Workshop Descriptions

Session One:

(a) It Takes a Village: Partnering to Enhance the Lives of Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care  
   Monique B. Mitchell, PhD

   How are youth in foster care faring as they transition out of foster care in South Carolina? How can you contribute to the successful outcomes of youth as they transition out of foster care? Join this interactive workshop where the voices of youth will be brought to the forefront to emphasize how partnerships can make a meaningful difference in the lives of youth in transition.

(b) Child Victims of Human Trafficking  
   Candice A. Lively, J.D., Patricia Ravenhorst, J.D.

   Participants will learn how all children are vulnerable to becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The red flags to look for and identify these victims will be discussed. A summary of an appropriate response and determining future services for these children will be addressed.

(c) No More Drama: Working with Juveniles and their Families in a Stress-Free System  
   Benjamin Motley, MA CCFC, CCSOTS

   This training will provide participants with an overview of how juvenile clients and their families create stress in our lives through their drama cycle. We will review how to identify our participation in these drama cycles and how to effectively remove ourselves. We will also review how understanding the drama cycle will enhance our ability to help our clients and their families develop more balanced lives and engage with greater efficacy and teamwork on their treatment plans.

(d) Recognizing Your Limits: Self-care strategies for helping professionals  
   Celita Hastie, LISW-CP

   This interactive workshop will analyze the characteristics unique to helping professionals and how those characteristics may make individuals more susceptible to mental health conditions. Participants will engage in self-assessment strategies and learn techniques to manage stress in their daily lives.
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Session Two:

(a) Lessons Learned from the Cold Case Project
   Christopher Church, J.D., Keith Frazier

   The Cold Case Project is a collaboration between DSS and the Children’s Law Center utilizing predictive modeling for the purpose of finding families for children who are least likely to achieve permanency before turning 18. This workshop will explore lessons learned during the first two years of the project and share information on where the project is headed in the future. The workshop will also include tips for practitioners to help children achieve permanency.

(b) CyberDelinquency: Sexting, Cyberbullying, and Juvenile Justice
   Kenneth R. Harris, Jr., J.D.

   This presentation will address and explore the legal and holistic effect of digital media on children’s behaviors, parents’ concerns, and states’ reactions. Not only will it discuss the legal ramifications and impact of digital media with children, but it will also discuss methods and best practices for handling these issues.

(c) Domestic Violence and Children
   Thomas J. Leclair, JD

   This presentation will address co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment and strategies for investigating and reducing domestic violence and child maltreatment in the home.

(d) Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Missed Opportunities
   Patsy R. Lightle

   Professionals involved in child protection, investigation, prosecution, or advocacy would not knowingly fail to help an abused or neglected child, yet approximately 1500 children die from abuse each year. What are we missing; what are the red flags; and how do we document, recognize, and investigate to reduce the number of child deaths. Learn the three C’s of being a good investigator and advocate for our children.