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**4TH ANNUAL CHAMPIONS FOR
CHILDREN CONFERENCE - OKC**

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121 EAST SHERIDAN AVENUE

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2022

This course has been approved by the Oklahoma Bar Association Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission for 12 hours of CLE credit, including 2 hours of ethics credit. This course will also provide 3 hours of training towards the 16 hours of domestic violence training required by 43 O.S. §120.7(D)

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

- 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. REGISTRATION
- 9:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M. WELCOME
Sharon Byers, Executive Director, OKGALI
- 9:45 A.M. – 10:35 A.M. GETTING STARTED: PREPARATIONS BEFORE
ACCEPTING YOUR FIRST GAL CASE
Before accepting your first case, you need to get organized. Learn best practices for billing, forms procedures, and more.

Presented by Linda Pizzini, Attorney at Law
- 10:35 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. BREAK
- 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M. GAL INVESTIGATIONS: OBTAINING RECORDS
Obtaining records from DHS, law enforcement, medical providers, BIP providers, Smart Start, forensic interviews, and other can be a daunting task. Learn how to navigate these bureaucratic waters to obtain the information you need.

Presented by Sharon Byers, Executive Director, OKGALI
- 11:35 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. BREAK
- 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M. GAL INVESTIGATIONS: INTERVIEWS AND SITE VISITS
Interviews are one of the most important tools in your GAL toolbox. Receive guidance on who to interview (or not), learn effective interviewing techniques, and the dos and don'ts of interviewing. Also, a GAL is often required to conduct meetings outside the office. This session also explores the who, what, when, where, why and how of conducting safe site visits and interviews.

Presented by Glenn Brown, Attorney at Law

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- 12:35 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.** **NETWORKING LUNCH (LUNCH PROVIDED)**
- 1:30 P.M. – 2:20 P.M.** **GAL REPORTS: WRITING AND DEFENDING AN ACCURATE, INFORMATIVE, EFFECTIVE REPORT**
- The format and content of GAL reports vary. This session will provide an overview of different report writing techniques, including organization, content, as well as provide guidance for writing effective reports that you can defend when you are on the witness stand.
- Presented by Kristin Box Lindsey, Attorney at Law
- 2:20 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.** **BREAK**
- 2:30 P.M. – 4:10 P.M.** **ETHICS: AUTHORITY, ROLE AND ETHICAL PRACTICES OF THE GAL**
- Define the role of the GAL and gain awareness to avoid ethical pitfalls. From confidentiality to conflicts of interests and the GAL manual, this presentation will get you started on the right (ethical) foot.
- Presented by Sharon Byers, Executive Director, OKGALI
- 4:10 P.M.** **ADJOURN FOR THE DAY!**
- SEE YOU TOMORROW!**

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DAY 2, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

- 8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. SIGN IN
- 9:00 A.M. – 9:50 A.M. CCFI'S HOPE-CENTERED APPROACH TO HEALING CHILDREN, EMPOWERING YOUTH AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES
- Learn about how to recognize trauma in children and all of the services available at Center for Children and Families, Inc., to help the children and families in the cases you are involved in.
- Presented by Melissa Simpson Klink, Chief Executive Officer, Center for Children and Families, Inc.
- 9:50 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. BREAK
- 10:00 A.M. – 10:50 A.M. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING
- Get valuable domestic violence training, including offender typology. Not every offender looks the same – this session will take a look at some of the different types of offenders.
- Presented by Angela Beatty, CDSVRP, MSW Candidate & Chief Programs Officer, and Brandon Pasley, Senior Director of Compliance & Education, YWCA Oklahoma City
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- 11:50 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. NETWORKING LUNCH (LUNCH PROVIDED)
- 1:00 P.M. – 1:50 P.M. TRAUMA ASSESSMENTS
- Learn what trauma assessment is, why submit a child to a trauma assessment, how to refer a child to an assessment, understanding the results and what next.
- Presented by Amanda Mitten and Hanna Frye, OU
- 1:50 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. BREAK
- 2:00 P.M. – 2:50 P.M. THE CHILD STUDY CENTER
- Find out what the Child Study Center is, the children they serve and the services they provide, from assessments, diagnosis and treatment.
- Presented by Amanda Mitten and Hanna Frye, OU
- 2:50 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. BREAK
- 3:00 P.M. – 3:50 P.M. PSYCHOSEXUAL EVALUATIONS
- Learn what a psychosexual evaluation is, when it would be useful, what the results mean, and what to do next.
- Presented by Brenda Carter
- 3:50 P.M. ADJOURN!
- THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING TO OUR ANNUAL CLE!