

# Mark Your Calendars

The Office of State Courts Administrator, Office of Court Improvement in cooperation with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, presents a distance learning workshop:

## **Parent Involvement: Working with Resistant Parents in the Juvenile Justice Process**

**When:** Monday, August 16, 2010, 1 - 4 PM

**Where:** The George Edgecomb Courthouse, 800 East Twiggs Street, Tampa, FL – Courtroom #1

**Who:** This training opportunity is designed for judges, magistrates, other court personnel and all community partners working with youth in the juvenile justice system and is presented free of charge.

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**Nancy Hamilton**, MPA, CAP, CCIAP, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Operation PAR in Pinellas Park. Mrs. Hamilton has more than 34 years experience in behavioral health care services, including more than 21 years as a trainer, adjunct instructor and teacher in prevention, intervention and treatment services. Mrs. Hamilton is a well-recognized trainer and public speaker, focusing on such subjects as addictions, women's and children's issues, implementing evidence-based practices, family-centered treatment, gender-specific treatment, criminal and juvenile justice treatment populations and adolescent issues. She has been instrumental in designing and implementing Operation PAR's research projects, including developing and serving as Co-Principal Investigator for the Cannabis Youth Treatment (CYT) with Dr. Frank Tims. The CYT Study was a three-year national multi-site project funded by CSAT. During the CYT study, Mrs. Hamilton designed and implemented the evidence-based Family Support Network manualized curriculum, used in conjunction with MET/CBT. Both of these evidence-based practices are listed on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices website.

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### **Agenda topics include:**

- Common themes and myths about resistance among parents of youth involved in the juvenile justice system
- Approaches to effectively engage resistant parents
- The role of the judge and therapeutic jurisprudence in parent engagement
- Evidence-based practices: examples of applications with families involved in the juvenile justice system

Circuit Courts throughout the state are taking part in this event and providing a central location for its participants to view the live training. Additional information on the Juvenile Court Improvement Distance Learning Session, including how to register, will be forthcoming and posted at our [Family Courts website](#). Or you may contact Polly Ryan @ [ryanp@flicourts.org](mailto:ryanp@flicourts.org) or (850) 617-4062.