

WEEKLY UPDATE
Thursday, June 2, 2022



Hi Massimo,

AFCC webinar attendees enjoy 60-minute presentations on a wide variety of topics, at least once a month, from leading practitioners, including attorneys, psychologists, judicial officers, mediators, and other professionals. It's an easy way to expand your knowledge base for a small investment of time and money.

The next three webinars are listed below. If they pique your interest, make plans to join us and register today!

You can also visit the [AFCC webinars page](#), now updated with all upcoming monthly webinars through June 2023! Hope to see you online for an AFCC webinar soon!

Refuse and Resist 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. When children present with resistance to spending time with one parent, lawyers, custody evaluators, and courts look for the reasons why and then try to find solutions for the family. For litigators, it can be a matter of proving to the court that one parent has undermined the relationship of the other with their child. 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., in White Plains, New York where he practices 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, Hempstead, New York where he teaches Child Abuse and Neglect, Collaborative Family Law and Modern Divorce Advocacy. He is 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.

***The presentation is free**, as an initiative of the AFCC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and includes a certificate of attendance. You **must** register to attend. The program will include one hour of panel discussion, 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. In fact, it is not uncommon for each parent to represent the intersection of multiple cultural identities. 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 more completely benefit the families experiencing the evaluation process.

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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 in a position 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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