LOOKIN’ TO THE FUTURE Conference

27th Annual Conference
Presented by
Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc.

June 24-26, 2015
Natchez Convention Center
Natchez, Mississippi
The vision of the Lookin’ to the Future Conference has always been to create a circle of care for the children, youth and families of Mississippi. In this circle are professionals, foster parents, adoptive parents, administrators, judges, policy makers, and others who work to enhance the safety, well-being, and permanency of our children and youth. Implementing this vision requires that we have the best knowledge, skills, experience, as well as commitment.

Each year, we endeavor to bring to this conference the very best presenters who can equip us for our task and motivate us to renew our commitment. Our Planning Committee, comprised of representatives of a broad based group of public and private agencies, has worked diligently to plan this conference, always looking for new and better ways to present cutting edge information. This year, special emphasis was placed on trauma informed care, building resilience in child welfare workers, human trafficking and child advocacy.

The theme for this year’s conference is *Advancing Best Practices across the Continuum*. We hope all attendees will be enriched and encouraged to continue enhancing their service delivery for the children, youth and families they serve.

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Freda McKissic Bush, M.D. FACOG, graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical School in 1983 and completed her residency training at the University of Tennessee in Memphis in 1987. She is a Fellow in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and is Board Certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecologists.

Dr. Bush is a Board Member of the Medical Institute of Sexual Health and is a Presidential appointee to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/Aids. She has served as a Member of the Mississippi Task Force on Reducing Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancies. In 2006, she received the Community Service Award from the Mississippi State Medical Association. She spends much time speaking on sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases and social behavior education. She has co-authored, two books, *Hooked – New Science on How Casual Sex is affecting Our Children and Girls Uncovered – New Research on What America's Sexual Culture Does to Young Women.*

Married to her husband, Lee, since 1969, they have four children and seven grandchildren.

Derek Clark’s life is one of resilience and redemption. As a child he suffered unthinkable child abuse, abandonment and emotional distress before being turned over to a psychiatric hospital at age five. His thirteen years in the San Francisco bay area foster care system reflected an early life of humiliation, aggression, emotional distress, overwhelming anxiety and being wrongfully labeled. Psychiatric reports stated that at the age of five years old, Derek had severe behavioral problems. Neurological reports stated that at six years old, he had the IQ of a two year old and was diagnosed with erratic psychosis. Although he was diagnosed as mentally handicapped and having numerous emotional and language difficulties, Derek never gave up. With amazing help from his foster parents, a great social worker and mentors, he has defied the artificial limitations imposed upon him.

Derek, an inspiring speaker and trainer, has been featured on CNN Headline News, The Steve Harvey TV Show, The Ricki Lake Show and other shows around the world. As a speaker, author and singer/songwriter, Derek has spoken and performed his music from Australia to Canada. He has recently become a viral video sensation with his “Rapping Dad” videos.

He is the author of six books including *Never Limit Your Life, Disable The Label* and the *I Will Never Give Up* book series. His true-life trials and personal triumphs have inspired others with his message of hope and unwavering perseverance. His maxim is to make no excuses. He has turned his situation from a victim to a victor, equipping him with the wisdom and the will to never give up.

Dr. Kimberly F. Shackelford, Ph.D, LCSW, has spent her career serving children and families, mostly in Mississippi, but also throughout the United States and countries such as Belize, Canada and South Africa. She is often called upon as a consultant in the areas of traumatic stress, child welfare training curriculum, program development and child welfare supervision. She is currently employed by the Mississippi Department of Human Services as Deputy Administrator of Family and Children’s Services.

Dr. Shackelford has authored two books: *Secondary Traumatic Stress and the Child Welfare Professional and The Costs of Courage.* Her passion is to improve services to families and children in order to protect children from abuse and neglect and to give every child a permanent family.

Mechele Pitt is the Executive Director at Anu Family Services. Mechele has been working in the child welfare field since 1992 and has more than 20 years of experience working with youth in a variety of out-of-home care settings. Mechele is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in Minnesota and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Wisconsin. Mechele completed the Post-Graduate Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate at the University of Minnesota, Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare. She has taught graduate and undergraduate level courses in the areas of social work supervision, child development, individual and family counseling, cultural diversity, work and family issues, and child and adolescent counseling. Mechele has presented training at the National Foster Family Association Conference, University of Wisconsin-Minnesota, St. Louis County Conference. Topics presented include: permanence focused supervision, grief, loss and trauma, self-care for the caregiver and self-care in the social work profession.
**General Information**

The historic city of Natchez on the Mississippi River is the host city of this year’s Lookin’ to the Future Conference. Its convention center will provide an attractive and spacious setting for this year’s events.

From shopping in historical downtown specialty stores and good eatin’ at restaurants on the riverfront, to tours of gracious antebellum homes, conference participants can experience the nostalgia that is uniquely Natchez!

**Lodging for the Conference is available at the following hotels:**

- Dunleith Historic Inn  
  (800) 433-2445
- Comfort Suites Riverfront  
  (800) 260-2715
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*Mention Lookin’ to the Future Conference for special conference rates. Reservations should be made no later than May 31, 2015 to ensure conference rates.*

**Continuing Education Credits**

This organization, Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc., DP#SWB120015, is approved as a provider for continuing education by the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers/Marriage and Family Therapists; Approval Period: 10/17/2013 through 10/17/2015. Social Workers will receive up to 12.5 continuing education clock hours for participating in the Conference.

Marriage and Family Therapist Continuing Education credits have been applied for with the MFT CE Committee through the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers/Marriage and Family Therapists.

The educational portion of this activity is presented by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Division of Professional Development. **Continuing Education is a separate registration which is required at the beginning of the conference.** Planning Forms have been submitted for review for continuing education credit.

### Events Schedule

#### Wednesday, June 24, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
  Registration
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
  Moderator Luncheon & Training Session
- 1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
  Opening Plenary Session
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
  Break/ Conference Reunion
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
  Session A
- 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
  Mississippi Association of Child Care Agencies Annual Meeting (MACCA)

#### Thursday, June 25, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
  Registration
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
  Session B
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
  Morning Break
- 10:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
  Session C
- 1:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
  Lunch & Networking (on your own)
- 1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
  Session D
- 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
  Afternoon Break
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
  Session E
- 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
  Conference Partners Reception

#### Friday, June 26, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
  Session F
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
  Morning Break
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
  Session G
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
  Closing Plenary Luncheon
  *Keynote Speaker - Derek Clark*
  *Presentation of the - Lookin’ to the Future Award*
**Opening Plenary Session**
Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 1:15-3:00 p.m.
**The Impact of Teen Sexuality**
Keynote Speaker, Freda M. Bush, M.D.

**Workshop Session A**
Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**A-1 Trauma Informed Response**
(Resource Parents Only)
Increasing awareness and understanding of the impact of trauma, helping parents to develop trauma-informed responses to situations, and providing strategies for developing and implementing practices of trauma-informed care. Willis Garrison, MS, Mississippi Department of Mental Health

**A-2 Legislative Update 2015**
A stimulating survey of the statutory bounty of the Mississippi Legislature in 2014 as it affects children and youth will be discussed. Jeffrey Klingfuss, JD, Mississippi Attorney General’s Office

**A-3 Update on Use of Psychiatric Medication**
This workshop is designed for clinicians and professionals to identify commonly used medication for emotional and behavioral disorders in children and adolescents. This presentation will provide the most current and up to date information related to these medications. It will help professionals working with parents and family members to recognize the indications for and common side effects of these medications and know how to obtain needed information about medications prescribed for their teens. Cynthia Undesser, MD, Mississippi Children’s Homes Services

**A-4 Respite: One of the Keys to Family Survival**
The Partners in Permanency program recognizes caring for a child who may need extra or special attention can be difficult. It is easy to become overwhelmed with the day to day demands of caring for those children. Increasing the knowledge of the respite services available to adoptive/resource parents statewide and the benefits of taking advantage of the service can assist in reducing out of home disruptions with children and youth in care. The service is a planned break for adoptive/resource parents who are parenting children who have special needs and behavioral challenges. Teresa L. Williams, LSW, Marilyn Lewis, M.M.Ed., Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc.

**A-5 Mississippi: Ahead of the Game in Trauma Informed Care and Collaboration**
Mississippi’s Trauma Informed efforts and collaboration among state and local agencies are recognized on the national level. This presentation will provide an overview of these efforts and collaborations proving why Mississippi is ahead of the game! Jackie Chatmon, MA, Mississippi Department of Mental Health

**A-6 It’s My Life: How Alcohol & Drugs Affect the Brain**
This presentation will explore the harmful consequences associated with alcohol and drugs. The audience will gain knowledge that will equip them in dealing with misperceptions the media portrays relating to alcohol and drugs. Lastly, the workshop will examine how alcohol and drugs affected the lives of many talented musicians. Karen West, LPC, CMHT, Mississippi Department of Mental Health

**A-7 What You Need To Know As a Provider**
The presentation will examine the cultural awareness and cultural competency level of participants by exploring their cultural lens. The presentation will discuss the cultural continuum of cultural competency as it relates to an agency. The presentation will discuss specific strategies that agencies can implement to move towards cultural competency and cultural proficiency. Alberstein Johnson-Pickett, M.Ed., Mississippi Department of Mental Health

**A-8 Teen Sex and the Brain**
What does a three pound brain have to do with one’s sex life? A lot! Breakthroughs in the field of neuroscience explain the impact having sex has on the developing brain of adolescents and young adults. These yet-to-mature brains translate to adolescents being unable to make the most mature decisions about their behavior. Additionally, sexual activity releases chemicals in the brain creating emotional bonds between partners. This desire to connect is not just an emotional feeling. Breaking those bonds can cause depression and make it harder to bond with someone in the future. Chemicals released in the brain during sex can also become addictive. Parents and others who care about young people can learn the facts to steer them away from life-changing mistakes and lead them toward reaching their full potential. Freda M. Bush, M.D., East Lakeland ÖB-GYN

**Workshop Session B**
Thursday, June 25, 2015, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

**B-1 Positive Discipline**
(Resource Parents Only)
Understanding positive discipline is not only needed for resource parents, but also for support staff. Together they work to resolve serious behavioral issues that arise in the home. Kara Norris, M.Ed., Mississippi Community Education Center/New Summit School

**B-2 Prevent Now! Child Sexual Abuse - The Impact on Our Community**
Darkness to Light - Prevent Now! This workshop is designed to show the importance of a community-based, adult focused, prevention and cultural change effort to prevent child sexual abuse. This presentation will provide a new approach to awareness for community prevention initiatives and will answer the following questions: What are community initiatives and what do they look like? What does it cost? What are the keys to success? Jacklyn Wein, MS, Kizzy Keneshia Goss, MS, Sally Kate Winters Family Services

**B-3 Trauma-Informed Care: Together Initiating Change**
Childhood abuse, neglect and exposure to other traumatic stressors are common. The ACE study findings suggest that certain experiences are major risk factors for the leading causes of illness and death as well as poor quality of life in the United States. Despite this high prevalence of traumatic experiences, it was not until recently that agencies began exploring how to implement a Trauma Informed Care approach. Using slides, videos, small groups discussions, and active practice scenarios the instructors will present information on the interplay between trauma, development, and behavior. Instructors will also discuss the importance of all care providers using a Trauma Informed approach while also exploring potential barriers. Caitlin Rae Cousins Mudd, LPC, NCC; Jennifer Young, MS, Mississippi Children’s Home Services

**B-4 Got Grief? A Toolbox for Professionals**
This workshop provides an overview of grief, loss and trauma for youth in out-of-home care. Professionals working with youth will develop a “toolbox” of strategies to enhance their work with youth, to better understand pain-behaviors demonstrated by youth and to empower youth to grieve their losses and help youth to become “unstuck”. Mechele Pitt, BS, MSSW, LCSW, LICSW, Anu Family Services, Hudson, Wisconsin

**B-5 Mississippi Wraparound Initiative: Providing Hope to Families With Complex Needs**
This presentation provides a brief overview and definition of wraparound in Mississippi. Also, it is explained how the wraparound process empowers Mississippi families. The presenters will examine the process from the viewpoint of families and discuss rationale for family voice and choice for every step of the process. Vanessa Huston, LPC-S; Elizabeth McDowell, LMSW, The University of Southern Mississippi

**B-6 Using Motivational Interviewing: Treating Adolescents with Substance Use Disorder**
The purpose of this presentation is to explore the various facets involved in offering substance use treatment to the adolescent population. Features of the adolescent SUD population will be explored in conjunction with effective treatment approaches that could be used. Additional techniques of motivational interviewing will also be discussed and demonstrated. Damien Thomas, DPC, NCC, LPC, LPC-S, Mississippi College

**B-7 Suppervision of Juvenile Offenders**
Poor supervision has been identified as a risk factor for juvenile delinquency. This workshop is designed to help professionals understand their roles in supervision, educate them on how to meet the needs of juvenile offenders, how to determine if a child/youth is participating in illegal activities, and how to navigate the juvenile justice system once a child/youth has been arrested. Ingrid Cloy, MSW, MA, Public Policy Center of Mississippi and Juan Cloy, BS, Canton Police Department
Workshop Session C
Thursday, June 25, 2015, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

C-1 The Billion Dollar Business (Resource Parents Only)
This presentation will provide parents information about cell phone applications and social media popular with teens. The presentation will also discuss consequences of the use of applications and social media on cell phones.
Jean Smith Vaughan, JD, M.L.S., Mississippi Attorney General’s Office

C-2 Human Trafficking
The presentation will consist of an in-depth discussion on the human trafficking and prostitution laws in Mississippi and how these laws interconnect with other crimes against children. The workshop will also address mandatory reporting requirements under state law when a minor is trafficked or has fallen victim to prostitution. In addition, the presenter will discuss how governmental and non-governmental agencies can work together to insure traffickers of children are held accountable.
Paula H. Broome, JD, Mississippi Attorney General’s Office

C-3 Understanding Juvenile Deviancy: A Guide to Creating Fewer Criminals
The goal of this course of instruction is to educate the practitioners on the causes and risk factors related to deviancy; explore social norms, family dynamics and environmental factors that promote criminal behavior; and discuss strategies to reduce incidences of juvenile deviancy.
Ingrid Cloy, MSW, MA, Public Policy Center of Mississippi and Juan Cloy, BS, Canton Police Department

C-4 Understanding Trauma Anniversaries, Lessening the Triggers, and Trauma Informed Care
The presenter will define, give examples of, and explain trauma anniversaries. She will identify and discuss trauma triggers and review in detail six healthy coping strategies for lessening the impact of triggers. The presenter will also define and discuss Trauma Informed Care, as well as describing Compassion Fatigue and ways to reduce this in clinical practice.
Elizabeth Taylor, LPC, Transitional Counseling Services

C-5 How Implementing PBIS in the Juvenile System Impacts All Systems
PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support) is a collaborative, data-based approach to developing effective interventions which uses proactive, educative and reinforcement-based strategies to achieve meaningful and durable behavior. PBIS aims to build emotionally safe environments in which positive behavior is more likely to occur. This presentation will address obstacles, critical elements, core teams, and the use of data to make decisions.
Judge Thomas H. Broome, Rankin County Youth Court, Lt. Michelle Rhodes, BS, Rankin County Sheriff’s Department, Selina Merrell, MS, Ed, REACH MS, University of Southern Mississippi, Savannah Norfleet, Rankin County Juvenile Detention Center

C-6 Drug Trends
The presentation is designed to give participants knowledge of current trends in substances of abuse. The session will address new substances of abuse, the emerging trends and future expectations. Topics discussed will include: synthetic and prescription drugs and the potential rise of heroin abuse.
John Harless, Lieutenant, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics

C-7 A Message from the Crayons
Successful development as a human service worker or as a foster or adoptive parent requires that we all understand that we have culture. Culture plays a central role in our lives as well as the lives of those we serve. Without this understanding, we see children and families from other cultures as “different”, occupying positions across an invisible divide.
K. Dyann Robinson Mizell, LMSW, ComForcare Senior Services

C-8 Stressed? Self-care and Resiliency for Professionals
Stress is inevitable in the helping profession. This workshop will review tools available to assess and improve employee well-being. This workshop will assist participants to develop pro-active self-care strategies and skills to renew their own sense of well-being and resiliency. Participants will develop skills that can be used as an individual, supervisor, or supervisee. Mchele Pitt, BS, MSSW, LCSW, LICSW, Anu Family Services, Hudson, Wisconsin

Workshop Session D
Thursday, June 25, 2015, 1:45-3:15 p.m.

D-1 Got Grief? A Toolbox for Resource parents (Resource Parents Only)
Resource parents will be provided with an overview of grief, loss and trauma for youth in out-of-home care. Resource parents will reflect, renew and replenish their approaches to working with youth in their home to meet the needs of the youth. Resource parents will also receive powerful self-care tools and strategies to increase their confidence, competence and resiliency.
Mchele Pitt, BS, MSSW, LCSW, LICSW, Anu Family Services, Hudson, Wisconsin

D-2 The Billion Dollar Business
This presentation will provide professionals information about cell phone applications and social media popular with teens. The presentation will also discuss consequences of the use of applications and social media on cell phones.
Jean Smith Vaughan, JD, M.L.S., Mississippi Attorney General’s Office

D-3 Smart and Healthy: The Competitive Advantage for the 21st Century Organization
At its heart, organizational health is about integrity. It is the single greatest advantage any company can achieve. Yet, although it is simple, free, and available to anyone who wants it, most leaders ignore it. This session will make the case for organizational health (evidenced by minimal politics and confusion, high degrees of morale and productivity, and low turnover) as the multiplier of organizational smarts (e.g., strategy, marketing, finance, and technology). The four disciplines of organizational health will be examined.
Dr. Terry L. Hight, Ph.D., Mississippi Children’s Home Services

D-4 Growing Our Youth-Helping Youth Successfully Transition to Adulthood
This presentation will explain the Independent Living Services offered to youth in custody through the Mississippi Department of Human Services, how to assist youth to make successful transitions to adulthood, and how to connect youth to community resources while building a supportive network.
Mario Johnson, M.S. Ed., MS Department of Human Services, Barry Dixon, BA, Greg Murphy, BA, and Jessica L. Easterling, BA, Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc.

D-5 National CLAS (Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) Implementation-Impact on Service Outcomes in Systems of Care
The presentation will explain the National CLAS Standards and its relevancy to providing culturally and linguistically competent services. In addition, the presentation will explore each standard and how it applies to health and mental health services. The presentation will discuss the Blueprint that can be used as a guide to implement the CLAS Standards.
Alberstein Johnson-Pickett, M.Ed., Mississippi Department of Mental Health

D-6 Using Dialectical Behavioral Therapy in Addictions Treatment
The purpose of the presentation is to discuss the benefits of using dialectical behavior therapy in addictions treatment. The presenter will discuss the origins of DBT including a review of applicable literature. Clinical case reviews with regard to comorbid conditions will also be discussed.
Damien Thomas, DPC, NCC, LPC, LPC-S, Mississippi College

Workshop Session E
Thursday, June 25, 2015, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

E-1 What’s Happening in Independent Living (Resource Parents Only)
What’s up in Independent Living will explain the Independent Living Services offered to youth in custody through the Mississippi Department of Human Services, how to assist youth to make successful transitions to adulthood, and how to connect youth to community resources while building a supportive network.
Mario Johnson, M.S. Ed., MS Department of Human Services, Barry Dixon, BA, Greg Murphy, BA, and Jessica L. Easterling, BA, Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc.

E-2 Secondary Traumatic Stress in Social Work Practice
So what is secondary trauma? Isn’t it just burnout....? In this presentation you will learn the difference between Secondary Trauma, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Burnout, which are often confused with one another. However, they each have very distinct symptoms that, when recognized, need immediate attention. You’ll learn that research has confirmed these distinct symptoms and you’ll be given practical solutions for addressing them in yourself, your employees and your organizations.
Kimberly Shackelford, PhD, LCSW, Mississippi Department of Human Services
E-3  Collaborative Problem Solving: An Overview
For more than a decade, the Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) model has demonstrated effectiveness with children and adolescents with a wide range of social, emotional, and behavioral challenges. This presentation will present a brief overview of the neuroscience that supports CPS, review the CPS model and its application to working with challenging youngsters, and provide an assessment tool that child and family team members can utilize to begin to determine skill deficits.

Arthur Ring, Jr. ACSW, Mississippi Children’s Home Services

E-4  Weathering the Storm of Disruption
Helping the resource family, children and youth as well as the team recover when placement fails.

Patricia K. Digby, LMSW, University of Mississippi, Teresa L. Williams, LSW, Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc., Gail M. White, LMSW, Mississippi Department of Human Services, Lee Esther Butler, Resource Parent, and Marilyn Gouguet, LCSW

E-5  Promoting Trauma Informed Practices at an Adolescent Complex
Bradley A. Sanders Adolescent Complex (BASAC) provides acute psychiatric services and chemical dependency treatment to adolescent boys ranging from 12 to 17 years, 11 months. Many times trauma is a problem that often goes overlooked. To provide effective services we need to understand the effect trauma may have in contributing to the individual’s current psychiatric problems.

Kenneth Tye, Ph.D., East Mississippi State Hospital

E-6  Ethics and the Current Climate
An overview of the current national focus on ethics will be discussed. Presenter will explore ethical cultures and the culture of compliance. Understand management techniques associated with ethical practice.

Arin C. Adkins, J.D., LCSW, Mississippi Children’s Home Services

Workshop Session F
Friday, June 26, 2015, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

F-1  Is Beauty Skin Deep? (Resource Parents Only)
Hair and Skin Management for youth in foster placements will be discussed. How do you care for the hair and skin of youth placed in your care? The do’s and don’ts of hair care and skin care of various ethnicity.

Nadine Hancock, Blue Cliff College

F-2  Human Trafficking 101
This presentation provides an overview of the topic of human trafficking and discusses risk factors for persons who may be vulnerable to victimization. The role of traumatic bonding in relationships between victims and their exploiters will be described. Mississippi’s response to human trafficking will be provided including resources and reporting options.

Tamara Hurst, Ph.D., The University of Southern Mississippi

F-3  Experiential Education: Adventure Based Programming for Groups
This workshop will include a brief overview of key experiential education processes such as planning and sequencing. It will be largely focused on interactive demonstration of how activities can be utilized to process a group into and through issues and how appropriate sequencing increases trust and openness among participants.

Arthur Ring, Jr. ACSW, and Christian Ware, MA, Mississippi Children's Home Services

F-4  When Trauma Comes Home
This workshop will look at childhood trauma and how professionals can help families understand and lead their children to become self-actualized adults.

Marilyn Gouguet, LCSW

F-5  QPR - Question, Persuade & Refer
QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer, three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. QPR is a simple educational program that teaches ordinary citizens how to recognize a mental health emergency and how to get a person at risk the help they need. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught gatekeeper training program in the United States. As a QPR - trained Gatekeeper, participants will learn to: recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope and know how to get help and save a life.

Willis O. Garrison, MS, and Misty Waldrop, BSW, Mississippi Department of Mental Health

F-6  Ethical Dilemmas in the Provision of Care
In working with children and youth, many emotional issues can arise with children, but also within workers, as they seek to provide the best service and care for their young clients. Provision of care can cause many dilemmas. In this workshop, participants will increase their knowledge of ethics and ethical issues that might arise in working with children and youth. Utilization of vignettes will aid in discussions and processing of information.

Stephanie Smith-Jefferson, MS, MA, LPC, Crossroads Counseling Center

Workshop Session G
Friday, June 26, 2015, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

G-1  The ABC’s of Your Child/Youth’s Education (Resource Parents Only)
This training was developed to help social workers, foster parents and foster youth understand the role of advocacy in education. There will also be a review of the education requirements as a part of the Olivia Y modified settlement agreement. Finally, the IEP process and IDEA Basic Rights will be reviewed.

Julie Propst, MS, LMFT, Mississippi Department of Human Services and Pam Dollar, BSA, Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

G-2  Client Centered Supervision
Participants will understand the dynamics of the parallel process as a supervisory method that allows for modeling a client-centered approach. Learning opportunities for the supervisor and supervisee will be discussed through the use of the parallel process. A client-centered approach to supervision will be used to illustrate how an impasse with a client could be resolved.

Kimberly Shackelford, PhD, LCSW, Mississippi Department of Human Services

G-3  Legal and Compliance Issues for Practitioners: News From the Front Lines
A general overview to governmental regulations in the field of behavioral and mental health is presented. The exploration will provide an introduction and review of the ever-expanding field of healthcare compliance. Subjects include, but are not limited to: Federal False Claims Act; Anti-Kickback; Conflicts of Interest; HIPAA; Privacy & Security Rules; HITEC; Omnibus and the OIG Work Plan. The components of a successful healthcare compliance program will be examined.

Arin Adkins, JD, LCSW, CHC, Mississippi Children’s Home Services

G-4  Building an Effective Team for the Child’s Sake
The benefits of engaging team members in order to make sound decisions for our children are immeasurable, but working as a cohesive team can sometimes be challenging. This workshop provides a framework and concrete strategies for building an effective team.

Nikki G. Flippins, LMSW, Families As Allies for Children’s Mental Health

G-5  Are you N2? The Youth and Family Perspective
It is vital we empower our youth and families by building on their strengths as they work through challenges. The NFusion model is an innovative method of service delivery in communities across the state. Be inspired as you hear stories of resiliency and answer the questions, “Are you N2?”

Adetura Taylor, BS, NFusionX

G-6  Messages in the Media: What Are Your Children Watching?
Environmental strategies are focused on changing aspects of the environment that contribute to the use of alcohol and other drugs. Specifically, environmental strategies aid to decrease the social and health consequences of substance abuse by limiting access to substances and changing social norms that are accepting of and permissive to substance abuse. They can change public laws, policies and practices to create environments that decrease the probability of substance abuse. This workshop defines and explores different types of environmental strategies as well as leading coalitions into using these strategies in their communities.

Jordon Hillhouse, ICPS, DREAM, Inc.

Closing Plenary Session
Friday, June 26, 2015, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

“Advancing Best Practices across the Continuum”

Derek Clark, Child Welfare Speaker/Trainer
Fees and Registration Form

NAME________________________________ AGENCY________________________________

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Conference Registration . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $150.00
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Resource Parent (Foster/Adoptive) . . . . . . $75.00 per person
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Indicate letter and number of desired workshops (A-1, A-2, etc.) Sessions A-1, B-1, C-1, D-1, E-1, F-1, G-1 are for Resource Parents ONLY.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015
Session A – 3:30 – 5:00 P.M. ____________________________

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015
Session B – 8:30 – 10:00 A.M. ____________________________
Session C – 10:15 – 11:45 A.M. ____________________________
Session D – 1:45 – 3:15 P.M. ____________________________
Session E – 3:30 – 5:00 P.M. ____________________________

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Session G – 10:15 – 11:45 A.M. ____________________________

Do you plan to attend the 12:00-1:30 P.M. Closing Plenary Luncheon?
Yes______ No______
(Please preregister for closing luncheon)


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