



# Meeting Agenda

## 11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM – 4:45 PM

The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort

1:00 PM – 2:00 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

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### 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
- Secure funding to support your work
- Select champions for sustaining your programs

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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### Break

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

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### Breakout Sessions

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

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**Breakout Session 2: Understanding Infant Mental Health For Young Children Exposed To Trauma**

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
- Discuss “red flags” indicating problems in development and provide examples identified through behavioral observations
- Learn about the purpose and components of the new DC:0-5 Diagnostic Classification of Infancy and Early Childhood

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**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
- Discuss how the Sustainability Framework can be used in their communities
- Engage in discussions, share experiences, and consider what speaks to funders when seeking sustained financing

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**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  
Shellie Taggart, Project Director, Quality Improvement Center on Domestic Violence in Child Welfare

*This session is provided by the Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody, a project of NCJFCJ, funded by the FVPSA Office, Award # 90EV0439-01-00*

Participants will recognize and understand the:

- Effects of exposure to violence on young children
- Risk and protective factors that impact children exposed to intimate partner violence
- Importance of strengthening protective factors in the child's environment

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**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
- Walk through the situations in which parents need assistance to be fully involved (e.g. court hearings, family team meetings, family contact)
  - 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 – 6:00 PM  
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**Plenary: Medication Assisted Treatment For Pregnant And Parenting Moms Affected By Substance Use Disorder And Prenatal Substance Exposure**

**Dr. Kaitlan Baston**, MD, MSc, Medical Director Of Addiction Medicine At Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ

Participants will:

- Review evidence based treatments for perinatal substance use disorders
- Gain Familiarity with national guidelines and consensus recommendations for treating and counseling women with opioid use disorders
- Understand risks associated with perinatal substance use disorders and apply evidence based risk mitigation

6:15 PM – 7:30 PM  
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**Opening Reception: Welcome to Fort Lauderdale!**

**Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 AM – 4:45 PM**

**The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort**

*\*Breakfast on your own*

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM  
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**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 learn about:

- The science of early adversity and the effects on the brain and body
- Protective and preventive factors that can moderate the effects of early adversity on very young children
- Evidence-based interventions that work with children who have experienced early adversity

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM  
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**Break**

9:45 AM – 11:00 AM

## Breakout Sessions

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### 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
- How 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
- Effective treatment approaches that can be used in lieu of psychotropic medications or in addition to drug therapy

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### Breakout Session 2: Communicating With Children In A Trauma Informed Way

**Eileen Swoboda**, MSW, LISW, Therapist, Compass Clinical Associates, Des Moines, Iowa

Participants will learn how to:

- Create a safe, nurturing environment for very young children who have experienced trauma
- Help parents, caregivers, families, and communities support and become buffers for very young children who have experienced trauma
- Identify techniques and strategies that can ameliorate the effects of trauma on very young children (e.g. play, story-telling)

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### 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
- Hear real life stories from families and children that result in “AHA” moments
- Discuss cultural considerations that assist in making informed decisions in support of families

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### 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, Iowa

Participants will:

- Understand that addiction is a medical disorder, requiring a medical treatment approach
- Learn about the major research documenting the impact of opiates and opioids on adults and their children
- 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

**11:15 AM -12:15 PM**

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### **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 hear:

- About trauma audits and how they are conducted
- From judges on what they learned from their respective trauma audits
- Recommendations from judges about changes in court room practice resulting from the trauma audit

**12:15 PM – 1:30 PM**

**SKY TERRACE**

### **Lunch**

**Attendee Networking Lunch** (*Lunch provided*)

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**Judges' Networking Lunch** (*Lunch provided*)

**1:30 PM – 3:15 PM**

**ATLANTIC BALLROOM I-VI**

### **Breakout Sessions**

#### **Breakout Session 1: Improving Child Protection Practice For Immigrant Families Experiencing Domestic 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 learn about:

- The dynamics of domestic violence and the unique challenges it poses for immigrant families

- How involvement with the child welfare system and the courts can create additional barriers for immigrant victims of domestic violence
- Legal remedies available to immigrant families and victims of domestic violence
- How reasonable efforts may look different for immigrant families experiencing domestic violence

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**Breakout Session 2: ICWA Updates**

**Victoria Sweet, JD**, Program Attorney, NCJFCJ

**Judge Brenda Pipestem**, Safe Babies Court Team Judge, Cherokee, North Carolina

Participants will hear:

- About the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and recent changes in the law
- Personal testimony about experiences navigating ICWA with young children

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**Breakout Session 3: Building The SBCT Components (How-To Session)**

**Judge Joyce Williams Warren**, Safe Babies Court Team Judge, Little Rock, Arkansas

**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 SBCT Approach through hearing about the Core Components
- Strategies for building and sustaining the Safe Babies Court Team Core Components
- Important messages for the community about the SBCT Approach

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

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**Break**

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

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**Breakout Sessions**

**Breakout Session 1: Trauma And Testifying In Court**

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

**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, Iowa

Participants will learn:

- The importance of communicating effectively with the court
- The boundaries of testimony regarding the best interests of young children in dependency court
- Helpful tips for testifying and report writing in dependency court

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**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
- How to develop trusting relationships with parents to support engagement, including fathers
- The necessity of parent representation

**Breakout Session 3: Coparenting Between Biological Parents And Both Kin And Non-Kin 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
- Learn to outline distinctions between relative and non-relative caregivers as it pertains to coparenting
- 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
- About the role of the Community Coordinator in Cases of Domestic Violence
- Strategies for working with and supporting families and young children affected by Domestic Violence

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*\*Dinner on your own*

**Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 AM – 2:00 PM**

**The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort**

*\*Breakfast on your own*

**8:15 AM – 9:30 AM**

**Breakout Sessions**

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**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
- Hear about connecting parents to needed services and local providers

- Learn about Parent Partner recruitment, skill development, and strategies to encourage parent engagement throughout the process

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**Breakout Session 2: Coparenting Between Biological Parents And Both Kin And Non-Kin Caregivers (Repeat session)**

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
- Learn to outline distinctions between relative and non-relative caregivers as it pertains to coparenting
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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
- About how family engagement and participation is strengthened through use of the Family Team Meeting
- How the Family Team Meeting can be used to strengthen engagement between local service providers and families

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**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 a greater understanding of:

- How to assess and increase physical and emotional safety for families exposed to trauma
- How to utilize roles of court team members as effective interventions throughout stages of recovery
- How to view behavioral responses from a trauma lens and develop interventions to support clients and increase emotional safety

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**Break**

10:00 AM -11:15 AM

**Developing Transparency Through Courageous Conversations**



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**Judge Constance Cohen**, Retired Judge, Safe Babies Court Team, Des Moines, Iowa  
**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  
**Willie Baker**, Arkansas DHS Family Services Worker  
**Denise Moore**, Des Moines Service Area Parent Partner Coordinator  
Children & Families of Iowa  
**Lisa Maddocks**, Hillsborough Early Childhood Court Community Coordinator

Participants will:

- Increase the capacity to communicate with parents to support successful outcomes
- Receive resources to support the practice of courageous conversations with their families and within the professional community of providers
- Learn strategies for creating safe spaces to empower families

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

SKY TERRACE

**Participant Networking Lunch** (*Lunch provided*)

**Facilitators:**

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

**Sarah Ray**, Site Manager, National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges

**Sites:**

Florida- Bay County, Pasco County, Pinellas County, South Okaloosa County and Hillsborough County

Hawaii- Honolulu

North Carolina- EBCI, Cherokee

Connecticut- New Haven and Milford

Mississippi- Rankin County and Forrest County

Iowa- Polk County

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

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**QIC Grantee Networking Lunch** (*Lunch provided*)

**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
- Learn how to promote positive parent-child interactions through the SBCT approach
- 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

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**Closing Remarks**

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

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