

2019 News Archive

- **December 7, 2018 – CFCC receives grant funds of \$40,000 to support the Truancy Court Program.**

CFCC has received a grant of \$40,000 from the Charles Crane Family Foundation to support the operation of CFCC's Truancy Court Program in 2019-2020. The Charles Crane Family Foundation was CFCC's first donor in 2004 and has been a consistent donor since that time. We thank the Charles Crane Family Foundation for their unwavering support.

- **September 6, 2018 - CFCC Welcomes Five New Student Fellows.**

CFCC's Student Fellows program provides students with an in-depth examination of the policies and theories surrounding court reform in family law, including unified family courts, therapeutic jurisprudence, and the ecology of human development. In addition to a weekly two-hour classroom component, students will take an active role in research and writing associated with the Center for Families, Children and the Courts' (CFCC's) projects. The research and writing will involve weekly one-hour meetings with either CFCC's Director or Senior Fellow and might include areas such as the creation and evaluation of unified family courts in specific jurisdictions, juvenile justice, truancy and truancy courts, high conflict custody programs, and addiction and substance abuse as they affect families in courts. Particular subject-matter areas will depend upon the nature of CFCC's activities at any given time.

- **August 23, 2018 - CFCC Conducts Study on Implementing a Unified Family Court Pilot Initiative in Douglas County, Neb.**

The University of Baltimore School of Law Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC) is providing training, technical assistance, and guidance on a court improvement project in Douglas County, Neb., to evaluate the possibility of implementing a Unified Family Court pilot initiative. The study includes a review of court operations, site visits by CFCC to Nebraska, a stakeholders' survey and forum, and visits to Maryland family courts by Nebraska court officials.

- **July 27, 2018 - CFCC's Truancy Court Program Receives Grant from The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention.**

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention has awarded CFCC a grant in the amount of \$141,931. This funding supports the operation of our Truancy Court Program, designed to assist Baltimore City Public School students. We are very grateful to GOCCP, as they have been a consistent funder of our work for the past three years.

- **June 20, 2018 – CFCC's Truancy Court Program Receives Grant from The Fund for Educational Excellence (FEE), in conjunction with the Open Society Institute – Baltimore (OSI-Baltimore).**

The Fund for Educational Excellence (FEE), in conjunction with the Open Society Institute – Baltimore (OSI-Baltimore), has awarded CFCC a grant in the amount of \$50,000. The grant will be used for the Truancy Court Program Restorative Practices Project. We are very grateful to FEE and OSI-Baltimore for their support.

- **June 11, 2018 – Baltimore Features op ed written by Law Professor Barbara Babb and Senior Fellow Gloria Danziger: Officer's murder highlights Baltimore's truancy problems.**

- **May 18, 2018 - CFCC's Truancy Court Program Receives Grant from Administrative Office of the Courts.**

The Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Department of Juvenile and Family Services has awarded CFCC a grant of \$117,025 to help support its Truancy Court Program. This is the eleventh consecutive year that the AOC has provided funding to CFCC, and we thank them for their continued and generous support.

- **February 26, 2018 – CFCC presents Unified Family Court Project to members of the Nebraska Judicial System.**

CFCC Founder and Director Professor Barbara Babb, CFCC Senior Fellow Gloria Danziger and Diane Nunn, CFCC consultant and founding director of the Judicial Council of California Center for Families, Children and the Courts presented "Understanding the Unified Family Court " at the Douglas County Courthouse in Nebraska. CFCC is partnering with the Nebraska Court Improvement Project to study the creation of a Unified Family Court in Douglas County, Nebraska. The presentation was an examination of the Nebraska Judicial System focused on how Unified Family Courts efficiently and effectively address the needs of families and children in court.

2019 Events Archive

- **September 2018 - The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) announces Family Law Writing Competition**

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) and the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, in cooperation with the editorial staff of the Family Court Review (FCR), have held the tenth annual Family Law Writing Competition. The Editor-in-Chief of FCR, CFCC's Founder and Director Professor Barbara Babb, encourages all interested University of Baltimore School of Law students to submit an entry to the competition. Please view the [website](#) for more information including entry requirements and prizes.

- **December 3 - 6, 2018 - In collaboration with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), CFCC held two trainings for professionals who work with families and children**

December 3-4, 2018: “Parenting Coordination” with Mindy Mitnick, MA, EdM. This program described the fundamentals of parenting coordination (PC), including the principles and functions of the PC role, the knowledge base for being an effective PC, and ethical guidelines. This interactive training assists professionals in understanding the PC process, scope of authority, and techniques and strategies to help parents improve cooperation and communication. Participants learned how to help clients utilize the process and how to effectively write recommendations or decisions.

December 6-7, 2017: “Advanced Issues in Child Custody” with Robin Deutsch, PhD. This program focused on three areas of complex child custody work for new and experienced evaluators, attorneys, judges, parenting coordinators, and family therapists. Topics included: (1) assessing and managing difficult clients including those with mental illness, substance abuse, trauma, and personality disorders; (2) assessment of intimate partner violence and effects on children, parenting, and co-parenting; (3) an introduction to addressing children’s resistance or refusal to have contact with a parent.

Visit the [Association of Family and Conciliation Courts \(AFCC\) website](#) for more details.

- **June 2018- CFCC Founder and Director Professor Barbara Babb and CFCC Senior Fellow Gloria Danziger present a workshop at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 55th Annual Conference**

CFCC Founder and Director Professor Barbara Babb and CFCC Senior Fellow Gloria Danziger, along with The Honorable Yvette Bryant, Baltimore City Circuit Court and CFCC TCP Attorney Katherine Davis, presented a workshop this week at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 55th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.. The workshop examined how The Truancy Court Program (TCP) judges and the TCP team meet weekly with participating students and use a trauma-informed approach to identify and address the complex reasons why students are missing school.

- **April 4, 2018 - CFCC, in partnership with the Open Society Institute-Baltimore held its tenth annual Urban Child Symposium, "Restorative Practices and the Urban Child: Rethinking School Discipline**

In its tenth annual Urban Child Symposium, CFCC, in partnership with the Open Society Institute-Baltimore, brought together experts to examine alternatives to harsh school discipline practices. Education, justice, and policy experts focused on restorative practices and restorative justice as powerful vehicles to strengthen relationships between adults and students. Panelists discussed chronic absenteeism, school disengagement, drop out, and the school-to-prison pipeline. Audience members participated in a restorative

practice exercise and learned about efforts in Baltimore to make Baltimore City Public Schools a restorative practices district. For more information visit the [event webpage](#).

- **February 5, 2018 - Members from Community Conferencing Center train CFCC'S Truancy Court Program (TCP) team on Restorative Practices.**

CFCC's Truancy Court Program (TCP) team participated in a training session with members from the Community Conferencing Center. The TCP team learn about Daily Rap Dialogue Circles and how to facilitate restorative conversations. On April 4, CFCC's Tenth Annual Urban Child Symposium will focus on Restorative Practices and the Urban Child: Rethinking School Discipline. For more information visit the [event webpage](#).

2019 Press Archive

- **June 11, 2018 – Baltimore Features op ed written by Law Professor Barbara Babb and Senior Fellow Gloria Danziger: Officer's murder highlights Baltimore's truancy problems.**