

# IT TAKES A VISION: CHANGING LIVES BY CHANGING SYSTEMS JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN CONFERENCE OCTOBER 28, 2009 • CAPITOL PLAZA, MONTPELIER



The conference is sponsored by the Justice for Children Task Force with funding from the Vermont Court Improvement Program.

## Schedule

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration & Conversation
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome**  
**Chief Justice Paul Reiber**, Vermont Supreme Court  
**Commissioner Steve Dale**, Department for Children and Families
- 9:15 – 10:00 **Keynote**  
**AT RISK CHILDREN: WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING**  
**Hon. Leonard Edwards** (*retired*)
- 10:00 -10:15 Break
- 10:15– 11:45 **Morning Workshops**  
**The Untold Story of Education and Youth in Foster Care: Simple New Steps to Improve Outcomes** (also offered in the afternoon)  
**Engaging Non-Custodial Fathers in Child Welfare Cases** (also offered in the afternoon)  
**Navigating the Legal and Cultural Impact of Immigration Law on Children and Families**  
**Differential Response to Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect**  
**Promising Trends: Engaging Families & Communities in Vermont Child Welfare**  
**Strategies for Successful Youth Participation in the Court Process**
- 11:45 – 1:00 Lunch  
Guerilla Theater by Youth in Foster Care
- 1:15 – 2:45 **Afternoon Workshops**  
**The Untold Story of Education and Youth in Foster Care: Simple New Steps to Improve Outcomes** (also offered in the morning)  
**Engaging Non-Custodial Fathers in Child Welfare Cases** (also offered in the morning)  
**Treating Juvenile Offenders in Juvenile Courts**  
**Engaging Families and Building Safety through Family Time Coaching**  
**Motivating Behavior Change and Effective Case Planning**  
**The Challenges of Kinship Care – How Do We Make It Work?**
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 3:45 **Information is Power: Showcasing the Fostering Court Improvement Tool**  
**Cindy Walcott**, Family Services Deputy Commissioner  
**Christopher Church**, Managing Attorney, Georgia Supreme Court's *Measures for Court* program
- 3:45 – 4:15 **Evaluating the JJPA: What is Working? What is Not?**  
**Hon. Amy M. Davenport**, Chief Administrative Judge for Vermont Trial Courts
- 4:15 Adjourn