

**CPYP 2006 Annual Conference**  
**November 2-3, 2006**  
**Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Oakland, CA**  
**AGENDA**

**November 2, 2006**

- 8:45 – 9:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome & Introductions
- 9:15 – 10:15 Keynote: Massachusetts Families for Kids Speak Out Team
- 10:15 – 10:30 BREAK
- |               | <b>Group I</b>    | <b>Group II</b>  |
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| 10:30 – 12:00 | Bob Lewis Part I  | Sibling Issues-Wendy Piccus and<br>Erric Garris          |
| 12:00 – 1:00  | Lunch             |  |
| 1:00 – 3:00   | Bob Lewis Part II | LGBTQ Youth-Legal Services for<br>Children-Carolyn Reyes |
| 3:00 – 3:15   | BREAK             |  |
| 3:15 – 4:45   | Sibling Issues    | County Project Sharing and<br>Discussion                 |

**November 3, 2006**

- 8:30 – 9:00 Sign-in and Continental Breakfast
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| 9:00 – 11:00  | LGBTQ Youth  | Bob Lewis Part I   |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | BREAK  |  |
| 11:15 – 12:45 | County Project Sharing and<br>Discussion   | Bob Lewis Part II  |
| 12:45 – 1:45  | Luncheon panel of Jennifer Rodriquez and Berisha Black   |  |
| 1:45 – 3:15   | Support for Connections: Kinship<br>Center and Edgewood-Charles<br>Chambers and Falope Fatunmise | Group Homes and Permanency<br>Issues – Carroll Schroeder and<br>Erik Sternad |
| 3:15 – 4:45   | Group Homes and Permanency<br>Issues   | Support for Connections: Kinship<br>Center and Edgewood                      |
| 4:45          | Wrap Up  |  |

**Keynote: Massachusetts Families for Kids Speak Out Team-Eliza Wagner, Justin Pasquariello, and Ulises Robledo**

Three youth “Speak Out” about permanency. Hear how permanency positively impacted their lives and how important it is for our child welfare system to commit to a process that assures that kin and foster parents can make a legal commitment to our youth. For youth that did not find a permanency connection, learn how that also impacted their lives.

**Bob Lewis Workshop**

Refine your skills in speaking to youth about permanency and learn how to assess and adjust your approach to the developmental level of the youth. Learn the key elements that must be addressed in order to assist adolescents in healing in order to achieve alternative permanent family connections. How to engage youth in the process and how to respond to the common objections raised by teens will be covered.

**Siblings Issues Workshop - Wendy Piccus and Erric Garris**

Two emancipated young adults will discuss the impact that placement decisions had on their lives and their sibling’s lives. Learn the importance of utilizing approaches that support sibling relationships including consistent visitation when it is impossible for siblings to live together.

**LGBTQ Youth Workshop – Carolyn Reyes, Legal Services for Children**

Learn how to assess the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, develop an emotionally safe working relationship for the youth, and improve services and outcomes for this population. Strategies for permanency planning will be discussed. Methods of creating an inclusive organizational culture and of promoting healthy adolescent development will be explored. Information regarding community resources will be available.

**Support for Connections Workshop: Kinship Center and Edgewood Center for Children and Families-Charles Chambers and Falope Fatunmise**

Learn about two model programs that support permanency connections. Different service components such as legal assistance, counseling, recreation, food and clothing banks, support groups for adults and children, parent education, counseling, advocacy, and information about and referral to community resources will be outlined as well as funding approaches. Ways of mobilizing a team of “family members” to support permanency will be discussed.

**Luncheon Panel -Jennifer Rodriquez and Berisha Black**

Engagement of Youth/Involving Youth-what does it mean, how is it done?

**Group Homes Workshop - Carroll Schroeder and Erik Sternad**

Learn how to forge a relationship with group homes that supports permanency work. Issues such as team building meetings, family finding, logistical support to build and sustain connections and permanency, aftercare for youth and their families, and evaluation of group homes will be discussed.