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AGENDA

August 13, 2021	9:00—10:30 a.m.	<p>Welcome <i>Chris Henderson, OCR Executive Director</i></p> <p>Engaging and Empowering Youth Panel: Meaningful Contact, Youth Court Attendance and Participation, and GAL/Counsel Representation <i>Lindsay Saunders-Velez OCR's Lived Experts Action Panel</i> <i>Elizabeth Arrieta OCR's Lived Experts Action Panel</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Cara Nord, OCR Staff Attorney</i></p>
	10:30—11:00 a.m.	■ Break
	11:00—12:00 p.m.	<p>A Call to Action to End Unjust, Unnecessary, and Disproportionate Removal of Black Children from Their Families (EDI credit) <i>Shereen A. White, Senior Staff Attorney Children's Rights, Inc.</i></p>
	12:00—1:30 p.m.	Lunch & Awards Ceremony Awards: 12:20pm-1:10pm
	1:30—2:45 p.m.	<p>Breakout A: Foster Youth Transition Program (Ethics credit) <i>Sheri Danz, OCR Deputy Director</i> <i>Ashley Chase, OCR Staff Attorney & Legislative Liaison</i></p> <p>Breakout B: Engaging with Parents through Relational Advocacy <i>Rick Barinbaum, LMSW Child Advocacy Law Clinic, University of Michigan</i> <i>Melissa Jensen, Esq., Guardian ad litem</i></p> <p>Breakout C: Appellate Hot Topics: Jurisdictional Issues, Current Trends & Tips for Avoiding Appellate Pitfalls <i>Josi McCauley, Esq., Guardian ad litem OCR Appellate Litigation Support</i> <i>Gina Bischofs, Esq., Guardian ad litem OCR Appellate Litigation Support</i></p>
	2:45—3:15 p.m.	■ Break



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August 13, 2021	3:15 —4:30 p.m.	<p>Breakout D: LGBTQ IA+ Youth....What You Need to Know <i>Meryl Franklin, MA, LCSW, Youth Services Director Center on Colfax-Rainbow Alley</i> <i>Em Moratto, Manager of Youth Services Center on Colfax-Rainbow Alley</i></p> <p>Breakout E: Families Over Facilities: Ending the Use of Harmful and Unnecessary Institutions and Other Group Facilities in Child Welfare Systems <i>Ira Lustbader, Chief Program Officer Children's Rights, Inc.</i></p> <p>Breakout F: 2021 Case Law & Legislative Update <i>Sheri Danz, OCR Deputy Director</i> <i>Ashley Chase, OCR Staff Attorney & Legislative Liaison</i></p>
		Thank You For Joining Us!