



AGENDA CHILD WELFARE LAW SYMPOSIUM

MAY 20, 2015

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN

8:15-9:00 REGISTRATION

9-9:15 Opening Remarks

**Christine Perra Rapillo**, Director of Delinquency Defense and Child Protection  
Office of Chief Public Defender

9:15-10:45 KEYNOTE

The Impact of Childhood Trauma

**Amelia Franck Meyer, MS, MSW, LISW, APSW, PACC**  
CEO of Anu Family Services

10:45-11 Break

11-12:30 Breakout Sessions

A. Impact of Childhood Trauma

- **Amelia Franck Meyer MS, MSW, LISW, APSW, PACC**

B. Preserving the Record for Appeal in a Child Welfare Case

- **Attorney James Sexton**, Sexton and Taylor, Hartford, CT
- **Attorney Michael Day**, Law Offices of Attorney Michael Day

C. Introducing the Tow Youth Justice Institute: A New Resource for Child Welfare Policy

- **Jeanne Milstein**, Staff Researcher, former CT Child Advocate
- **Kitty Tyrol**, Curriculum Developer

D. Autism in Juvenile Court: Recognizing and Strategizing to Promote Positive Outcomes

- **Sarah Locke**, Autism Services and Resources Connecticut

12:30-1:00 Lunch Bartles Campus Center

1:00-1:15 Presentation of Award *Bucknall Theater*

**Hon. Bernadette Conway**, Chief Administrative Judge, Juvenile Matters

1:15-2:00 "The Color of Justice" *Bucknall Theater*



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2:00-3:30 Breakout Sessions

- A. When Pink and Blue are Not Enough
  - **Robin P. McHaelen**, MSW Executive Director of True Colors, Inc
- B. When a Family Matter Becomes a Juvenile Matter: How the Two Work Together
  - **Hon. Bernadette Conway**, Chief Administrative Judge, Juvenile Matters
  - **Hon. Holly Aberly-Whetstone**, Judge, Superior Court, Juvenile Matters, New Britain
- C. How to Plan and Advocate for Parents with Cognitive Limitations
  - **Wendy Kwalwasser, Ph.D**, Department of Children and Families
  - **A.J. Ruben**, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Vermont
  - **Barbara Prine**, Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid
  - **Lauri DiGalbo**, Lauri DiGalbo Consulting
- D. Advocating for Young Children
  - **Donna Maitland- Ward**, Office Director, Department of Children and Families
  - **Attorney Alexandra Dufresne**, Center for Children's Advocacy
  - **Attorney Thomas DeMatteo**, Department of Children and Families

3:30-4:15 Meeting of Public Defender Assigned Counsel for Child Protection



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