



OSPD 2025 FALL FAMILY DEFENDER CERTIFICATION TRAINING
Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino
Biloxi, Mississippi
September 17-18, 2025

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

- 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.** **Registration and Lunch**
Deer Island Foyer
- 12:45 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.** **Welcome and Announcement**
Deer Island Ballroom
André de Gruy, State Public Defender
Jennifer Morgan, Parent Defense Program Director
Erin Briggs, Training Director
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Supporting Immigrant Parents in 2025 (2.00 hours)**
Rachel Konrad, Senior Director and Immigration Attorney
Casey Family Programs
Cristina Cooper, Senior Attorney
ABA Center on Children and the Law
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:10p.m.** **Evaluations & Break**
- 3:10 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.** **Spotlight: GCCWJC/Magdelene House**
- 3:15 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.** **Spotlight: Baptist Children’s Village - Mississippi**
- 3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.** **Ethics of Motion Practice (1.5 hours)**
Arman Miri, Associate
Lowrey & Fortner, PA
Chad Shook, Counsel and Consultant
For Your Family, PLLC
- 4:50p.m. –5:05 p.m.** **Evaluations and Announcements**

A variety of vendors are spotlighted during the Conference for your awareness and convenience. Inclusion on this agenda does not imply endorsement by the MS Office of State Public Defender.

Thursday, September 18 2025

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. <i>Petit Bois</i>	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.- 8:35 a.m. <i>Deer Island Ballroom</i>	Spotlight: MS Access to Justice
8:35 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Working with Incarcerated Parents (1.00 hour) <i>Nina Datlof, Staff Attorney, Family Advocacy Unit</i> Community Legal Services, Inc. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
9:35 a.m. –9:40 a.m.	Evaluations
9:40 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	Spotlight: Canopy Children’s Solutions
9:45 a.m -10:00 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Indian Child Welfare Act (1.00 hour) <i>Shannon Smith, Executive Director</i> Minnesota ICWA Law Center
11:00a.m.-11:05a.m.	Evaluations
11:05 a.m.-11:10a.m.	Spotlight: Youth Villages
11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m.	Constitutional Protections in Child Welfare Cases (1.00 hour) <i>Nina Datlof, Staff Attorney, Family Advocacy Unit</i> Community Legal Services, Inc. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
12:10 p.m. – 1:00pm <i>Petit Bois</i>	Evaluations & LUNCH <i>(Joint conference attendees check into Youth Defense Conference)</i>
1:15p.m. – 1:25p.m. <i>Deer Island Ballroom</i>	Spotlight: Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc.
1:25 p.m. – 2:25p.m.	Youth Court Reform in Mississippi: Progress and Possibilities <i>Vickie Lowery, Youth Court Program Director</i> <i>Wendy Shelton, Intake Legal Specialist</i> Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts
2:25p.m.	Evaluation and Closing Announcements
2:30p.m	Conference Check-Out for all Family Defense Attendees