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The Twenty-First Century Child: New Technologies and New Concerns

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Allison Blake, PhD, LSW
Commissioner
Department of Children and Families

Dr. Allison Blake was appointed Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Children and Families by Governor Chris Christie. Previously, she served as the Director of the Institute for Families at the Rutgers School of Social Work, where she oversaw a portfolio of grants and contracts aimed at strengthening families by building the capacity of the individuals and organizations that serve them. She also served as Vice President of Accreditation Operations at the Council on Accreditation (COA), an international organization that develops best practice standards for public and private organizations that provide services across the continuum of care. Her focus while at COA was on helping agencies build their capacity to improve service delivery.

Dr. Blake spent 18 years at the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, where she worked in various direct service and administrative positions. She later worked with the team charged with developing a blueprint for improving the capacity of the child welfare system to improve services to the state’s at-risk children and families.

Dr. Blake earned a BS in Social Work from the University of Dayton, an MS in Social Work from Rutgers University and a PhD in Social Work from Fordham University. She currently resides in Raritan Township, New Jersey.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 a.m.  Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  Poster Presentations
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Welcome/Opening Remarks
Dr. Marietta Morrissey
Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Keynote Speaker
Allison Blake, PhD, LSW
Commissioner
Department of Children and Families
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Transition to Breakout Session I
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Breakout Session I (choose one)
1. Bullying, Harassment, and Aggression: Conceptual Distinctions and Practical Implications
   Michele Cascarci, PhD
   Associate Professor, Child Advocacy and Policy
   Montclair State University
   Cathy Brown, Esq.
   Instructional Specialist, Child Advocacy and Policy
   Montclair State University
   James R. Marsh, Esq.
   Marsh Law Firm
3. Parenting in the Twenty-First Century
   Tawanda Hubbard, MSW, LCSW
   Independent Contractor
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  Lunch (on your own)
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Transition to Breakout Session II
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Breakout Session II (choose one)
1. The Psychological Consequences of Growing Up in a Digital World: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly
   Karyn C. Smarz, PhD
   Supervising Psychologist for the CHEC & FLEC Programs
   Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
2. "Teen Sexting: Child’s Play, Free Expression or Crime?"
   Susan H. Curcio, Esq.
   Adjunct Instructor, Child Advocacy and Policy
   Montclair State University
3. Social Studies: Case Studies in Managing Social Media in School
   Randy Kleinman, EdD
   Head of Middle School
   Montclair Kimberly Academy
   Maria Arrilano, MEd
   Dean of Students, Middle School
   Montclair Kimberly Academy
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  Transition to Breakout Session III
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  Breakout Session III (choose one)
1. Adolescent Parents Emancipating from Foster Care: A Gender-Based Examination of Demographics and General Functioning Indicators
   Svetlana Shpiegel, PhD
   Associate Professor, Child Advocacy and Policy
   Montclair State University
2. *Compensation for Child Pornography Victims
   James R. Marsh, Esq.
   Marsh Law Firm

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  Transition to Closing Remarks
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks
Dr. Luis E. Montesinos
Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
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POSTER PRESENTATIONS
1. The Assessment of the Adolescent Resource Guide (ARG)
   Mikhail Williams, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
2. The Evaluation of Before You Shout, "Help!" A Resource Guide to Special Education
   Dana Regan, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
3. The Assessment of “NEXT STEPS: A Quick-Reference Resource Guide for Young Adults AFTER Foster Care”
   Susan Pelissier, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
   Andrea Scalanti, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
5. An Assessment of a Community Resource Manual for the Union City Public Library
   Brandy Cornello, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
6. The Evaluation of Successful Transition of Adolescents into Adulthood from the Child Welfare System
   Chinele Shote, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
7. The Assessment of Resources for Creating an Inclusion Environment
   Pamela Schuller, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
8. The Assessment of a Resource Guide for the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Meetings Orientation
   Erica Appio, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
9. The Evaluation of C.A.B. (Children Against Bullying)
   Chris Chiare, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
10. The Evaluation of "Preparing the Child Client, A Multi-Media Toolkit"
    Melinda Iannarone, MA Candidate
    Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
11. The Evaluation of the Data Disparity Project
   Kelly Fontana, MA Candidate
   Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy
12. The Assessment of Middlesex County ResourceNet
    Jaclyn Castro, MA Candidate
    Montclair State University, Child Advocacy and Policy