

The Colorado Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Invites You to Attend our

FALL 2010 CONFERENCE

PARENTING PLANS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

What Every Mental Health Professional, Family Law Attorney and Judicial Officer Needs to Know About Crafting Practical, Professional Sound, Empirically Supported and Sensible Parenting Plans: An examination as to why the presence of mental health research and input is not only critical to domestic relations practice, it is indispensable to exceptional advocacy.

What You Will Learn:

- Basic research-based information on child development and how / why that impacts a parenting plan
- Top 10's Do's/Don'ts for identifying, crafting and determining parenting plans
- Red Flags – what to look for, what to ask and how to get information to the judicial officer or CFI
- Possible solutions and options to best incorporate and collaborate current mental health research with evolving case law
- A “nuts and bolts” toolbox for developing parenting plans in a variety of situations

Presenters

**Jennifer Rhodes, PsyD.
Terri Harrington, Esq.
Joan McWilliams, Esq.
Robert T. Hinds, Jr., Esq.
Donna Hinds
Shelley Bresnick, PsyD.
Lavita Nadkarni, PhD.**

Friday, November 12, 2010

7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Room 165, 2255 E. Evans Avenue
Denver, CO 80208

PROGRAM

- 7:45 AM **Registration** - Coffee & Rolls
- 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM **What is a healthy, happy child and how do children develop into healthy adults?**
- A discussion of current research related to child development and the effects on a child when exposed to trauma related to divorce or separation
 - An examination into how an understanding of basic child development concepts enhance our ability as professionals advocates to better represent our clients and argue what is/is not in a child's best interests?
- Presenters:** Jennifer Rhodes, PsyD.
Terri Harrington, Esq.
- 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM **Break** - 15 minutes
- 10:00 AM – Noon **Child Based Recommendations**
- An exploration into the empirical studies on child development regarding parenting plans for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children
 - A consideration of developing parenting plans for children with special needs
 - Weighing and advocating for the best interest of the children versus the best interests of the parent
 - Do's/don'ts for testimony
 - Top 10 Do's/Don'ts for identifying, crafting and determining parenting plans
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- Noon – 1:00 PM **Lunch** - provided at DU
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **The Wishes of the Children – a discussion of child-inclusive mediation**
- Presenter:** Joan McWilliams, Esq., Robert T. Hinds, Jr., Esq.

& Donna Hinds

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM **Discussion panel with Adult Children of Divorce**

Moderators: Shelley Bresnick, PsyD. & Lavita Nadkarni, PhD

3:30 PM **Conference Adjourned**

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