



# OVERCOMING OBSTACLES ACHIEVING STABILITY

MARYLAND CASA'S 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON CHILD WELL-BEING

Hosted by Maryland Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association each year during Child Abuse Prevention Month, the 2018 conference will feature TWO DAYS of professional education on topics of critical importance to the welfare of children under court protection due to child abuse and neglect.

Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Judicial College Education & Conference Center | Annapolis, MD

## DAY ONE

DAY ONE will provide an in-depth look at the intersection of substance abuse and child welfare and will feature plenary speakers and panel discussions with national and regional experts to help judges, magistrates, CASA advocates, child welfare, legal and other professionals develop best practices for addressing these increasingly complex issues.

### CONFIRMED GUEST SPEAKERS

- The Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera, *MD Court of Appeals*
- Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, *Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*
- Ms. Rebecca Jones Gaston, *MD Department of Human Services*
- Dr. Tisha Wiley, *National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health*

## DAY TWO

DAY TWO will feature our traditional conference format, with a dynamic keynote speaker to kick off the day, followed by three series of workshops on a variety of topics.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ericka Alston-Buck is the CEO for Maryland Community Health Initiatives, Inc., and the founder of the Penn North Kids Safe Zone, a safe recreational haven for the children in West Baltimore and her response to the uprising in Baltimore in the wake of Freddie Gray's death in 2015. A product of West Baltimore destined to become a statistic, Ericka overcame her own addiction to regain custody of her children and has gone on to bring hope to vulnerable children and families throughout Baltimore.



## CONFERENCE RATES

		ONE-DAY	TWO-DAY
CASA Volunteers, Staff & Board Members, Resource Parents & Students:	EARLY BIRD (Ends 3/2/18)	\$40	\$70
	REGULAR	\$50	\$85
Social Workers, Children's Attorneys, Judges & Magistrates & other professionals (CEUs included):	EARLY BIRD (Ends 3/2/18)	\$85	\$150
	REGULAR	\$95	\$165

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION OPENS 2/12/2018\*\*\***

**FOR MORE INFO, VISIT: [MARYLANDCASA.ORG/2018CONFERENCE](http://MARYLANDCASA.ORG/2018CONFERENCE)**