SAFE AND TOGETHER REGIONAL JUDICIAL MEETINGS

Participants: Juvenile Judges and Judge-led county teams

Course Description. This course invites Ohio’s juvenile judges to lead a team of three justice system partners and continue building capacity to strengthen the system’s response when domestic violence impacts child safety and well-being. Possible justice system partners may include guardians ad litem, child protective services, prosecutors, defense bar, child advocacy center staff, supervised visitation centers, custody evaluators, or local family bar.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services-endorsed Safe and Together™ model aligns with best practices and focuses on the child’s safety in the midst of domestic violence. Participating judges and their teams will hear from model creator David Mandel on how to promote more domestic violence-informed juvenile courts and child-serving systems. A panel of practitioners and experts will share their experiences applying the model and ideas on the myriad ways courts and their justice partners may implement the model’s principles in the interest of child safety.

As a result of attending this course, teams will

- describe the Safe and Together™ model in the context of children experiencing domestic violence;
- examine the role of juvenile court decisions in promoting best practice responses to children exposed to domestic violence;
- design practical community-specific strategies to implement model principles in support of child safety.

Faculty. David Mandel has been working in the domestic violence field for 25 years. David’s international training and consulting focus on improving systems’ responses to domestic violence when children are involved, and responsible fatherhood. David has developed the Safe and Together™ model to improve case practice and cross-system collaboration in domestic violence cases involving children. David and his staff have consulted to United States’ child welfare systems in a number of states, including New York, Louisiana, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Vermont, Oregon, and Ohio. This includes overseeing a statewide network of domestic violence consultants for the Connecticut Department of Children and Families; training domestic violence subject matter experts for Florida’s Department of Children and Families; improving collaboration between child welfare and domestic violence advocates in Colorado; and the development of a certified Safe and Together™ trainer network to support the rollout of Differential Response in all 88 Ohio county child welfare agencies.


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CANCELLATIONS: If you cannot attend, please notify us no later than three days before the course.

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