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OFCA 2014 Conference Day 1 Schedule

Worthington Doubletree, 175 Hutchinson Ave, Columbus, OH 43235

Friday, June 13 (7hrs)

Registration & Welcome: 8:00am-9:00am

Block 1: 9:00am-12:00pm (3 hrs credit)

- **"A Bridge of Hope Moving People Toward New Beginnings"**

Keynote Presenter: Traceé L. Black-Fall, Founder and Executive Director, Tova's N.E.S.T., Columbus, Ohio
Be inspired by Traceé's story of how in the midst of addressing her young daughter's mental health crisis, Traceé herself suffered an aneurysm which gave her insight into her daughter's struggles. Learn about the importance of being sensitive to the culture and ethnicity of families navigating the mental health system as well as the role that non-traditional supports play in resiliency and recovery.

- **Break (15 minutes)**

- **Minds Matter Initiative**

Presenter-Minds Matter Central Ohio Steering Committee Representative
The informed consent process and techniques for parents and caregivers to build effective partnerships with their child's mental health practitioner will be highlighted. Trainees will review tools designed to help at risk youth and their caregivers navigate the mental health system as advocates and knowledgeable consumers.

Lunch Provided & Networking: 12:00pm-12:45pm

Annual Meeting: 12:45pm-1:45pm (1 hr credit)

- **"The Changing Face Of Foster Care"**(OFCA Annual Meeting)

Moderator: OFCA Board President Betsy Johnson

An overview of current state trends and how traditional foster care is changing will be discussed. Profiles of children now entering care and the impact of differential response as well as the current initiatives of Ohio Family Care Association will be presented.

Block 2: 2:00pm-5:00pm (3 hrs credit)

- **Court Hearings and Caregivers**

Presenter: TBD

The legal issues impacting child welfare cases, various roles present in court hearings, courtroom etiquette, and the rights of caregivers to notice and participation according to ORC 2151.424 are covered in this informative workshop.

- **Break (15 minutes)**

- **Tax Credits & Adoption Subsidy**

Presenter: Josh Kroll, Project Coordinator, Adoption Subsidy Resource Center, North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)

An in-depth look at the tax implications for foster, adoptive, kinship and primary parents as well as critical information on the adoption subsidy rules and how to advocate for your adoptive or pre-adoptive child. NACAC is a national and international leader and advocate on issues effecting adoption and the families completed through adoption.

Registration: Visit ofcaonline.org/registration or contact OFCA: office@ofcaonline.org; 614-401-OFCA (6322).

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OFCA 2014 Conference Day 2 Schedule

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Saturday, June 14 (7hrs)

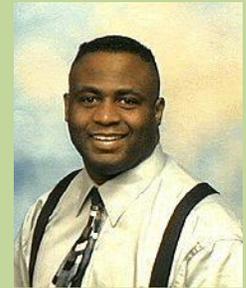
Registration & Welcome: 8:00am-8:30am

Block 3: 8:30am-11:30am (3 hrs credit)

- **“Cause and Effect, What You Do Today Will Effect Someone Tomorrow”**

Keynote Presenter: Pastor Cory Pariseau

“Cause and Affect” is a powerful, life changing philosophy that challenges one to take action by using their situation to develop positive, pre-planned actions that garner positive reactions from others in response. Also an effective mentoring and resource tool, the Cause and Affect Life Institute and Cory Pariseau, author, teacher and coach will take you through the steps to understanding and implementing this useful philosophy into your professional and family life.



- **Break (15 minutes)**

- **Foster Youth Resources & Perspectives**

Moderator: Lisa Dickson, Communications Chair, Foster Care Alumni of America, Ohio Chapter

Panel Presenters: National Center for Adoption Law and Policy, Foster Youth & Alumni, Ohio Food Bank

A dynamic and multifaceted look at the legal, educational, and employment challenges facing foster youth highlighted by perspectives from current and former youth themselves and the agencies that provide vital services to older youth in care.

Lunch Provided & Networking: 11:30am-12:15pm

Block 4: 12:30pm-4:30pm (4 hrs credit)

- **Human Trafficking**

Facilitator: Maureen Heffernan, Child Welfare Consultant, Trainer, OFCA Board Member

An overview of labor and sex trafficking in Ohio, what it is and the current efforts to raise awareness and prevention.

- **Break (15 minutes)**

- **Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges-Signs and Symptoms of Secondary Trauma**

Parent Panelists: Karen Ezirim, Angela Schoepflin, Pat McCollum, Cory Pariseau, Doreen Britt

Facilitator: Marynell Townsend, OFCA Executive Director

Birth parents from the newly formed Ohio Primary Parent Advisory Council will join experienced foster and adoptive parents from the Ohio Family Care Association to discuss their perspectives on how traumatic events around them seemed to impact their own views and behavior, their case worker, and the progress of their case. The goal of the workshop is to raise awareness for how the experiences we all bring into our various roles effect the way we partner with others and ultimately impacts the children in our care.

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