

## 2020 News Archive

- **December 14, 2020** The Open Society Institute - Baltimore has awarded CFCC a grant of \$25,000 to help support its Truancy Court Program.
- **November 30, 2020** CFCC has received a grant of \$50,000 from the Charles Crane Family Foundation to support the operation of CFCC's Truancy Court Program in 2021-2022. 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.
- **October 2, 2020** Congratulations to CFCC Student Fellow (2020-2021) Jillianne Crescenzi, whose blog was highlighted in the UBalt Law News. In her blog, Therapeutic Jurisprudence Starts with 'Why' and Ends with 'How', Jillianne writhes about CFCC's approaches to social and legal issues using a therapeutic jurisprudence (TJ) framework that allows our justice system to address complex issues with the goal of providing more therapeutic outcomes. Post a comment to Jullianne's blog and please share.
- **September 24, 2020** The Abell Foundation has awarded CFCC a grant of \$50,000 to help support its Truancy Court Program. This is the first year that the Abell Foundation has provided funding to CFCC, and we thank them for support.
- **September 6, 2020** CFCC Welcomes Eleven 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 and staff 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. Meet CFCC's 2020-2021 Student Fellows.
- **May 2020** *The University of Baltimore Law Review* is accepting paper proposals for the Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC) fall symposium on therapeutic jurisprudence, set for October 9 and 10, 2020, in conjunction with celebrations for CFCC's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Deadline to submit papers for publication consideration is June 30, 2020. For more detail, see the Call for Papers.
- **March 27, 2020** During the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic, the Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC) continues its important work on behalf of vulnerable children and families.

- **February 12, 2020** Mark Bell, the Director of Diversity Initiatives and Recruitment at the University of Baltimore School of Law, spoke at Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy for CFCC's Truancy Court Program. He spoke about the personal path to his current work and the importance of education along the way.
- **January 27, 2020** CFCC's Truancy Court Program launches its spring term with programs at five Baltimore City schools: Academy of College & Career Exploration (ACCE), Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy, Furley Elementary School, Baltimore Design School and Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School.
- **January 14, 2020** The Spring Semester of the CFCC Student Fellows Program began, with 12 Student Fellows enrolled. Ten Student Fellows are continuing their experiential projects working as clerks and in the restorative practice circles for the Truancy Court Program. Two Student Fellows will continue with research begun in the Fall Semester on family law topics. Please save the date for this important day-long conversation on an issue that has disproportionate effects on our most vulnerable children.

## 2020 Events Archive

- **February 18, 2020** As a part of the UBalt Law in Focus Discussion Series, **Prof. Barbara Babb**, founder and director of the Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts, moderated a discussion on therapeutic jurisprudence. Our panel of experts discussed the topic: **Prof. David Wexler**, University of Puerto Rico School of Law and president, International Society of Therapeutic Jurisprudence; **The Hon. Miriam Hutchins**, District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City (ret.); **Amanda Odorimah, Esq.**, Hearn Law Group, LLP; **Spencer Hall, Esq.**, CFCC Truancy Court Program Coordinator; and **Jasmine Martinez**, current UBalt Law student.

## 2020 Press Archive

- **April 22, 2020** CFCC's Director, Professor Barbara Babb, was interviewed by *The Daily Record* for a story titled "No easy answers: Abiding by custody agreements in the time of COVID-19."
- **March 4, 2021** CFCC announces the availability for purchase of its *Benchbook for Family Courts on Substance Use Disorders, Second Edition*, (*Benchbook*).
- **January 30, 2020** CFCC's Director, Professor Barbara Babb, was interviewed in a story about the case of missing children Joshua Vallow and Tylee Ryan pending in the

Madison County, Idaho, Family Court.

- **January 27, 2020** CFCC's Director, Professor Barbara Babb, was quoted in *The Maryland Daily Record Family Law Update* discussing de facto parents' rights and the Kpetigo decision expanding de facto parent status to stepparents.