

SPEAKERS

2020 ANNUAL CHILD WELFARE LAW UPDATE

RACHEL BARR. Rachel Barr is Professor of Psychology at Georgetown University and Director of the Georgetown Early Learning Project. Children are remarkable learners but many face remarkable challenges. Dr. Barr is primarily interested in how children pick up information so rapidly from the world around them. She has investigated how children bridge the gap between what they learn from media and how they apply that information in the real world and has worked with a parenting organization to disseminate the knowledge via ZERO TO THREE's Screensense resources. She has also co-developed an intervention program for incarcerated teen fathers utilizing media partnering, with Carole Shauffer at the Youth Law Center. She was a ZERO TO THREE fellow in 2005.

CATHY BETTS. Cathy Betts is Director of the Hawaii State Department of Human Services. She has worked in the fields of advocacy for women, family law, violence prevention, Title IX, labor protections for workers, economic justice, and gender-based violence. She served as the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women from 2011-2017 and was appointed as Deputy Director in October 2017.

Cathy is a former Deputy Attorney General with the State of Hawaii's Family Law Division, where she primarily represented Child Welfare Services in child abuse and neglect cases. She also previously served as a law clerk in the First Circuit Court; as a community outreach worker/education coordinator for the Sex Abuse Treatment Center at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, and as an attorney in private practice. Cathy earned her B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles and her J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law.

PATRICIA DUH. Ms. Duh was born and raised on Oahu, Hawaii, and now lives on the Island of Kauai. She spent several years in foster care system. After emancipating from care at the age of 18, she obtained her associate's degree in Liberal Arts and Bachelors Degree in Social Sciences with a concentration in Psychology. She is currently the HI HOPES Youth Leadership board president on Kauai and Jim Casey young fellow. She is currently with EPIC 'Ohana as the Pono Process Lead for the newly launched Grievance Process in Hawaii.

THOMAS HAIA. Thomas Haia received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1995 from the William S. Richardson School of Law. Since then, he has practiced law as a solo practitioner, specializing in Family Law and is a per diem District Court Judge. Mr. Haia was also a foster parent.

DAISY HARTSFIELD. Daisy is currently Acting Social Services Division Administrator for the Department of Human Services.

YVONNE HUMBLE. Dr. Yvonne Humble has a Bachelor of Science degree, a master's degree in Special Education, a Specialist Degree in Behavior Disorders, and a doctoral degree in

Educational Leadership, with an emphasis in Special Education. She has over 40 years in the educational system as a teacher, special education teacher, Behavioral Specialist, Director of Special Education, District Education Specialist and is currently the Director of Student Support Services for the Hawaii Department of Education.

TONIA MAHI. Tonia Mahi is the Department of Human Services Assistant Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator. She graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a bachelor's degree in Social Work and from the University of Southern California with a master's degree in Social Work. She has been with the Department of Human Services since 1991 working as an assessment worker, supervisor, trainer, and section administrator until assuming her current position in May 2019.

ELLADINE OLEVAO. Elladine Olevao is Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator for the Department of Human Services. She began her work as a social worker on Molokai. Prior to becoming the Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator in 2018, she was Section Administrator for the County of Maui. She received her bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Hawaii.

PATRICK PASCUAL. Patrick Pascual is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. Patrick has worked as a Deputy Attorney General in the Family Law Division with the Office of the Attorney General for over 20 years.

THERESA SANCHEZ. Theresa Sanchez is the Educational Specialist for Transitions in College & Career Counseling and Foster Care Educational Stability in the Hawaii Department of Education's Office of Student Support Services. Before coming to the State office two years ago, she served 20 years in several positions as an English teacher, school counselor, and new teacher mentor at Waianae High School and two years as a school counselor at Leilehua High School. She is a proud Hawaii public school graduate from Waimea High School and a University of Hawaii at Manoa alum.

LESLEY SLAVIN. Lesley Slavin is Chief Psychologist in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the State of Hawaii Department of Health. She has lived in Hawaii for about 17 years, having moved to Hawaii to work at CAMHD in the midst of the Felix Consent Decree, which required the State of Hawaii to improve the way it provided special education services to children in need. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Tufts University and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Vermont.

HONORABLE BODE UALE. Judge Bode Uale was the first Family Court judge appointed in the United States of Samoan descent. He is currently the lead judge of the First Circuit Family Court's Juvenile Division. Judge Uale has a strong interest in foster youth and has played a pivotal part in the 'Ohana is Forever conferences. He was raised in Laie, Hawai'i, and graduated with a Political Science degree from Brigham Young University–Hawai'i and later earned a Juris Doctorate in 1984 from the University of Hawai'i.

DELIA ULIMA. Delia Ulima serves as a Statewide Initiative Coordinator for the HI H.O.P.E.S. Initiative in Hawai'i; EPIC 'Ohana as the lead agency for this work. Delia is responsible for youth engagement, public will, communication, and policy efforts, which includes overseeing the work of the HI H.O.P.E.S. youth leadership boards statewide. She holds a B.A. from BYU-Hawai'i and a J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law.

NOY WORACHIT. Ms. Worachit was born and raised on Oahu, Hawaii, spent several years in foster care and was involved in the juvenile justice system. After emancipating from care, she attended college and joined the Air National Guard where she currently serves as an aircraft maintenance management analyst. She worked for the State Judiciary as a juvenile detention worker for 3 years and served for 9 years on the HI HOPES youth leadership board. She is currently with EPIC 'Ohana as the Pono Process Navigator for the newly launched Grievance Process in Hawaii.