

Training

Date of Training: December 16, 2015
Place: Davidson County Juvenile Court
Courtroom D

CLE Agenda

Training called by: JJ Group Presenters: Julie A. Gallagher, Psy.D. ABPP

Facilitator:

Stacy Miller, Asst. Dist. Attorney Diane McNamara, Asst. P.D.

Attendees: Attorneys who represent juveniles, court staff, and judge's staff

Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. December 16, 2015

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Forensic Psychology

What it is and how the forensic psychologist can help meet the needs of the children that we serve

Part I:

Framing Our Discussion

- a. What is a forensic psychologist and what do they do? an overview
- b. Type of cases can and should be referred to them
- c. Misdemeanor cases
- d. Using a private vs. a contract psychologist

Part II:

The issue of Juvenile Competency:

- a. Determining 'mental state"
- b. "Miranda Issues"
- c. What about "Chris L. issues" and "J.D.B. issues"?

The "classic" categories of mental health issues for kids and what they mean.

a. The age of onset and what it looks like.

Part III:

Assessments: What are the components of the assessment and what information does the assessment provide?

- a. What is tested?
- b. What can we learn about the youth?

How the information is applicable to the adjudicatory hearings, dispositional

- C. hearing and transfer hearings
- Best way to communicate with your psychological expert and how can you help them do the best job possible for your client.

Conclusions and Questions