



**OSPD Family Defense Certification Training
The Threefoot Hotel & Riley Conference Center
Meridian, Mississippi
March 21 - 22, 2024**

AGENDA

Thursday, March 21, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Civil Rights Protections for Persons with Disabilities Involved in the Child Welfare System (1hr)

[Carla Carter](#), Associate Deputy Director for Civil Rights, HHS, Office for Civil Rights

[Beatriz Romero-Escobar](#), Senior Investigator, HHS, Office for Civil Rights

12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. [Evaluations](#) & Lunch - Provided

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Civil Rights Protections for Persons with Disabilities Involved in the Child Welfare System (1hr)

[Carla Carter](#), Associate Deputy Director for Civil Rights, HHS, Office for Civil Rights

[Beatriz Romero-Escobar](#), Senior Investigator, HHS, Office for Civil Rights

1:30 p.m. – 1:35 p.m. [Evaluations](#)

1:35 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Break & Registration

2:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Welcome and Announcements
[André de Gruy](#), State Public Defender
[Jennifer Morgan](#), Family Defense Program Manager
[Erin Briggs](#), Training Director
Office of State Public Defender

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Ethics & OSPD Updates (1 hour)
[Jennifer Morgan](#), Family Defense Program Manager,
Office of State Public Defender

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. [Evaluations](#) & Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Motion Practice (1 hour)**
[Jennifer Morgan](#), *Family Defense Program Manager,*
Office of State Public Defender

[Jessica Bates](#), *Family Defense Attorney,*
Jackson County Youth Court

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **[Evaluations](#) & Announcements**

Friday, March 22, 2024

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Trial Skills (1.5 hours)**
[Chad King](#), *Associate Attorney*
[Matthew Thompson](#), *Founder*
Thomas Addison, PLLC
Madison, Mississippi

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **[Evaluations](#) & Hotel Check-Out**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Families and Children Case Law Update (1 hours)**
[Chad King](#), *Associate Attorney*
[Matthew Thompson](#), *Founder*
Thomas Addison, PLLC
Madison, Mississippi

11:30 a.m. **[Evaluations](#), Prizes & Closing Announcements**