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“Paving Paths to Permanency” Child Abuse and Neglect Conferences

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – More than 680 participants are registered to attend three child abuse and neglect cross-training conferences this month at Snowshoe Mountain Resort, Bridgeport, and Logan to learn about child abuse and neglect procedure. Participants will include judges, attorneys, social workers, probation officers, court-appointed special advocates, counselors, nurses, domestic violence advocates, foster parents, and others from around West Virginia interested in child protection.

The three two-day seminars are sponsored by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, its West Virginia Court Improvement Program Board, and the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The theme of this year’s conference – Paving Paths to Permanency – is an emphasis on planning for timely permanent placements of children. Attendees will learn the procedure of a Chapter 49 child abuse and neglect case, receive the latest updates on child abuse and neglect law, explore specialized topics, and learn how to collaborate across disciplines to identify and address child abuse and neglect.

Speakers include circuit court judges, attorneys who specialize in child abuse and neglect cases, counselors, and officials from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

The conferences will be July 14 to 15 at Snowshoe Mountain Resort, July 18 to 19 at Bridgeport Conference Center, and July 21 to 22 at Chief Logan Conference Center.

The meetings are open to the press. **They are closed to the public because registration is required due to limited capacity at each location.**

Limited space is still available at the Snowshoe conference. To register for the Snowshoe conference, please contact Tanya Wiggins at 304-558-6573 or tanya.wiggins@courtswv.gov.

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