

# KEEPING INFANTS AND TODDLERS SAFE (KITS)

## Changing Lives - Breaking the Cycle

A collaboration of The Infant Toddler Court Initiative of Fort Bend and Harris Counties and the Texas Child Abuse and Neglect Committee - State Bar of Texas

5th Annual  
Training  
Conference

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014**  
**9:00 am to 5:15 pm**

6 hours of CLE credit have been requested from the State Bar of Texas

**COST: \$15**

### Welcome

Carole Hurley, JD

### Warriors for Children

Shari Shink, JD, Founder & President Emeritus of Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center

**Breaking Down & Understanding the Psychological: What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You**  
Speaker TBD

**Parents' Attorney Breakout Sessions**  
**Coordinating the Parallel Criminal and CPS Cases (Ethics)**

Julie Ketterman, JD,  
Ketterman, Hedleston & Amann, PLLC

**Making Visitation Meaningful**  
Speaker TBD

**Children's Attorney Breakout Sessions**  
**YOU Are the Voice of the Child: Ethical Duties and Responsibilities (Ethics)**  
Judge Angela E. Ellis, JD,  
Associate Judge, 315th Judicial District

**Education Advocacy for Foster Youth**  
Ian Spechler, JD,  
Regional Attorney, Disability Rights Texas

**DFPS Attorneys Breakout Sessions**  
**Presenting a Child's Testimony**  
Versel Rush, JD, Regional Attorney, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

**Preparing a Caseworker to Testify (Ethics)**  
Julie Bohrer, JD, Regional Attorney, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, and Jodi Cox, JD, Regional Attorney, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

### Panel Discussion

Judge John Specia, Commissioner, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

**Thursday, June 19, 2014**  
**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

5 CEUs for LPCs, LMFTs, LCDCs & Licensed Social Workers (6 CLEs pending)

**COST: \$15**

### Welcome & Overview

Judge Ed Emmett and Mrs. Gwen Emmett, and Judge Ronald Pope

### Keynote

Judge John Specia, Commissioner, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

**Follow the Yellow Brick Road: The Journey Back Home**  
Judge Bonnie Hellums, 247th District Court Judge

**1115 Waiver: What Is It and How Can It Be Part of the Solution for This Young and Vulnerable Population?**

Nicole Lievsay, Health Systems Strategy, Harris Health Systems, and Connie Almeida, PhD, Director of Behavioral Health Services Fort Bend County

**Panel Discussion:**  
**Children Who Have Aged Out of Care**  
Panel TBD

**Breakout Sessions: 1:45 - 3:00 pm**  
**Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: Early Childhood (Ages 0 - 5)**  
Naijean Bernard-Onwere, PhD

**Early and Appropriate Interventions**  
Nicole Huff, LCSW, ESCAPE Family Resource Center, and Kim Sporrer, Outreach & Education Coordinator/ECI Infant Program of Easter Seals

**Understanding Intimate Partner Violence and Children**  
Amy Smith and Barbie Brashear,  
Houston Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

**Breakout Sessions: 3:15 - 4:30 pm**  
**Effects of Drugs and Alcohol on Children and Families**  
Christine Foster, LMSW,  
The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston

**Visit Coaching 101: Bring on the Toys!**  
Carole Thesig, Child Advocates of Fort Bend, and Janie Wilson, M.Ed., Harris County Child Advocates

**Mental Illness and Co-occurring Disorders: Assessment and Treatment**  
Connie Almeida, PhD, Director of Behavioral Health Services Fort Bend County

**Friday, June 20, 2014**  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

3 CEUs for LPCs, LMFTs, LCDCs & Licensed Social Workers (3 CLEs pending)

**COST: \$10**

**A Birth Mother's View on Raising a Child with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)**

Yolanda Ross, LBSW, LCDC-I,  
The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston

**Improving Outcomes for Families Impacted by Alcohol and Drugs: A National, State, and Local Perspective**

Dan Dubovsky, Nadine Scamp,  
Leah Davies, and Janet Sharkis

### Closing Remarks

Connie Almeida, PhD, Director of Behavioral Health Services Fort Bend County



## When

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014**

**Thursday, June 19, 2014**

**Friday, June 20, 2014**

8:30 - 9:00 am Each Day:  
*Check-In, Coffee & Pastries*

Wednesday & Thursday:  
*Complimentary Lunch*

## Where

the **council**  **alcoholanddrugs** houston<sup>SM</sup>

The Hamill Foundation Conference Center  
303 Jackson Hill Street, Houston, TX 77007

## Registration

Register at [www.council-houston.org](http://www.council-houston.org) or call 281.200.9333 for assistance.

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