

## 2015 Children's Justice Conference Agenda

**7:45 – 8:15 – Registration**

**8:15 – 8:30 - Welcome**

**8:30 – 9:00 – Opening Remarks: Chief Justice Gilbertson**

**9:00 – 10:30 – Keynote: Chadwick Sapenter**

Have you ever wondered if you are making an impact in the lives of the children and families you work with?

Chadwick Sapenter uses his life experiences to paint a clear picture of the differences the sacrifice, commitment, and hard work made in his life.

Chadwick delivers a heart pounding message that takes you on a journey from shock, to tears and laughter. You will feel inspired and full of hope, equipped with the tools needed to go forward and continue the work of serving children in the child welfare system.

**10:30 – 10:45 – Break**

**10:45 – 12:15 – Morning Session: Hollie Strand**

Child Sexual Abuse: Boot Camp for Sex Trafficking

**12:15 – 1:30 Lunch (on your own)**

**1:30 – 3:00 – Afternoon Session: Charlie Appelstein**

*“Use the Force, Luke!”* Managing Number One First . . . and Staying Motivated to Make a Difference!

Working day after day with at-risk children, youth, and families elicits difficult feelings that can compromise a professional's performance. This presentation examines the major triggers and provides strategies for self-management that keep enthusiasm alive. Focal points include: how to *respond instead of react* when personalizing difficult situations; how and why to check one's “baggage” at the door; the negative repercussions of

diminished support at work and at home - and how to properly self-manage under such circumstances; and a new definition for success in working with at-risk populations.

**3:00 – 3:15 – Break**

**3:15 – 4:45 – Closing Session: John Borgstedt**

I LOVE YOU; MOM-Please Don't Break My Heart is the true story of one boy's journey through a childhood of physical, mental, and emotional abuse. John endured neglect, isolation, physical beatings, mental degradation, and malevolent admissions into numerous mental institutions, and eventual attempted murder within the custodial supervision of his unscrupulous mother. This literary work is indeed John's factual account of his small, bruised body clinging to life, his struggle as a teenager fighting and winning against insurmountable odds, and his entrance into young manhood as a warrior for the young and innocent, protecting them from experiencing a similar childhood of hell on earth.

**4:45 – 5:00 – Closing Remarks**