



OVERCOMING BARRIERS

Rethinking Parent-Child Contact Problems

The Family Court has invited members of the [OCB Team of Experts](#) to Present a Multi-Disciplinary Seminar for Judges, Attorneys and Mental Health Professionals



On Friday, October 18, 2019 from 9:00am (Registration at 8:30am) to 4:00pm at
301 N. Second Street, Ste. 116 in St. Charles, MO

Hon. Marjorie Slabach (ret), Leslie Drozd, Ph.D and Jennifer Joseph, JD
present

What to Do When a Child Resists or Rejects a Parent

Topics Include:

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

Approved for 6.6 MO MCLEs

Fee is \$150 *

*There are no refunds but registration is transferable.

*Registration Deadline is Monday, October 14.

Coffee and Boxed Lunch provided

Registration begins at 8:30am

*Judges attend free but must still register

For more information visit our website at [HERE](#)

Overcoming Barriers (www.overcomingbarriers.org) is the premier organization in the country addressing the issue of 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.