

2020 Guardian Ad Litem Statewide Convening

September 4, 2020

1:00 p.m. INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC)

Session will focus on building a better understanding of the ICPC rules and regulations, provide an overview of procedural and statutory requirements to expedite placement of children; and offer practice pointers to effectuate timely placement of children and establishing permanency for children.

Presented by Stacie Pascual, Assistant Program Development Administrator, and Laura Liebling, Program Director, Permanency Support Services, Catholic Charities Hawaii.

1:45 p.m. CASE STUDY: ETHICAL BOUNDARIES AND DUTY OF CARE OWED BY A GAL: IN THE MATTER OF THE DEPENDENCY OF A.E.T.H, 9 Wash.App.2d 502, 446 P.3d 667 (2019)

Case study to identify the legal and ethical issues regarding the duty of care owed by a GAL and the consequences when there is a breach of that duty. This section will also review the code of professional responsibility as well as the Hawaii statutes that define the roles and responsibilities of a GAL as an officer of the court and as a zealous advocate for the best interests of children in foster care. At the end of this section, the GAL convening will draft a resolution setting a minimum code of conduct standard (CASA program will share relevant sections of the CASA handbook and code of conduct to start the discussion.)

Presented by Amphay Champathong, Program Manager, Court-Appointed Special Advocates Program, First Circuit; and Malcolm Hong, Administrator, Hong Group

2:15 p.m. EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY: IMPROVING PRACTICE AND SHARING RESOURCES TO EFFECTUATE DESIRED OUTCOMES RELATING TO THE SAFETY, PERMANENCY, AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.

This segment builds upon the innovative work of GALs in Hawaii. GALs throughout the state will share examples of advocacy beyond the GAL's typical role established in the court's order of appointment. This section is designed to enhance a GAL's toolkit by sharing resources and innovative approaches to tackle the many barriers that may arise in pursuing the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in foster care.

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3:00 p.m. PAU!

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