

## **Best Practices in Kansas Child Welfare Law**

**August 22, 2023**

8:30-9:20 a.m.

Session 1: Authentic Youth Engagement

- *Cory Seller, Independent Living Program consultant, Kansas Department for Children and Families*
- *Stormy Lukasavage, Lived Experience*
- *Talia Restivo, Independent Living and Intellectual/Developmental Disability specialist, Kansas Department for Children and Families*
- *Erin Hamm, Independent Living and Adoption Subsidy supervisor, Kansas Department for Children and Families*
- *Vivien Olsen, Prevention and Protection Services assistant general counsel, Kansas Department for Children and Families*

**9:20-9:30 a.m.**

**Break**

9:30 – 10:20 a.m.

Session 2: Pre-Employment Transition Services and Career Technical Excellence/Gear Up

- *Abigail Githens, Pre-Employment Transition Services manager, Kansas Department for Children and Families*
- *Charmain Chambers, Workforce Development/Data/Finance associate director, Kansas Board of Regents*
- *Diana Carbajal, Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP assistant director, Wichita State University*
- *Corinne Nilsen, Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP executive director, Wichita State University*
- *Beverly Mortimer, Jobs for America's Graduates – Kansas, senior vice president of programming*
- *Vivien Olsen, Prevention and Protection Services assistant general counsel, Kansas Department for Children and Families*

**10:20 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Break**

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Session 3: Legislative Update

- *Andrea Warnke, Kansas Department for Children and Families government relations manager*
- *Marisa Bayless, Kansas Supreme Court deputy special counsel to the chief justice*
- *Vivien Olsen, Prevention and Protection Services assistant general counsel, Kansas Department for Children and Families*

- 11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. 2024 Child Welfare Summit: Working Together to Create Lasting Improvement in child welfare.
- *Justice Melissa Standridge, Kansas Supreme Court*
  - *Chief Justice Marla Luckert, Kansas Supreme Court*
  - *Ty Masterson, Kansas Senate president*
  - *Chris Croft, Kansas House majority leader*
  - *Laura Howard, Kansas Department for Children and Families secretary*
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.** Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Session 4: Independent Living Services
- *Stacy Tidwell, Youth Services deputy director, Kansas Department for Children and Families*
  - *Amy Ervin, Independent Living Program manager, Kansas Department for Children and Families*
  - *Erin Hamm, Independent Living and Adoption Subsidy supervisor, Kansas Department for Children and Families*
  - *Tacarra Caldwell, Independent Living Aftercare Permanency specialist, Saint Francis Ministries*
  - *McKenzie Maris, Aftercare and Crisis Services director, TFI Foster Care and Child Welfare Services*
  - *Laura Walters, Client Support Services director, Cornerstones of Care*
  - *Kelly Beale, Intensive In-Home Services director, KVC Health Systems*
  - *Vivien Olsen, Prevention and Protection Services assistant general counsel, Kansas Department for Children and Families*
- 1:50– 2:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. Session 5: Independent Living Services (cont.)
- 2:50– 3:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:00-3:50 p.m. Session 6: Ethics Session on Older Youth
- *Hon. Amy Harth, 6th Judicial District chief judge*
  - *Morgan Hall, Shawnee County District Attorney’s Office senior deputy district attorney*
  - *Grant Brazill, parent attorney, Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock, & Kennedy, Chtd.*
  - *Jennifer Martin Smith, guardian ad litem, Alderson, Alderson, Conklin, Crow, & Slinkard, LLC*
  - *Julia Hart, deputy disciplinary administrator, Office of the Disciplinary Administrator*
  - *Vivien Olsen, Prevention and Protection Services assistant general counsel, Kansas Department for Children and Families*