

On April 7, over 200 judges, attorneys, social workers and other professionals attended the University of Baltimore School of Law Center for Families, Children and the Courts' (CFCC) third annual Urban Child Symposium, **"The Urban Child in the Child Welfare System: From Fracture to Fix."**

In his keynote address, Shay Bilchik, professor and director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute and former CEO of the Child Welfare League of America, called for re-engaging families as part of the child welfare team and emphasized the importance of family-friendly public policies that aim to keep families together.

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You can find podcasts from the symposium, as well as power point presentations from several of our panelists [here](#)