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Teleconference: Reinstating Parental Rights for Youth in Care

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Part of a teleconference series for state foster care and adoption managers and for others working, involved, or interested in the field of child welfare, hosted by the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections, a service of the Children's Bureau and member of the T&TA Network. For more information on NRCFPC Teleconferences, visit:

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Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Overview of Today's Teleconference and the NRCFPC Teleconference Series

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Defining Legal Orphans

Overview and Discussion of Reinstating Parental Rights

Discussion/Questions

Presenter Information

LaShanda Taylor is a member of the faculty at the University of the District of Columbia Clarke School of Law and teaches in the HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic. Prior to joining the law school, she was a staff attorney at the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law. In that capacity, she worked on a project aimed at improving the outcomes for children in foster care as well as former foster youth. Professor Taylor also taught at American University Washington College of Law (WCL) as a Practitioner-in-Residence with the General Practice Clinic and then as an adjunct Associate Professor teaching Juvenile Law: Children's Legal Rights. Professor Taylor recently published the article, "Resurrecting Parents of Legal Orphans: Un-Terminating Parental Rights."

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Karen Sabo has been the supervising attorney and Program Coordinator for the Child Advocacy Program at Washoe Legal Services in Reno, Nevada since 2002. She was the first attorney in the state to petition successfully for restoration of parental rights under the 2007 Nevada law. Karen and her staff of four attorneys provide legal representation for approximately 400 children in the custody of the Department of Social Services. Additionally, Karen represents parents seeking to adopt special-needs foster children, and she serves on several committees dedicated to improving court and agency practices and policies in dependency proceedings.

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