



**OSPD Youth Defense Certification Training
Oxford, Mississippi
March 19-20, 2025**

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration & Lunch**
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. Welcome**
Andre' de Gruy, State Public Defender
Brenda Locke, Youth Defense Program Manager
Erin Briggs, Training Director
Office of State Public Defender
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. Spotlight: Youth Challenge Program**
- 12:25 p.m. – 1:25 p.m. Barrister's Battle: Youth Court Jeopardy**
(1 hr.)
Brenda Locke, Youth Defense Program Manager
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi
- 1:25 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Evaluations**
- 1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. Spotlight: Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services**
- 1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. Through the Client's Eyes: Evaluating the Attorney-Client Relationship**
(1 hr.)

Benny Ivy, Co-director, Strong Arms
Aiden Walsh
- 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Evaluation & Break**
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Spotlight: Mississippi Access to Justice**
- 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. The Confidence Code: Unlocking Client Trust**
(1 hr. - Ethics)
Jacinta Hall, Attorney
The J.A. Hall Law Firm
Olive Branch, Mississippi

- 4:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.** **Evaluations**
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.** **Spotlight: Job Corps**
- 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.**
(1 hr.) **Paying the Price: Restitution in Youth Court**
Jessica Bates
Family Defender, Jackson County Youth Court
Pascagoula, Mississippi
- Christopher Broome*
Youth Defender, Jackson County Youth Court
Pascagoula, Mississippi
- 5:25 pm** **Evaluations & Closing Announcements**

Thursday, March 20, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**
(1 hr.) **Children in Need of Supervision: Rights and Procedures**
Brenda Locke, Youth Defense Program Manager
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.** **Evaluations**
- 9:35 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.** **Spotlight: The Humble Change, Inc**
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**
(1 hr.) **Advocacy in Action: Effective Motion Practice for Youth Court Litigators**
Honorable Sumeka Thomas
Chickasaw County Youth Court Referee
Okolona, Mississippi
- 10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.** **Evaluations**
- 10:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.** **LUNCH (& Family Defender Conf. Registration)**
- 12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **Spotlight: Families as Allies**

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
(1 hr.)

MYCIDS Training COMBINED SESSION
Joye C. Green
IT Project Manager II
Mississippi Supreme Court
Department of Information Technology
Jackson, Mississippi

1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

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