



Office of State Public Defender

**2021 Fall Juvenile Defender Certification Training**

Thursday, October 28, 2021- Friday, October 29, 2021

Golden Nugget Biloxi Hotel and Casino, Biloxi, MS

- **ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Conference registration has moved online and is now open. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.
- Registration is **limited to 50 participants**. Please register today. The registration deadline is **October 11, 2021**. Salaried Defenders registering after the cut-off date will **NOT** be guaranteed conference meals.
- **LODGING:** You must make your own hotel reservations. Hotel rate is \$69/night. Reserve by phone at 1(800) 777-7568, Group Code: **S2103335** or online by clicking here [ROOM RESERVATION](#). Hotel deadline is **October 11, 2021**. Reservations after the cut-off will be subject to availability and conference rate is not guaranteed. Salaried Defenders who do not reserve their room before the deadline **will be responsible for paying the hotel directly** and may seek reimbursement after the conference.
- **Rooms have been reserved for Salaried Youth Court Defenders for the nights of Wednesday, October 28, 2021, and Thursday, October 29, 2021.**

- **COST/FEES:**

- *Salaried Defenders:* Lodging reimbursements only available for participants traveling greater than 60 miles each way. Mileages and Meals reimbursed at the state rate. Meals must be accompanied by a receipt (alcohol not allowed).
- *Ad Hoc/ Appointed (MPDA Member) :* Please mail \$50 check, payable to OSPD, to State Public Defender, Attn: Berenda Pendleton, Public Defender Training Division, P.O. Box 3510, Jackson, MS 39207 – 3510.
- *Ad Hoc/ Appointed (Not MPDA Member) :* Please mail \$200 check, payable to OSPD, to State Public Defender, Attn: Berenda Pendleton, Public Defender Training Division, P.O. Box 3510, Jackson, MS 39207-3510.

#### COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

1. CDC Guidelines: We will follow the latest CDC recommendations in place at the time of each conference.
2. As of today, MASKS will be required inside the meeting areas at our conferences. Please prepare to bring them. We will have masks available and hand sanitizer as well.
3. Conference food will be provided in the safest possible way (for conferences with provided meals). Whether it is a buffet with servers or plated lunches, we are finalizing those plans now.
4. We hope that everyone will adhere to the CDC recommendation and get vaccinated before the conference. However, this will not be a requirement to attend. Instead, we will have COLOR CODED nametag lanyards for each participant : Green, Yellow and Red. These lanyards will allow you to understand everyone's comfortability with personal space, regardless of vaccination status. Red lanyards: "Give me 6 feet of distance", Yellow lanyards : " I am comfortable with an elbow bump", and Green lanyards : "It's been too long, give me a hug." You choose your level of comfortability by choosing your colored lanyard.
5. If you are sick or in COVID isolation from a recent contact, please do not come to the conference. We are currently working on training

alternatives for those individuals. However, if you fall sick at the conference or immediately after the conference, we want to inform those people who you have been in contact with during our training. For this reason, we will have sign up sheets for each conference table. You choose your table and sign the table list once seated. We ask that you remain at that same table throughout the conference but, if you move tables, simply sign the table list at your new location. If you happen to get sick with COVID, please inform our office **immediately**. We will notify the people on your table lists that they have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID. We will protect identities and simply inform everyone at the table in a general manner.

***Any questions***, please contact Berenda Pendleton by phone at (601) 576-4210 or by email at [bpending@ospd.ms.gov](mailto:bpending@ospd.ms.gov).



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