

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

An Overview of the Parent Notification Protocol

April 7, 2025 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex Judiciary Conference Center Classroom A Fourth Floor, West Wing 25 Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey

Program Summary

The Parent Notification Protocol is a new initiative intended to promote transparency and accountability with families in the agency's ongoing work to address historical system flaws in child welfare. The parent notification process informs parents of their rights during an open child protective investigation and/or child welfare assessment referral, specifically as it pertains to access to their home at the time of initial response as the Division seeks to protect children and the rights of families. This course will serve as an overview of the purpose and process of the protocol as well as a review of the forms which are provided to families.

Eligibility

This program is only open to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the Division of Law's DCF practice group.

Faculty

Laura Jamet is the Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency at the Department of Children and Families. Previously, Ms. Jamet served as Deputy Director of Operations in DCP&P. In that role, she was a key contributor and coordinator on the implementation of Solution Based Casework (SBC), and on the creation and implementation of a Continuous Quality Improvement framework for the Division. She also provided oversight and support for daily division operations. Prior to joining DCF, Ms. Jamet served as Executive Director

of the Office of Strategy, Innovation and Planning, and Director of Performance Improvement with the Administration for Children's Services in New York City, where she helped to guide strategic planning and systems change for child welfare reform efforts. Before that, Ms. Jamet worked for Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York as a Multisystemic Therapy clinical supervisor and then as Program Director. She also worked at Saint Dominic's Home in the Bronx and at Capital Health System in Trenton. Ms. Jamet earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and History from The George Washington University, and her Master of Science in Social Work, Advanced Clinical Practice Health, Mental Health and Disabilities from Columbia University School of Social Work.

Kevin Belli serves as the Area Director of the Morris, Sussex, and Passaic County DCPP offices. He was a member of the team that developed the Parent Notification Protocol, forms and training. Mr. Belli has been employed with the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CPP) for 18 years. During his tenure with CPP, he has worked in the fields of Intake, SPRU, Permanency, Resource and Adoption. He also served as a Local Office Manager and Area Director. He completed his BA and post graduate studies in the field of social work from Montclair State University.

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Registration

Attorneys who are eligible to attend this program should fill out the registration form accessed through the registration email hyperlink.