



The  
Layne  
Project, Inc.



**OVERCOMING BARRIERS**  
Rethinking Parent-Child Contact Problems



Monday, October 21,  
8:30-5:00

Attendance includes:  
7 CLE/CEU credits (KS PENDING)  
8 CMEs (KS PENDING) &  
8.1 CLE (MO APPROVED)

Early Bird Discount  
by September 15: \$200

Registration: \$225

The Layne Project Hosts:  
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"What to Do When a Child Resists or Rejects a Parent"  
A Multi - Disciplinary Presentation provided for legal professionals,  
mediators and court involved mental health professionals.

Embassy Suites, Olathe

Registration 8:30am-9:00am  
Breakfast and lunch provided

Cancellation policy: Transfer of registration to  
another person can be done, once at any time  
without a fee. No refunds will be issued.



The Layne Project Inc. Presents:

## Overcoming Barriers: Rethinking Parent-Child Contact Problems

Join The Layne Project Inc. and Overcoming Barriers, for a multidisciplinary conference that includes a panel presentation by a Judge, attorney and a mental health professional, breakout sessions and more! This conference is provided for judges, attorneys, other legal professionals, mediators and court involved mental health professionals.

The Layne Project, Inc. was founded on the principal that parents are the most appropriate individuals to decide what is in the best interest of their children and, in most cases, it is in a child's best interest that they be afforded the opportunity to have a relationship with both parents. Cooperative parenting is not an innate skill – it takes commitment. When discord between co-parents arises, they often lose sight of the children. Through our services, children have the opportunity to continue their relationship with both parents, parents learn the skills to effectively co-parent and maintain the focus on their mutual interests – the best interests of their children, and children are more able to effectively cope with the stress that comes from having two homes.

Overcoming Barriers, a 501 c 3 nonprofit, is the premier organization in the country thinking about how to support families where a child resists or refuses contact with a parent. OCB believes that this is a complex and multi-factored issue and that the entire family system needs to be considered when working with a family with parent-child contact problems. Anyone who is associated with the family; parents, children, teachers, extended family, siblings, professionals, attorneys can be impacting the situation.

### Presenters Include:

**Hon. Marjorie Slabach (ret.):** Marjorie Slabach, JD, is a Certified Family Law Specialist and retired San Francisco Superior Court Commissioner in the Unified Family Court.

**Leslie Drozd, PhD:** Dr. Leslie Drozd is a licensed psychologist and marriage, family, and child therapist and works clinically with families in the various stages of divorce including co-parenting therapy, family therapy, reintegration therapy, and parent coordination.

**Jennifer Joseph, J.D.:** Jennifer Joseph works with families to develop child-centered solutions to custody and parenting time issues through a variety of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes. Ms. Joseph's background as an attorney and former Guardian ad Litem give her broad experience and perspective as she helps parents solve problems by keeping the focus on the best interests of the children.

**Trina Nudson, J.D., LBSW:** Director of The Layne Project Inc. Mrs. Nudson's a licensed attorney, a trained mediator, case manager and CDC Certified Divorce Coach. The whole of Mrs. Nudson's professional career has been dedicated to helping children.

**Naomi Cautadella, LMSW:** Lead Therapist & Co-Parenting Program Facilitator of The Layne Project Inc. Ms. Cautadella is skilled and trained in Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Narrative Therapy and trauma informed care. Ms. Cautadella is talented at providing creative solutions to difficult problems and tailoring treatment plans to meet individual needs.

## Session Topics Include:

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### Why Are These Cases so Important?

- **The Role of the Attorney:**

How cases present in attorney's office; Red flags; Education for the client; Essential skills for parent; Attorney Do's and Don'ts

- **The Mental Health Approach**

Understanding the Resist/Refuse Dynamic; Factors contributing to and sustaining Parent-Child Contact Problems; A Definition of terms; Escalation of the situation; Characteristics of rejection/refusal; Consequences for the child

- **The Role of the Judge and Courts**

The adversarial dispute; Judicial barriers; The nature of cases as they present in court; Conflict reduction strategies; Conventional wisdom doesn't work; The voice of the child; Crucial role of time; Best practices

- **Accountability**

Does a contempt action work in family court; Creative sanctions; Cost & financial consequences

- **The Team**

A team approach to resolution/solution; Customized confidentiality; Model court orders; Establishing goals; When to stop trying to enforce

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### Update on Kansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules

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### Services Available to Assistant in High Conflict Cases in the Johnson County Area

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