

WEBINAR ALERT

Thursday, June 16, 2022



Hi Massimo,

As a past registrant of AFCC webinars, you receive these monthly reminders of upcoming presentations. Coming up in the next three months: webinars about resist-refuse cases, DE&I issues, vaccine hesitancy, and the voice of the child.

Visit the [AFCC Webinars page](#) on our website to view the upcoming monthly webinar schedule through June 2023! See you online soon!

Resist and Refuse Cases: Making the Case to the Court

Larry Braunstein, JD

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

1:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern Time (US/Canada)

Registration will close on June 20, 2022 at 9:00am Eastern Time US/Canada.

Custody cases are particularly challenging as family court professionals' endeavor to separate fact from allegation; evidence from innuendo, in the quest for the best interests of the children involved. Through this webinar, participants will learn more about the complex aspects of refuse/resist dynamics – and how to develop strategies to present to the court to best meet the needs of the families embroiled in litigation.

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Lawrence Jay Braunstein, JD is a partner in the law firm of Braunstein & Zuckerman, Esqs, located in White Plains, New York where he practices in the areas of Matrimonial, Family and Collaborative Law and related civil and criminal litigation, with an expertise in child custody litigation and litigation involving allegations of child sexual and physical abuse. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Hofstra University School of Law, where he teaches Child Abuse and Neglect, Collaborative Family Law and Modern Divorce Advocacy. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; Past Co-President of the AFCC-NY Chapter and a member of the AFCC National Conference Program Committee; and a member of the AFCC Board of Directors.



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Integrating Diversity Considerations with the New Guidelines in Parenting Time Evaluations

April Harris-Britt, PhD, Andrea Jones, MSW, RSW

Thursday, July 7, 2022

4:00pm-6:00pm Eastern Time (US/Canada)

Registration will close on July 6, 2022, at 9:00am Eastern Time US/Canada.

*As an initiative of the AFCC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, **this presentation is free, but you must register to attend.** A certificate of attendance is included. The program will include an hour long presentation, followed by one hour of discussion by all participants.*

Families are often not homogeneous, and each parent will bring aspects of their own distinct cultures to their relationship and to the parenting process. Intersectionality within a family can spark debate about competing values in areas ranging from gender roles to discipline to the very definition of family. Parenting Plan Evaluators must approach each new appointment with sensitivity to diversity and a willingness to learn what is important to each parent and how that will impact the children from a cultural perspective. During this workshop, presenters will review the infusion of diversity and cultural considerations into the most updated revision to the AFCC Guidelines for Conducting Parenting Plan Evaluations. They will provide strategies to enhance the skill level and knowledge needed for evaluators to adequately integrate nuances of diversity into each evaluation, to benefit the families experiencing the evaluation process more completely.



April Harris-Britt, PhD, is a licensed psychologist and parent coordinator who conducts child and adult psychological evaluations, child custody evaluations, civil guardian ad litem evaluations, and parental competency evaluations. Dr. Harris-Britt provides training to mental health professionals, attorneys, and judges and has presented at numerous conferences regarding services for families engaged in high-conflict custody disputes. She is currently a member of the Board for the Center for Cooperative Parenting, APA Advocacy Coordinating Committee, APA Working Group to Review Scientific Literature for High Conflict Family Relationships, AFCC Task Force on Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluations, and AFCC Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.



Andrea Jones, MSW, RSW, is a registered social worker in Ontario, Canada who holds a Master of Social Work degree from McGill University. She has dedicated her practice to public service in Quebec and Ontario, Canada supporting families of all socio-demographic backgrounds. She is the Provincial Manager of Clinical Services at the Office of the Children's Lawyer. In this role she directs a clinical program that offers thousands of parenting plan evaluations a year to the courts of Ontario. She has successfully launched and operates one of the largest Voice of the Child programs in Canada and has presented at various conferences and webinars on the complexities of parenting assessments. Lastly, Andrea is a member of the AFCC Task Force for Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluations and the AFCC Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

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Vaccine Hesitancy in Family Law Matters

Kate Allan, PhD

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

1:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern Time (US/Canada)

Registration will close on July 12, 2022, at 9:00am Eastern Time US/Canada.

In 2019, the World Health Organization identified vaccine hesitancy as one of the top ten global health threats. Participants in the family court system are able to assist clients and their families in making decisions about vaccination for their children based on the best available evidence. This webinar will provide attendees with an overview of five vaccine-hesitant caregiver profiles drawn from an extensive review of the vaccine hesitancy literature, a review of family law precedence related to pediatric COVID-19 and routine childhood immunization will follow, and an overview of promising practices for intervening with vaccine-hesitant caregivers in the family law context.

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Kate Allan, PhD, is a SSHRC-funded postdoctoral fellow. She is completing her second postdoctoral fellowship at the Centre for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases at the University of Toronto. During her doctoral studies, she was Manager of the Vaccine Hesitancy Study at the Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development. Dr. Allan served on the Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health, Discharge Planning (Transition to Adult Healthcare Services) Working Group and on the Good 2 Go Transition Program Advisory Committee at The Hospital for Sick Children. Her primary research interests focus on the decision-making process of parents regarding routine childhood immunization and COVID-19 vaccination.



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Children’s Voices in Cases Involving Parent-Child Contact Problem

Mindy Mitnick, EdM

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

1:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern Time (US/Canada)

Registration will close on August 8, 2022 at 9:00am Eastern Time US/Canada.

When children resist or refuse contact with a parent, understanding their perspective is an essential aspect of providing services to the family including evaluation, mediation,

parenting coordination, and therapy. This webinar will provide tips on communicating with children in these challenging cases.

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Mindy Mitnick, EdM is a Licensed Psychologist practicing in Minneapolis. She received a Master of Education from Harvard University and a Master of Arts from the University of Minnesota. She specializes in complex custody cases, working as an evaluator, therapist, and parenting consultant. Mindy has trained professionals throughout the country about developmental issues in parenting schedules, effective interventions in high-conflict divorce, assessing allegations of sexual abuse during divorce disputes, and the use of expert witnesses in divorce cases. She served on the Minnesota Supreme Court Task Force on Parental Cooperation and the American Bar Association working group to update guidelines for child witnesses in criminal cases. Mindy will continue to serve as the President of AFCC through July 1, 2022.



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