

**Program Agenda
Child Development for Judges
September 19-21, 2007
School of Government
Room 2401**

Wednesday, September 19

- 12:30: Welcome; introductions; review of schedule and class objectives
Janet Mason and Cheryl Howell, School of Government
- 12:45: Discussion: Why do judges need to know about child development?
Janet Mason and Cheryl Howell
- 1:00: Children's Development and Family Disruption
Dr. Helen Brantley, Ph.D, Co-Director, Forensic Psychiatry Service
UNC Chapel Hill
- 2:30: Break
- 2:45: Small group case studies: normal development - young children
- 3:45: Panel discussion of case studies: normal development – young children
Dr. Helen Brantley
Dr. Nina Cohen, Ph.D, Custody and Visitation Mediation Program
NC Administrative Office of the Courts
Melanie Miller, MSW, Custody Mediator, Districts 17A & B
Dr. Linda Shamblin, Ph.D., Asheville, NC
- 5:30: Reception – Dining Room

Thursday, September 20

- 9:00: "Understanding Small Voices"
Nancy Berson, LMSW, Instructor, Department of Psychiatry
UNC Chapel Hill
- 10:00: Break
- 10:15: Normal Adolescent Development
Dr. David Bartholomew, Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Psychiatry, UNC Chapel Hill
- 11:45: Break

12:00: Small group case study work: normal development - adolescents

1:00: Lunch at School of Government

2:00: Panel discussion of adolescent case studies

Dr. Bartholomew

John Hughes, MSW, UNC Chapel Hill

Dr. L. Smith Goodrum, Jr., Ph.D., Asheville

Dr. Nina Cohen

Melanie Miller, MSW, Custody Mediator, Districts 17A & B

4:00: Break

4:15: Effects of Child Abuse and Neglect on Brain Development

Kathy Johnson, MS, Instructor, School of Social Work, UNC Chapel Hill

5:30: Adjourn

Friday, September 21

9:00: Small group case studies: impact of abuse and neglect on development

10:00: Break

10:15: Panel discussion of case studies

Kathy Johnson, UNC Chapel Hill

Mellicent Blythe, LCSW, School of Social Work, UNC Chapel Hill

Billie Jo Garcia, MA, Court Management Specialist

NC Administrative Office of the Courts

Dr. Cathryn Alschuler, Ph.D., Custody Mediator, District 10

12:15: Wrap-Up and Evaluations

12:45: Adjourn

CJE: 14.25 hrs.