

A timely and provocative conference co-sponsored by the NAPPP and the Nicholas & Dorothy Cummings Foundation...

Our Broken Family Court System

Friday, March 16 - Saturday, March 17, 2012
Renaissance Phoenix Downtown, 50 E. Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ



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Cummings
Foundation*



Registration Details

Registration is available online:

<http://thecummingsfoundation.ticketleap.com/our-broken-family-court-system/>

Registration is free. The conference is open to psychology and legal professions and the interested public.

Questions?

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Continuing Education Credits

Are available on arrangement.

Notes:



Location:

Renaissance Phoenix Downtown

50 East Adams Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
United States

Available Parking:

Valet parking only. \$23 per day plus taxes, with in/out privileges.

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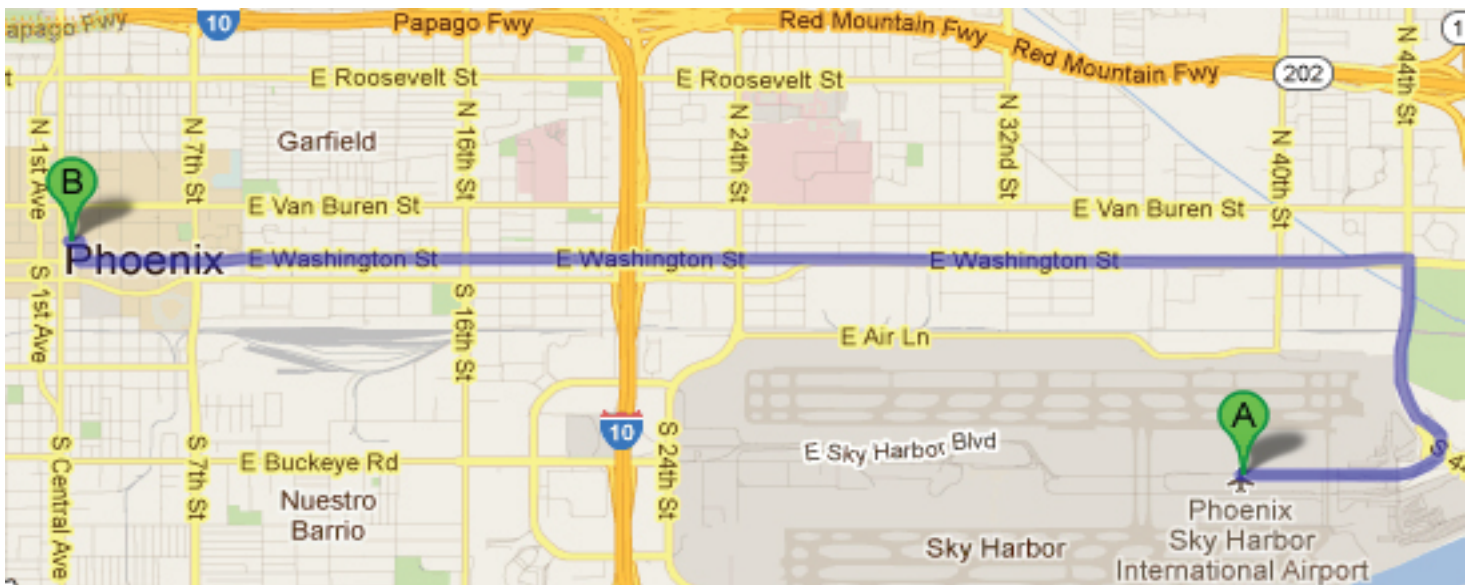
The Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel will extend a reduced rate of \$159.00 per night for conference attendees.

Driving directions from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport:

Travel west on Sky Harbor Blvd. Turn left onto Cooperhead. Travel 0.2 miles and take a slight right onto E Buckeye Rd. Travel 0.1 miles and turn right (north) onto 24th St. Travel 0.9 miles and turn left (west) onto E Washington St. Travel 2.4 miles and turn right (north) onto N 1st St. Take the 1st left (west) onto E Adams St. The hotel will be on your right.

Transportation from Airport:

Hotel does not provide shuttle service. Alternate transportation:
SuperShuttle: \$20 (one way); reservation required
Bus service, fee: \$1.75 (one way)
Estimated taxi fare: \$18.00 (one way)





Day 1 - March 16, 2012

Lenore E. Walker, Ed.D, ABPP – “Seven Deadly Sins in Family Court Evaluations”

Break

Hon. Marjory D. Fields, J.D. – Keynote: “Domestic Violence Cases are a Huge Part of the Breakdown of the Family Court”

Reactor Panel: **Janet Cummings, Psy.D., John Caccavale, Ph.D., Toby Kleinman, J.D., Hon. Ginger Lerner Wren, J.D.**

Lunch

John Caccavale, Ph.D. – “The Ethics of Child Custody Evaluations as a Business”

David L. Shapiro, Ph.D. – “Risk Assessment in Family Court Evaluations”

G. Andrew H. Benjamin, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP – “Trauma Informed Custody Evaluations”

Toby Kleinman, J.D. – “A Lawyer's View of Family Court Evaluations”

Eli Newberger, M.D. – “Understanding, Interpreting, and Addressing the Unbelievable in Men's Character and Behavior”

Break

Leslie Drozd, Ph.D. – “Estrangement and NOT Parental Alienation Disorder”

Launi Jones, J.D. – “Children's Views of Family Court”

Day 2 - March 17, 2012

Hon. Ginger Lerner Wren, J.D. – Keynote: “Trauma Informed Family Court: Lessons Learned from Mental Health Court”

Toby Kleinman, J.D. – Keynote Address: “Legal Rights for Children”

Break

Robert Adler, J.D. – “Better Use of Criminal Court by Family Court Judges”

Panel Discussion: **Lenore E. Walker, Ed.D., ABPP**, Facilitator: “Is Reunification Good for Children”

Garland Waller – “Media and Reforming the Family Court System”

Garland Waller – Premier Showing of the Film, *No Way Out but One*

Lunch

Ricky Greenwald, Psy.D. – “Trauma Informed Treatment for Traumatized Children

G. Andrew H. Benjamin, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP – “Family Therapy with Children in Custody Litigation.”

Break

Launi Jones, J.D. – “Children's Legal Representation”

Toby Kleinman, J.D. – “Appropriate Language to Use in Family Court to Protect Children and Mothers.”

Lenore E. Walker, Ed.D., ABPP with speakers – Closing Panel: “What Can Be Done to Fix the Broken Family Court System?”



Welcome

Dear Colleague,

The Nicholas and Dorothy Cummings Foundation in conjunction with the **National Alliance of Professional Psychology Providers** is proud to present a timely and provocative conference on the U.S. Family Court System:

Hon. Marjory D. Fields, J.D., a devoted advocate of domestic violence victims, has been a judge in the Family Court System for over twenty years.

Lenore E. Walker, Ed.D, ABPP is author of *The Battered Woman's Syndrome*, having coined the phrase "battered woman syndrome" during her study of the psychological effects from living with domestic violence.

Launi Jones, J.D. is an authority on being a personal child advocate, practicing at Hailer & Lawrence PLC.

John Caccavale, Ph.D., M.S.C.P. is the indefatigable leader of the national campaign to educate the public on the need to restore psychotherapy as the first-line treatment in behavioral health.

Nicholas A. Cummings, Ph.D., Sc.D. has been pushing the boundaries in his field for over half a century and continues to push professional psychology forward.

Janet L. Cummings, Psy.D. is president of The Nicholas & Dorothy Cummings Foundation as well adjunct professor for several universities.

Eli Newberger, M.D. is author of *The Men They Will Become*, and his work has focused on developing the links between child abuse and the later flaws in man's character and behavior.

Garland Waller, producer and director of the film, **No Way Out But One**, (with its premier showing here).

Robert Adler, J.D., formerly a criminal defense attorney, now practices family law as partner at Adler & Kleinman.

G. Andrew H. Benjamin, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP is Director of the Custody Evaluation Center at the University of Washington in Seattle, and is both a lawyer and a family psychologist.

Leslie Drozd, Ph.D. is a psychologist in independent practice, involved in training family court judges for the past ten years, and helping to educate all who work in the Family Courts.

Ricky Greenwald, Psy.D. is an Affiliate Professor at the SUNY at Buffalo School of Social Work, his work focusing on the aftermath of trauma and loss.

Toby Kleinman, J.D., a partner at Adler & Kleinman, she is also a director of the advisory board to the Leadership Council on Child Abuse and Interpersonal Violence (LC).



Welcome

Hon. Ginger Lerner Wren, J.D. is the first judge to sit on a Mental Health Court in Broward County, FL, and is a Commissioner on the President's new Freedom Mental Health Commission.

David L. Shapiro, Ph.D. is conducting research on the Power and Control Inventory (PIC), an innovative approach to the assessment of batterers.'s new Freedom Mental Health Commission.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. Cummings, Ph.D., Sc.D.

Chair of the Board of Directors for the Nicholas & Dorothy Cummings Foundation

Dorothy M. Cummings

Secretary/Treasurer of the Nicholas & Dorothy Cummings Foundation



John Caccavale, Ph.D., M.S.C.P.

Dr. Caccavale is a neuropsychologist and the executive director of NAPPP. He is also a diplomate of the American Board of Medical Psychology. Dr. Caccavale is a long time advocate for the advancement of clinical and medical psychology and its inclusion into primary behavioral healthcare. Over the years he has published numerous articles and book reviews but, in recent years, has confined his writings to the current issues facing the profession. Dr. Caccavale is a strong advocate for doctoral level psychology practice and, although he is a trained psychopharmacologist, he advocates for psychotherapy as a first line treatment for behavioral disorders.

Dr. Caccavale serves on the American Board of Medical Psychology, the National Institute of Behavioral Health Quality, the American Board of Behavioral health Practice, and is the Chair of the Behavioral Health Committee of Orange County Medical Reserve Corp.

Lenore E. Walker, Ed.D., ABPP

Dr. Walker, is a Professor at Nova Southeastern University Center for Psychological Studies and Coordinator of the Clinical Forensic Psychology Concentration for doctoral students training to be clinical psychologists. Her graduate students are trained in gender violence areas including battered women and children. Together with her students, she has developed trauma-specific psychotherapy programs in the jails, prisons and juvenile detention centers.

She frequently testifies as a psychological expert witness in Family Law and Civil Lawcases involving child abuse and battered women in courts around the country. Dr. Walker specializes in work with victims of interpersonal violence particularly battered women & abused children.

Dr. Walker is Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Institute with affiliate centers around the world, as well as being the author of 18 books and articles. Dr. Walker is currently President of the American Academy of Couple and Family Psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology. She does training workshops all over the world about prevention, psychotherapy, legal cases, and public policy initiatives for abused women and children, and is often invited as a keynote speaker on these topics.

Nicholas A. Cummings, Ph.D., Sc.D.

Dr. Cummings is a visionary and psychologist, who for half a century not only was able to foresee the future of professional psychology, he helped create it. He has also innovated steps to enhance the profession along the way. He has authored 47 books. His pioneering "intermittent, focused psychotherapy throughout the life cycle" is the way most psychologists practice today. He was active with the Dirty Dozen for 30 years, founded the professional school movement through the four campuses of the California School of Professional Psychology, created the nation's only psychology-driven national healthcare company which grew to 25 million covered lives and in which psychiatric/medical directors reported to psychologists, and a host of other innovations too numerous to mention. He served as President of the APA, has six honorary doctorates, and holds every honor the profession can bestow,



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including the APF Gold Medal. In 2008 he designed, and with Arizona State University, launched the state-of-the-art Doctor of Behavioral Health program in ASU's newly created School of Letters and Sciences. At the present time he is Distinguished Professor at Arizona State University. He continues as Distinguished Professor of Psychology at the University of Nevada, Reno, and active president of the Cummings Foundation for Behavioral Health, and chairs the Board of Directors of The Nicholas and Dorothy Cummings Foundation.

Janet L. Cummings, Psy.D.

An accomplished psychologist, Dr. Cummings is the author of over two dozen journal articles and book chapters, and she has co-authored or co-edited 9 books with her father, Nicolas Cummings, Ph.D, Sc.D. She serves as president of The Nicholas & Dorothy Cummings Foundation a post she has held since its inception.

At the present time, she is Associate Adjunct Professor in the DBH program at Arizona State University, and Adjunct Professor at both the University of Nevada, Reno and The Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, MO. In conjunction with her father she has conducted numerous one and two-week training courses in the Biodyne Model, one in London for the National Health Service.

Hon. Marjory D. Fields, J.D.

Author of *Diversion is Dangerous, Getting Beyond What Did She Do to Provoke Him?* Family and Superior Court Judge in New York City from 3-1986 to 9-2002 and 8 years as Supervising Judge of Family Court in Bronx, NYC. Prior to being appointed to the Bench, Judge Fields was an attorney in a family law practice in federally funded legal services for the poor for 15 years. Judge Fields participated in the first lawsuit against NYC Courts for failure to provide adequate services and protect battered women over 30 years ago. She continues to write and advocate for protection for domestic violence victims.

Launi Jones, J.D.

Authority on being a personal child advocate, Ms. Jones frequently represents children's legal rights as their lawyer. She is an Associate in practice with Hailler & Lawrence PLC in Phoenix, Arizona. She also founded Generation K.I.D.S, an organization that provides peer counseling for children whose parents are divorcing or having custody disputes. Ms. Jones frequently works with advocate groups to help children get their wishes heard in court rather than just representing their "best interests" to assist the Court in making fully informed decisions.



Eli Newberger, M.D.

Eli Newberger, M.D., is a pediatrician, on the faculty at Harvard Medical School, Founder and Medical Director of the Child Protection Program at Harvard, and the author of many influential works on child abuse. From his research and practice he has derived a philosophy that focuses on the strength and resilience of parent-child relationships, and a practice oriented to compassion and understanding, rather than blame and punishment. He has now retired from Boston's Children's Hospital's Harvard Clinic (1970-2000) and continues his work protecting children as a consultant around the world. Dr. Newberger is also an amazing musician.

Robert Adler, J.D.

Partner at Adler & Kleinman Law, a N.J firm that focuses on Family Law in cases of child abuse and domestic violence. Formerly a criminal defense attorney for many years, Mr. Adler has used the criminal law to hold abusers responsible for violent behavior. He is also Vice President of the Center for the Protection of Children.

Garland Waller

Producer, writer and educator Garland Waller began her producing career with the nationally syndicated TV show *The World of People*. She has produced a wide array of award winning documentaries, not least of all her groundbreaking work *Small Justice: Little Justice in America's Family Courts*. The film was widely praised and the winner of "Best Social Documentary" at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival in 2001 and the Award for Excellence in Media by 8th International Conference on Family Violence. Her previous film, *Debating Richard Gardner*, exposed the unscientific and sometimes ridiculous tenets of Dr. Gardner's theories about Parental Alienation Syndrome.

Ms. Waller is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Television and Film at Boston University.

G. Andrew H. Benjamin, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP

Author of Family Evaluation in Custody Evaluation. Dr. Benjamin is the Director of the Custody Evaluation Center at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is both a lawyer and a family psychologist and uses his training in both areas to provide comprehensive evaluations of access to children. He is also in the independent practice of psychology and law and on the American Board of Psychology's American Academy of Couples and Family Psychology.



Ricky Greenwald, Psy.D.

Dr. Greenwald is an Affiliate Professor at the SUNY University at Buffalo, and was previously Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of Training for the child trauma program at Mount Sinai School of Medicine (NYC), Department of Psychiatry. He has also served as Senior Psychologist with the Moki-hana Project (Kauai, HI), a project providing child/family mental health services via the public school system. He is a Fellow of the APA, Division 56 (Trauma). Special interests include assessment, treatment, and training re trauma, loss, performance enhancement, and problem behaviors.

Leslie Drozd, Ph.D.

Dr. Leslie Drozd is a psychologist, author, and an editor of an international journal, the Journal of Child Custody, but most importantly, she has been involved in training family court judges for the past ten years, and helping to educate all who work in the Family Courts. She currently has an independent practice as well as providing expert testimony in Family Court. She has conducted child custody evaluations for over 20 years, as well as post divorce work with families including reunification therapy when a child has rejected a parent.

She has been a speaker on issues of alleged abuse, neglect, & endangerment, and she helped create the new Model Standards for Conducting Child Custody Evaluations for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Toby Kleinman, J.D.

Toby Kleinman is a New Jersey attorney and a partner in the law firm of Adler & Kleinman and has consulted in legal cases in over forty states. She is an associate editor of The Journal of Child Custody, and has published articles in The New Jersey Law Journal. She is also a director of the advisory board to the Leadership Council on Child Abuse and Interpersonal Violence (LC), has served as the Professional Liaison to the APA, Division 56, and has been voted a New Jersey Super Lawyer. She has been invited as a keynote speaker at various conferences and has trained family court judges, as well as lecturing at several colleges and appearing as a quest expert on network television.

Hon. Ginger Lerner Wren, J.D.

Judge Lerner Wren was the first judge to sit on a Mental Health Court in Broward County, Florida. At her urging, women who would typically not respond to volunteering for the mental health court began to come especially as they learned to take responsibility for their own healing. Conducting her courtroom in a trauma-informed manner, she is able to motivate the people in her courtroom to make important changes in their lives. Judge Lerner Wren was one of the Commissioners chosen to be on the President's New Freedom Mental Health Commission in 2002.



David L. Shapiro, Ph.D.

Dr. David Shapiro is the author of *Malpractice in Psychology, Forensic Psychology Assessment*, among other publications. He consults on both criminal and civil cases, involving assessment of competency, assessment and prediction of risk for violent behavior, neuropsychological screenings, assessment of post traumatic stress disorders, the psychological and neuropsychological aspects of head trauma, and many other topics.

Dr. Shapiro maintains an independent practice of forensic psychology, and is a Professor at the Center for Psychological Studies at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, FL where he teaches courses in forensic assessment, professional ethics, and criminal law, and is also conducting research on the Power and Control Inventory (PIC), an innovative approach to the assessment of batterers.