

Judicial Conference on Juvenile Justice

Detailed Agenda

Monday, August 17, 2026

9:00am - 9:15am	Opening Remarks
9:15am - 10:15am <i>1 CLE</i>	<u>Session 1: The Power of Mentorship: Mentor One Child, Change Two Lives</u> Michael Heinzman, Fort Bend County Mentor Program Nicholas Upton, Fort Bend County Mentor Program
10:15am - 11:15am <i>1 CLE</i>	<u>Session 2: What Story Does the Data Tell? A Look at Trends in Juvenile Justice</u> Hunter Hurst, Director, National Center For Juvenile Justice
11:15am - 11:30 am	Break
11:30am - 12:30pm <i>1 CLE</i> <i>0.25 Ethics Hours</i>	<u>Session 3: Determinate Sentence and Certification Cases</u> Hon. Stacey Mathews, Judge, 277 th District Court Hon. Clarissa Silva, Justice, Thirteenth Court of Appeals
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch (onsite)
1:30pm - 2:30pm <i>1 CLE</i>	<u>Session 4: Key Takeaways from the Continuum of Care Initiative</u> Layla Fry, Vice President of Youth Justice & Family Policy, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute Matt Smith, Director of Statewide Youth Services Continuum, Texas Juvenile Justice Department
2:30pm - 3:30pm <i>1 CLE</i>	<u>Session 5: Making the 'What Works' Actually Work: Risk-Need-Responsivity in Action</u> Gina Vincent, Ph.D., Professor University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Break
3:45pm - 4:45pm <i>1 CLE</i>	<u>Session 6: Starting and Sustaining a Specialty Court</u> Jill Mata, Chief Probation Officer, Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department Hon. Timothy McCoy, Judge, Nueces County Court at Law No. 5 Erin Morgan, Specialty Courts Program Manager, Texas Office of Court Administration
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Reception / Networking Event

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

8:30am - 9:30am

1 CLE

**Session 7: Texas Juvenile Justice Department
Leadership Panel**

Sean Grove, Deputy Executive Director,
Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Evan Norton, Psy.D., Deputy Executive Director,
Texas Juvenile Justice Department

9:30am - 10:30am

1 CLE

0.25 Ethics Hours

0.25 FV Hours

**Session 8: Strategies for Addressing Challenges with Parents in
Juvenile Cases**

Moderator - Hon. Renee Rodriguez-Betancourt, Judge, 449th District Court

Hon. Aurora Martinez Jones, Judge, 126th District Court

Hon. Ryan Palmquist, Associate Judge, Williamson County

Cyndi Porter Gore, Chief Probation Officer,
Collin County Juvenile Probation Department

10:30am - 10:45am

Break

10:45am - 11:45am

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Session 9 - Juveniles Who Engage in Sexually Offending Behavior

Terri Bauer, LCSW, LSTOP-S, Juvenile Treatment Provider,
Collin and Grayson Counties

Kameron Johnson, Managing Partner, Johnson Roberts LLP

Jamie Reyna, Juvenile Division Chief Assistant District Attorney,
Harris County District Attorney's Office

11:45am - 12:45pm

Lunch (onsite)

12:45pm - 2:00pm

1.25 CLE

0.5 Ethics Hours

Session 10 - Juvenile Boards: Power and Responsibility

Hon. Rob Hofmann, Judge, 452nd District Court

Hon. Cheryl Lee-Shannon, Judge, 305th District Court

Hon. K. Kyle Peeler, Judge (Retired), Midland County Court at Law

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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Session 11 - Judicial Leadership Panel

Moderator - Hon. Cyndi Wheless, Judge, 417th District Court

Hon. Gary Coley, Judge (Retired), 74th District Court

Hon. Tim Menikos, Judge (Retired), 323rd District Court

3:00pm

Closing Remarks