



Meeting Agenda

11th Annual Cross Sites Meeting: BE THE BRIDGE: Nurture the Present, Build the Future

Sponsored by ZERO TO THREE Safe Babies Court Teams™ (SBCT)
in collaboration with
The Quality Improvement Center for Research-Based
Infant-Toddler Court Teams (QIC-CT)

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
August 16th-18th, 2017

Wednesday, 1:00 PM – 4:45 PM

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

Judge Hope Bristol, Early Childhood Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Matthew Melmed, Executive Director, ZERO TO THREE

Janie Huddleston, Director, QIC-CT, ZERO TO THREE

Lucy Hudson, Director, SBCT; Site Implementation Director, QIC-CT, ZERO TO THREE

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Plenary: Sustainability: Building the Future

Jason Sabo, Founder, Frontera Strategy, Austin, Texas

- Participants will learn how to develop a message for funders by using stories and data
- Participants will learn how to secure funding to support your work
- Participants will learn how to select champions for sustaining their programs

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Break

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session 1: Q & A following plenary session, Jason Sabo

Breakout Session 2: Understanding Infant Mental Health and Why it is Important

Dr. Joy Osofsky, Ph.D. Paul J. Ramsay Chair

Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry LSU Health Sciences Center

- Participants will gain knowledge about different ways to understand infant mental health in systems serving young children and families in juvenile court
- Participants will discuss “red flags” indicating problems in development and provide examples identified through behavioral observations
- Participants will learn about the purpose and components of the new DC:0-5 Diagnostic Classification of Infancy and Early Childhood

Breakout Session 3: Sustaining the SBCT: Mobilizing Collaborations and Using Data to Access Financing

Alex Citrin, MSW, MPP Senior Policy Analyst, Center for The Study of Social Policy

Sarah Morrison, MA, Senior Associate, Center for the Study of Social Policy

- Participants will learn through examples from the QIC-CT and SBCT sites about the Sustainability Framework in action
- Participants will discuss how the Sustainability Framework can be used in their respective communities
- Participants will engage in discussions, share experiences, and consider what speaks to funders when seeking sustained financing

Breakout Session 4: Making a Difference in the Lives of Children Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence

Judge Susan M. Breall, Superior Court for the City and County of San Francisco

Melissa Mangiaracina, JD, Program Attorney, NCJFCJ

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- Participants will understand the effects of exposure to violence on young children
- Participants will understand risk and protective factors that impact children exposed to intimate partner violence
- Participants will recognize the importance of strengthening protective factors in the child's environment

Breakout Session 5: Recognizing the Challenges that Bring Parents into the Child Welfare System

Lucy Hudson, Director, SBCT; Site Implementation Director, QIC-CT, ZERO TO THREE

- Participants will learn about the reasons parents involved in the child welfare system struggle to safely care for their children, including complex trauma, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, traumatic brain injuries, and early parenting

- Participants will walk through the situations in which parents need assistance to be fully involved (e.g. court hearings, family team meetings, family contact)
- Participants will strategize about how to assist parents in being as fully involved in the care of their children as they are capable, recognizing that it takes a village to raise every child

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **Opening Reception: Welcome to Fort Lauderdale!**

Thursday, 8:15 AM – 4:45 PM

**Breakfast on your own*

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM **Plenary: Early Adversity and Lifelong Health: Risk and Protective Factors**

Dr. Sarah Watamura, Director of the Child Health and Development Lab
Associate Professor at the University of Denver

- Participants will hear about the science of early adversity and learn about the effects on the brain and body
- Participants will learn about protective and preventive factors that can moderate the effects of early adversity on very young children
- Participants will learn about evidence-based interventions that work with children who have experienced early adversity

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM **Break**

9:45 AM – 11:00 AM **Breakout Sessions**

Breakout Session 1: Safe Use of Psychotropic Medication in Children

Dr. Kristopher Kaliebe, M.D.

Associate Professor, Psychiatry Department, University of South Florida

Dr. Joy Osofsky, Ph.D. Paul J. Ramsay Chair

Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry LSU Health Sciences Center

Judge Constance Cohen, Retired Judge, Safe Babies Court Team, Des Moines, Iowa

Janie Huddleston, Director, QIC-CT, ZERO TO THREE

- Participants will learn about best practices when utilizing the most common medications used for ADHD, disruptive behaviors, mood and anxiety disorders.
- Participants will be able to identify signs of problematic use of medications including over-medication, inappropriate medication, non-adherence to prescription, lack of follow-up and supervision of medication.
- Participants will learn about effective treatment approaches that can be used in lieu of psychotropic medications or in addition to drug therapy.

Breakout Session 2: Communicating with Children in a trauma informed way

Eileen Swoboda, MSW, LISW, Therapist, Compass Clinical Associates, Des Moines, IA

- Participants will learn how to create a safe, nurturing environment for very young children who have experienced trauma
- Participants will learn how to help parents, caregivers, families, and communities support and become buffers for very young children who have experienced trauma
- Participants will be able to identify techniques and strategies that can ameliorate the effects of trauma on very young children (e.g. play, story-telling)

Breakout Session 3: Legacies of the Past: Does My Bias Impact My Good Works? Stories of Action Hope and Change

Marva Lewis, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Tulane University
Director of The Natural Connections Center for Research & Training

- Participants will examine their own biases by engaging in a self-reflection exercise
- Participants will hear real life stories from families and children that result in “Aha” moments
- Participants will discuss cultural considerations that assist in making informed decisions in support of families

Breakout Session 4: Addiction to Alcohol and Opiates, a Multi-Generational Medical Disorder

Larry Burd, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of North Dakota;
Director, North Dakota Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Center

Lucy Hudson, M.S., Director, SBCT; Site Implementation Director, QIC-CT, ZERO TO THREE

Rizwan Shah, MD, FAAP, Medical Director, Regional Child Protection Center (ret.)
West Des Moines, IA

- Participants will understand that addiction is a medical disorder, requiring a medical treatment approach
- Participants will learn about the major research documenting the impact of opiates and opioids on adults and their children
- Participants will recognize the prevalence of addiction to alcohol among families in the child welfare system and why it’s so important to screen parents and children for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders

11:00 AM -12:00 PM Plenary: How Trauma Audits Made a Difference In Our Work

Judge Lynn Tepper Early Childhood Court Judge, Dade City, Florida

Judge Joseph Seidlin, Safe Babies Court Team Judge, Des Moines, Iowa

Judge Thomas Broome, Safe Babies Court Team Judge, Pelahatchie, Mississippi
Judge Kimberly Todd, Early Childhood Court Judge, Clearwater, Florida
Judge Mary Polson, Early Childhood Court Judge, Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Judge Doris Fransein, Safe Babies Court Team Judge, Tulsa, Oklahoma

- Participants will learn about trauma audits and how they are conducted
- Participants will hear from judges about what they learned from their respective trauma audits
- Participants will hear recommendations from judges about changes in court room practice resulting from the trauma audit

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Lunch

Attendee Networking Lunch (*Lunch provided*)

Judges' Networking Lunch (*Lunch provided*)

1:15 PM – 3:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session 1: Self Reflection Meeting For SBCT/ QIC-CT Teams

- Participants will learn about successes and lessons learned from QIC-CT and SBCT communities
- Participants will have the opportunity to interact with and learn from QIC-CT and SBCT Team members
- Participants will discuss and identify strategies from the SBCT approach that they will utilize in their respective sites

Breakout Session 2: Improving Child Protection Practice for Immigrant Families Experiencing Domestic Violence

Judge Susan M. Breall, Superior Court for the City and County of San Francisco

Shellie Taggart, Futures Without Violence

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- Participants will learn about the dynamics of domestic violence and the unique challenges it poses for immigrant families.
- Participants will learn how involvement with the child welfare system and the courts can create additional barriers for immigrant victims of domestic violence.
- Participants will learn about legal remedies available to immigrant families and victims of domestic violence.
- Participants will learn how reasonable efforts may look different for immigrant families experiencing domestic violence.

Breakout Session 3: ICWA updates

Victoria Sweet, JD, Program Attorney

Judge Brenda Pipestem, Safe Babies Court Team Judge, Cherokee, NC

- Participants will learn about the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and recent changes in the law
- Participants will hear personal testimony about experiences navigating ICWA with very young children

Breakout Session 4: Building the SBCT Components- (How To Session)

Darneshia Bell, Arkansas Training and Outreach Coordinator, ZERO TO THREE

Carrie Toy, Florida ECC, Statewide Community Coordinator, QIC-CT, ZERO TO THREE

Judy Norris, QIC-CT Technical Assistance Specialist, ZERO TO THREE

- Participants will learn about the Safe Babies Court Teams Approach through hearing about the Core Components
- Participants will learn about strategies for building and sustaining a local Safe Babies Court Team
- Participants will discuss important messages for the community about the Safe Babies Court Teams Approach

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Dr. Joy Osofsky, Ph.D. Paul J. Ramsay Chair

Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry LSU Health Sciences Center

Eileen Swoboda, MSW, LISW, Therapist, Compass Clinical Associates, Des Moines, IA

- Participants will learn the importance of communicating effectively with the court.
- Participants will explore the boundaries of testimony regarding the best interests of young children in dependency court.
- Participants will learn helpful tips for testifying and report writing in dependency court.

Breakout Session 2: Meaningful Tools of Parent Engagement: Parent Representation

Carlyn Hicks, Director of Parent Representation, Mission First Legal Aid Office, Mississippi

- Participants will learn about the importance of parent engagement and how parenting skills can be strengthened
- Participants will learn how to develop trusting relationships with parents to support engagement, including fathers
- Participants will learn about the necessity of parent representation

Breakout Session 3: Coparenting Between Biological Parents and Both Relative and Non-Relative Caregivers

Dr. James P. McHale, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology and Director, Family Study Center at University of South

Florida

St. Petersburg

- Participants will learn how and why failure to coparent heightens risk for children in out-of-home care
- Participants will learn to outline distinctions between relative and non-relative caregivers as it pertains to coparenting
- Participants will discuss challenges to cultivating successful coparenting alliances, and strategies for addressing these challenges

Breakout Session 4: Domestic Violence: How We Work with Families

Darneshia Bell Arkansas Training and Outreach Coordinator, ZERO TO THREE

- Participants will learn about the effects of Domestic Violence on very young children
- Participants will learn about the role of the Community Coordinator in Cases of Domestic Violence
- Participants will practice strategies for working with and supporting families and young children affected by Domestic Violence

**Dinner on your own*

Friday, 8:15 AM – 2:00 PM

**Breakfast on your own*

8:15 AM – 9:30 AM Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session 1: Parent Mentoring and Starting a Parent Support Program

Denise Moore, Des Moines Service Area Parent Partner Coordinator
Children & Families of Iowa

- Participants will learn strategies for developing trusting relationships with parents who have young children in child welfare
- Participants will hear about connecting parents to needed services and local providers
- Participants will learn about Parent Partner recruitment, skill development, and strategies to encourage parent engagement throughout the process.

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Breakout Session 3: Conducting a Family Team Meeting

Darneshia Bell, Arkansas Training and Outreach Coordinator, ZERO TO THREE

Tiffany Kell, Mediation Program Coordinator, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
William H Bowen School of Law

- Participants will learn about the Family Team Meeting and how this tool supports families with young children in child welfare
- Participants will hear about how family engagement and participation is strengthened through use of the Family Team Meeting
- Participants will learn and understand how the Family Team Meeting can be used to strengthen engagement between local service providers and families

Breakout Session 4: Safety & Resiliency for Trauma Exposed Families

Pat Rogness, Vice President of Mental Health Services, Children & Families of Iowa

Gwen Babberl, Trauma-Attachment Specialist/Family Therapist
Children & Families of Iowa Northside Services Center

- Participants will leave with greater understanding of how to assess and increase physical and emotional safety for families exposed to trauma
- Participants will leave with greater understanding of how to utilize roles of court team members as effective interventions throughout stages of recovery
- Participants will leave with greater understanding of how to view behavioral responses from a trauma lens and develop interventions to support clients and increase emotional safety.

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Break**

10:00 AM -11:15 AM **Local Strategies for Engagement and Intervention**

- Participants will learn ways to encourage and sustain staff/professional involvement in the work of the Safe Babies Court Team approach
- Participants will discuss strategies for collaborating with local agencies and providers to encourage sustainability efforts
- Participants will hear about sustainability strategies beyond September 2017

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM **Networking Lunch** (*Lunch provided*)

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM **Plenary: In the Belly of the Beast: Stories from Inside the Foster Care System**

Neil W. Boris, M.D., Irving Harris Infant Mental Health Training Director, Florida State University, Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy

Eddy Vanderkwaak, Social Worker 2, State of Iowa

- Participants will hear evidence and learn about the importance of nurturing relationships with parents to support young children’s positive developmental outcomes
- Participants will learn how to promote positive parent-child interactions through the SBCT approach.
- Participants will hear a testimonial from a previous foster care child about what worked and did not work, and how she became a successful advocate for others.

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM **Closing Remarks**

Janie Huddleston, Director, QIC-CT, ZERO TO THREE