

2025 Child Welfare Law Orientation

April 9-11, 2025
The Landmark Resort
Egg Harbor, WI



Program Agenda

Registration & all plenary sessions will be held in the Egg Harbor Room (*Carrington Building - Lower Level*).
Breakfast & lunch will be served in the State Room (*Carrington Building - Upper Level*).

Wednesday, April 9

7:45 – 8:30 AM

Registration 

7:45 – 8:30 AM

Complimentary Group Breakfast 

8:30 – 9:15 AM

Welcome, Introductions, and Overview 

Hon. Todd Ziegler
Monroe County Circuit Court

9:15 – 10:15 AM

Unique Role, Responsibilities, and Background of Juvenile Court 

Hon. Christopher Foley (Ret.)
Milwaukee County Circuit Court

Comm. Kevin Costello
Waukesha County Circuit Court

10:15 – 10:30 AM

Break 


10:30 – 11:15 AM

Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act (WICWA) 

Hon. Todd Ziegler
Monroe County Circuit Court

Bridget Mauerman
Children's Court Improvement Program

11:15 – 12:00 PM

Confidentiality of Juvenile Records & Overlap with Other Courts 

Hon. Jason Rossell
Kenosha County Circuit Court

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12:00 – 1:00 PM

Complementary Group Luncheon



1:00 – 2:45 PM

Temporary Physical Custody Hearing (Child Safety & ReMoved Video)



Hon. Wendy Klicko
Sauk County Circuit Court

Comm. Kevin Costello
Waukesha County Circuit Court

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Break



3:00 – 3:45 PM

Plea Hearing



Hon. Christopher Foley (Ret.)
Milwaukee County Circuit Court

Comm. Timothy Heckmann
St. Croix County Circuit Court

3:45 – 4:30 PM

Fact-Finding Hearing



Hon. Wendy Klicko
Sauk County Circuit Court

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Thursday, April 10

7:45 – 8:30 AM

Complimentary Group Breakfast



8:30 – 8:45 AM

Leadership and Innovations in Juvenile Court & Wrap-in



Hon. Jason Rossell
Kenosha County Circuit Court

8:45 – 10:15 AM

Dispositional Hearing & Tailored Conditions



Hon. Todd Ziegler
Monroe County Circuit Court

Kristen Wetzel
Children's Court Improvement Program

10:15 – 10:30 AM

Break



10:30 – 12:00 PM

Parent & Caregiver Panel



Panelists:

- ◆ Samantha Copus – Parent
- ◆ Sequoia Emerson – Parent
- ◆ Mark Owen – Relative Caregiver
- ◆ Shannon Reagan-Shaw – Foster Parent

Moderator:

Hon. Wendy Klicko
Sauk County Circuit Court

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Complimentary Group Luncheon



1:00 – 1:45 PM

Youth in Court



Hon. Todd Ziegler
Monroe County Circuit Court

1:45 – 2:30 PM

Permanency Hearing



Hon. Christopher Foley (Ret.)
Milwaukee County Circuit Court

Comm. Kevin Costello
Waukesha County Circuit Court

2:30 – 2:45 PM

Break



2:45 – 3:45 PM

Permanency Hearing Role Play



Lead:

Comm. Kevin Costello
Waukesha County Circuit Court

Facilitator:

Hon. Jason Rossell
Kenosha County Circuit Court

3:45 – 4:30 PM

Post-Disposition Activities



Hon. Todd Ziegler
Monroe County Circuit Court

Comm. Timothy Heckmann
St. Croix County Circuit Court

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Friday, April 11

7:45 – 8:30 AM

Complimentary Group Breakfast



8:30 – 8:45 AM

Judicial Engagement & Wrap-in



Hon. Todd Ziegler

Monroe County Circuit Court

8:45 – 9:30 AM

Minor Guardianships



Hon. Jason Rossell

Kenosha County Circuit Court

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions Listed Below



(With Break)

Termination of Parental Rights

Room: Egg Harbor Room

Hon. Christopher Foley (Ret.)

Milwaukee County Circuit Court

**Impact of Court Commissioners
in Child Welfare Cases**

Room: Spinnaker Room - Flagship Building

Comm. Kevin Costello

Waukesha County Circuit Court

Hon. Wendy Klicko

Sauk County Circuit Court

Comm. Timothy Heckmann

St. Croix County Circuit Court

Hon. Todd Ziegler

Monroe County Circuit Court

12:00 PM

Adjourn Seminar

