



A Message From the President

Hello WJCIA members,

Over the course of the last year we have all faced challenges in our workplace, community and in our homes. COVID-19 threw us a curveball we were not expecting, but we are on our way to hitting it out of the park. As we continue to ease into our new normal, I hope everyone is safe, healthy, and enjoying their summer.

WJCIA Board members are gearing up for our annual in-person conference coming September 22-24 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. The conference is jam packed with speakers that are known across the nation and some of our local favorites. You are sure to come away with an abundance of knowledge to implement into your everyday practice.

I recently had the opportunity to attend an in-person training, my first since the pandemic began. It restored a sense of normalcy, being in-person. How quickly we forget the need for human interaction and connection and how much is lost when you are not in-person. I found myself more engaged and present.

While virtual trainings were invaluable during our time apart and will continue to play a role in our learning, coming together once again will be a wonderful experience. It will provide you the opportunity to be with colleagues, friends, and acquaintances. You will see new and familiar faces all while soaking in the material of great speakers. Please look for registration coming soon and I cannot wait to see you in September!

Cordially,

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2021 WJCIA Conference

2021 Conference In Person at Kalahari September 22-24, 2021

2021 will be a great conference year at Kalahari!!! Conference is going to be in-person, which we are all looking forward to. In addition to seeing old friends & colleagues and making new friends & colleagues, here's some of the highlights of what's planned.

Wednesday Keynote: Brooks Gibbs- "Squabbles: Your Game Plan for Aggression"

Thursday Keynote: Chris Prochut- Taking Care of Our Own
Ethics & Boundaries: Dr. Janet Holter- Technology, Values, Boundaries, and Ethical Decision Making

Friday Keynote: Gina Biegel-Positive Neuroplasticity and Taking in the Good

Additional great speakers include: *Kevin Rathburn, Cat Jakoby & Amanda Casey, Don Everhard, Matt Waid, Jack O'Meara, Becky Huber, Julie Majerus and Julie Incitti, Marc Perry.* Topics include: *How Mental Health Issues Impact Intake Decisions, Domestic Human Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Diversion Programs, Intelligent De-Escalation & Defense, Drug Trends, Elements of a Successful Lobbying Campaign, Self-Care & Compassion Fatigue, Supporting School Success Under the ESSA, Truancy Roundtable, and Bias Stereotypes & Microaggressions*

See you at Kalahari in September!

WCWPDS Updates

WCWPDS is continuing to assess the best platforms and delivery of trainings as we start to transition back to face-to-face contact across the state. There are some trainings that may continue to be offered virtually, as this arrangement has seemingly had some benefits! As of now, Basic Intake Worker Training will continue to be offered monthly on the Zoom platform. If you have thoughts about this training, or any other training being offered virtually, please don't hesitate to reach out to someone at WCWPDS to weigh in!

The statewide YASI roll-out continues! We are nearly completed with Phase 3 and will kick off Phase 4 starting in September of this year. We are getting close to training identified YASI coaches – if you want to know more about this, please contact Lindsay or Nicki at WCWPDS!

All of us at WCWPDS want to thank you for your dedication, commitment, and patience as we train in the virtual world! As always, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns!

Technology Committee Update:

The Technology Committee continues to update the WJCIA website and Facebook pages for all things WJCIA and more. Check them out! We continue to utilize Constant Contact for mass emails to our membership and extensive mailing list. Please let us know if there is someone that should be added to or removed from that list serve by emailing Tech. Committee Chairperson, Joy Lynn George at jgeorge@co.pierce.wi.us. Most training events that are sponsored by WJCIA will have registrations done online as well as payments. We are currently working on setting up the Annual Conference registration. Be on the lookout for emails with those updates. Check out the website at www.wjcia.org and our Facebook page at Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association.

GRANT COMMITTEE UPDATE

As you may know, WJCIA was able to sponsor a number of trainings using grant funding through DOJ (Kevin Rathburn training in November 2020 on Amendments and Use of Force and Carey Guides/BITS training in December 2020).

After the training, \$4,193.95 remained of the grant and is available until 9/30/2021. A number of options were considered. With the remaining funds, it was decided to make a request to send Melissa Zarczynski (current Board President) and Renee Handrow (past Board President) to a national conference for training. Robert F. Kennedy Transformation of Youth Justice Symposium: Expanding Knowledge, Changing Practices, and Achieving Outcomes will be held 9/8-9/9/2021 in Nashville, TN. More information on the conference can be found here: <https://rfknrcjj.org/events/transformation-of-youth-justice-learning-events-2021>. Having representatives at the national conference will allow our organization to expand the topics that we consider for our own conference held annually in September.

In addition, there may be grant monies remaining after the national conference to purchase Carey Guides for any counties that are in need of the resources. Please reach out to any of the board members if you are in need of Carey Guides binders.

Through WJCIA, an advertisement to recruit individuals interested in being trained as trainers in Carey Guides/BITS Training has been posted through 7/9/2021. If you, or anyone that you know are interested, please review the advertisement for the qualifications needed. The Grant Committee will be continuing to look for funding to move forward on this initiative in order to continue to provide Carey Guides/BITS training in Wisconsin.

Stay tuned for future grant and training announcements from WJCIA .

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee is excited to announce Jack O'Meara will be one of the presenters at Conference this Fall. Mr. O'Meara has been a lobbyist and public affairs professional for more than 25 years. He will be sharing the elements of a successful lobbying campaign and provide information on the policy making processes at the State, Federal, and Local governmental levels. He will also provide tips on how to advocate for legislation and policies with your elected officials. We look forward to seeing everyone at Conference and learning more about this important topic.

WJCIA Board of Directors Nominations

If you are interested in being on the WJCIA board of directors, or have any questions about being on the board, please contact Kari McKenna at kari.mckenna@co.monroe.wi.us or 608-269-8643. Board expectations include making a commitment to being an active participant of the board and its working committees and attendance at all board/committee meetings. The board generally meets in November, January, March, April, June, and at conference in September each year. Committee meetings are on Thursday afternoons and the board meets on Friday mornings. We meet at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells.

Conference Site Committee

The WJCIA Annual Conference will be held at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center through the year 2030.

WJCIA is always updating our Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Directory so county workers can connect across the state.

Division of Juvenile Corrections Updates

Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake School has implemented a Mystery Motivator program in the Education Department. With help from the PBIS committee, Brandi Berry (School Psychologist-Senior) and Alan Koeller (Special Education Teacher) recently piloted this program in order to provide both individualized and class-wide incentives contingent on students' demonstration of positive, prosocial behaviors. This evidence-based intervention has been shown to significantly decrease disruptive behaviors in educational settings. By varying the criterion of the day (e.g., showing respect to others, asking for help appropriately) and the incentives, students at Lincoln Hills and

Copper Lake have remained engaged and committed throughout the unrolling of this program. At this time, the Mystery Motivator program has been implemented school-wide and has been very well received by students and staff alike. Some favorite incentives thus far have included classroom competitions, milk and cookie breaks, and collaborative art projects.



CLS students participating in a Minute to Win It challenge as a class-wide incentive

Frank J. Crisafi Recognition Award

The Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association, realizes that those who work in the challenging system of youth justice court services. Workers often receive little recognition for the outstanding service they provide to the agencies and communities in which they serve. The Board of Directors annually recognizes one of the many outstanding WJCIA members by offering the Frank J. Crisafi Recognition award. Each year, this award acknowledges the exceptional work done by a worker in the area of youth justice. The award is named after Frank J. Crisafi. Frank trained juvenile justice workers for over 50 years and was a resource and friend to the intake association and Youth Justice Workers.

Please find a Frank J. Crisafi Recognition Award nomination form at <https://wjcia.org/recognition-award>.

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