

# Forward Together: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Protecting Children From Abuse

November 5, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. PDT

Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)

- 9:00-9:15**      **Welcome**
- 9:15-10:15**      **Why We Are Here: A Child Safety Crisis**  
Professor Joan Meier, National Family Violence Law Center, GW Law  
Grant Wyeth, University of Melbourne
- 10:15-11:15**      **Moving from Institutional Betrayal to Institutional Courage**  
Jennifer Freyd, Ph.D., University of Oregon and Center for Institutional Courage, DARVO
- 11:15-11:30**      **Break/Networking**
- 11:30-12:30**      **Protective Parenting and the Systemic Response**  
Ana Estevez, Piqui, her son was murdered soon after she begged the court for help  
Leigh Block, Mikayla, her only child, was murdered by her own father  
Sharon Jeu, threatened with jail, her children were forced into a reunification camp  
Sarah Kerlow, shared custody with an abusing parent  
Bre Micciolo, Corey, her only child lost his life in his abusive father's care  
Panel Moderated by Danielle Pollack, National Family Violence Law Center, GW Law
- 12:30-1:30**      **Lunch Break/Networking**
- 1:30-1:45**      **Awareness is the First Step Toward Change**  
Tina Swithin, One Mom's Battle and Family Court Advocate
- 1:45-2:30**      **Enacting Justice in Family Courts Through Our Laws**  
Senator Dave Min, California's 37th Senate District  
Senator Susan Rubio, California's 22nd Senate District  
Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, California's 48th Assembly District  
Panel Moderated by Professor Jane Stoeber, UCI Law
- 2:30-3:30**      **The Power of a Child's Voice: Silenced Before, But Speaking Now**  
Safe Kids US: Dune Morrison Mecartney, Eagle Scout Project  
Panel Moderated by Professor Jodi Quas, UCI School of Social Ecology
- 3:30-3:45**      **Break/Networking**
- 3:45-4:00**      **Protecting and Securing Justice for Abused Children**  
Moses Castillo, Retired Decorated Detective, Los Angeles Police Department and Chief Investigator, Dordulian Law Group
- 4:00-4:45**      **Leading from the Science of ACEs to Positive Places**  
Sandra Murray, M.D., Child Abuse Pediatrics Specialist, UCI School of Medicine
- 4:45-5:30**      **2021 Justice For Children Leader Awards**  
Recognizing the contributions of: The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Kirby Dick, Amy Herdy, Amy Ziering, Jamie Rogers and Protective Parent Advocates
- 5:30-5:40**      **Closing Remarks**
- 5:40-6:00**      **Networking**