

June 12, 2019

## Save the Date!

### 2020 Children's Law Institute

*Walking the Talk: Prevention, Support, and Radical Acceptance*

**January 8th-10th, 2020; Hotel Albuquerque Albuquerque, NM**

The 2020 annual conference theme looks forward to the implementation of recent changes in our child welfare, juvenile justice, and children's legal systems, with an emphasis on putting the values of prevention, support, and radical acceptance into practice. While safety and risk remain important considerations, we are challenging our systems to address concerns by upholding the innate, imperative, and influential connections that exist within families and their surrounding community.

With the start of a new decade, a new administration, and new national and state-wide initiatives, we have an opportunity to move innovative ideas towards improved outcomes for the children, youth and families we serve. What does it look like to shift our systems' efforts from reactionary to preventative? How can we leverage the strengths of our communities to provide the support that allows families to thrive? How can each one of us renew our commitment to break ineffective patterns of judgement and move towards the radical acceptance of others that restores hope and humanity in our communities?

[Click here for the 2020 CLI Call for Proposals](#)

### BEHIND THE SCENES:

#### Where we are in the Planning Process

#### March/April

- Debrief previous year's conference,
- Begin discussion of theme and focus for following year.
- Start Keynote/Featured Speakers ideas list

#### May

- Finalize call for proposals.
- Continue discussion of key-notes.

#### June

- Distribute call for proposals
- Continue to develop workshop topics and reach out to possible presenters
- Narrow down possible keynotes

#### July

- Finalize keynote and featured speakers
- Workshop Development
- Review proposals that come in

#### August

- Deadline for call for proposals
- Solidify workshops in development

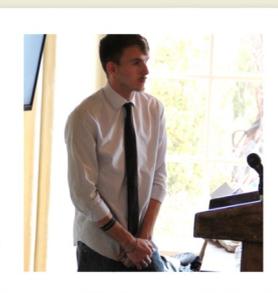
... and so much more!  
Stay tuned!

#### A Note on the Conference Location:

The CLI Planning Committee is working hard to address community concerns regarding the size and fit of our current conference location. We are regularly considering the pros and cons of hosting the conference at alternative venues, and for the time being Hotel Albuquerque continues to be best suited for our needs. We will continue to work with the hotel to comfortably accommodate all of our attendees, and are developing strategies to improve access to parking. We are honored to have so many people interested in the conference and will do our best to maintain a quality experience for all.



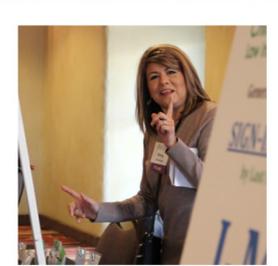
Sandy Whitehawk,  
2019 CLI Presenter



Harley Murray,  
2019 CLI Presenter

#### Join the Conversation!

Have a great idea for a workshop or recommendation for a speaker? Send your ideas to [cli-nm@nmsu.edu!](mailto:cli-nm@nmsu.edu)



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