO: Miami Child Well-Being Court Model Trainings Series**

##### **Sept 2017**

**Topic:** How to Navigate the School System

**Presenter:** Vanessa Turrington of OK/  
Sylvia Godoy/ David Ferrer

**Date:** 09/27/2017

##### **Oct 2017**

**Topic:** Dependency Adoption Process

**Presenter:** Marcel Rivas and OK adoption Unit/  
Becky Gil/ Brie

**Date:** 10/25/2017

**RSVP:** For additional information contact Bryttany Stringer, CBC Alliance Executive Director, at [to \*Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com\*](mailto:to_Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com)

### **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**WHAT:** CBC Alliance Regional Conference

**RSVP:** REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Site to be announced.

For additional information contact Bryttany Stringer, CBC Alliance Executive Director, at [to \*Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com\*](mailto:to_Bryttany.StringerCBC@gmail.com)

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If you have any questions or would like to make a suggestion for a future training or event, please feel free to email or call

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