2025 AFCC MARYLAND CONFERENCE AGENDA

OCTOBER 30, 2025 | JUDICIAL COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Registration

9:00 AM -9:05 AM: Welcome
-Marshall Yaap, Esq. Co-President, AFCC Maryland

9:05 AM-10:05 AM: Determining and Modifying Child Custody and Access Schedules: A Deep Dive into Legislation HB1191

-Risa Garon, LCSW-C, BCD, CFLE, Keith Schiszik, Esq., Hon. Cathy Hollenberg Serrette, and Michelle Smith, Esq.

10:05 AM – 10:20 AM: Break

10:20 AM – 11:50 AM: Personality Disorders and Mental Health Illness: Overview of Symptom Patterns and Impact on Parenting and Co-parenting.

-Dr. Elsa Ronningstam, Ph.D.

11:50 AM – 12:35 PM: Lunch

12:35 PM – 1:35 PM: Primer on Working Effectively with Clients with Personality Disorders for Family Law Professionals.

-Elsa Ronningstam, Ph.D., and John Lefkowits, ABPP, Ph.D.

Personality Disorders and Mental Health Disorders in Family Court.

1:35 PM – 2:35 PM: What Do Judges Want to Hear?

Panel: Hon. Ronald Silkworth, Hon. Julia Weatherly, Magistrate Elizabeth Case, and Hon. Cathy Hollenberg Serrette
Moderated by Nolanda Robert, MS, CCFC

2:35 PM – 3:20 PM: How Should Attorneys Present Mental Health Information to the Court?

Panel: Keith Schiszik, Esq., Hope Stafford, Esq., and Tracey Perrick, Esq.
Moderated by Nolanda Robert, MS, CCFC

3:30 PM – 3:50 PM: Best Use of Mental Health Professionals in Family Law Matters

-Katie Killeen, Ph.D.

3:50 PM – 4:00 PM: Break

4:00 PM -5:00 PM: Interventions in Family Court.

Panel: Hon. Ronald Silkworth, Magistrate Elizabeth Case, Hon. Cathy Hollenberg Serrette, Hon. Julia Weatherly, Tracey Perrick, Esq., Keith Schiszik, Esq., Katie Killeen, Ph.D. John Lefkowits, Ph.D., Elsa Ronningstam, Ph.D.
Moderated by Nolanda Robert, MS, CCFC (Case Studies)