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#### **OPENING PLENARY SESSION SPEAKER**



Mrs. Christine James-Brown is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organization. Prior to assuming leadership at the CWLA, Mrs. James-Brown served as the fifth President and CEO of United Way International (UWI). In this position, she was responsible for the efforts of the worldwide network of United Way nonprofit member organizations which included six continents, five regions, and 45 countries and territories.

Mrs. James-Brown served as President and CEO at United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania (UWSEPA). During her decade of leadership at UWSEPA, she guided Philadelphia's largest private nonprofit organization

for health and human services. She directed a staff of 130 that managed an annual fundraising effort that raised more than \$50,000,000 and distributed funds to over 2,500 community-based agencies. She has also served as Chair of United Way of America's National Professional Council. Throughout her career, Mrs. James-Brown has worked tirelessly to help nonprofit health and human service organizations grow and expand their ability to serve children and families through foundation and corporate philanthropy.

Mrs. James-Brown has served as a member of the boards of the School District of Philadelphia, Community College of Philadelphia, the Samuel S. Fels Fund, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Bank, Public/Private Ventures, and the Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission.

A native Philadelphian, Mrs. James-Brown holds a BA in cultural anthropology from Rutgers University. In 1996, Drexel University awarded her an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

#### PLENARY SESSION SPEAKER



W. Wayne Drinkwater, Esq. is a partner in the law firm Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP. Attorney Drinkwater is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group and Executive Committee. His primary areas of interest include business and commercial litigation and appellate practice. He also has interest in constitutional issues. Attorney Drinkwater has served as Lead Counsel in some of Mississippi's largest and most complex litigation, including the effort to reform the State's child welfare system. He was a counsel for the plaintiff, Olivia Y. et al., in a federal class action suit representing abused and neglected children against the Mississippi Department of Human Services. He has also handled more than 50 appeals on federal and state courts, 25 of which he argued as the sole attorney.

Attorney Drinkwater is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. He is included in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of business litigation. For the past four years, he was named Mississippi's top commercial litigator in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

Prior to joining Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP, Attorney Drinkwater was a law clerk for Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States Supreme Court and the Honorable William C. Keady, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Attorney Drinkwater served on state boards and commissions, including Chair of the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Yazoo Basin Projects. He currently serves as the Vice Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi.

#### PLENARY SESSION SPEAKER



Carlis V. Williams serves as the Southeast Regional Administrator for the Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families (ACF), which is based in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Williams provides executive leadership, coordination and direction for a number of programs, including Head Start, Foster Care, Adoption, Developmental Disabilities, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Child Support, and Runaway and Homeless Youth. She also serves as the Lead Regional Administrator for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and Healthy Marriage programs and as Co-lead for the African American Healthy Marriage Initiative.

Prior to assuming her present position, Ms. Williams was the Executive Assistant to the Governor for Human Services in the State of Indiana. She was the Governor's Chief Policy Advisor with responsibility for four major agencies: Family and Social Services Administration, the Governor's Council on Disabilities, the Governor's Council on Protection and Advocacy, and the Governor's Council on Sports and Fitness. Ms. Williams previously served as Deputy Director for the State of Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration - Division of Family and Children. In this capacity, she was responsible for programs related to family resources, which included Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps, Medicaid, JOBS, Housing and Community Services. She also had lead responsibility for the design and implementation of welfare reform in the State.

Ms. Williams is a graduate of Ball State University with a B.S. in psychology and M.A. degrees in social psychology and counseling and guidance.

#### PLENARY SESSION SPEAKER

Maggie Wade is the Co-anchor for the WLBT evening news in Jackson, Mississippi where she covers stories primarily on education and children's issues. Mrs. Wade attended Jackson State University her freshman year. During her sophomore year, she transferred to Mississippi College (MC) to pursue a career in Corporate Law. While a student at MC, she discovered her capabilities in radio and secured employment with the college's radio station, WHJT-FM. Mrs. Wade was hired by WLBT her senior year. During her career at the station, she has worked as a weekend weather anchor, news reporter, as well as coordinator and producer of children's programming.

Mrs. Wade has received more than 500 awards and honors, including her recognition by the United States Congress in 2001 for her work on *Wednesday's Child*, a segment featuring foster children in the state in need of permanent homes. Through that segment more than 7,000, or 98% of the children featured have been adopted. She was nominated by Congressman Ronnie Shows for the Angel in Adoption Award, an honor bestowed by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. She received the Mississippi National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Vernon Dahmer Award for service to children, was inducted into the Hall of Fame by Mississippi Families for Kids, and she recently received the Eternity Award from the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi. Her work has been recognized by the Jackson Association of Black Journalists, and the *Jackson Free Press* Best News Anchor.

Mrs. Wade serves on numerous boards, including the Salvation Army, River Oaks Hospital, Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, and the Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth. In addition, she has worked as a board member for Friends of Children's Hospital at the University Medical Center, Mississippi Blood Services, Jackson Chamber of Commerce Mentoring Project, Mississippi Public Education Forum, Council on Reform and Excellence for Jackson Public Schools, and the United Way of Central Mississippi.

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Ashley Rhodes-Courter was born in North Carolina and nearly three years after her birth entered foster care. Over the next nine years, she lived in 14 placements and attended nine different schools before being adopted at the age of 12. She found solace in school and quickly learned that good grades equated to pleased teachers who gave her praise and encouragement that she lacked at home. At school she was considered an incredibly dedicated, bright, articulate student. Home was an entirely different story.

Ms. Rhodes-Courter recently graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida where she completed a double major in

communications and drama as well as a double major in political science and psychology. She was the recipient of Eckerd's most prestigious Trustee Scholarship, which provided full tuition during her course of study. At Eckerd College, Ms. Rhodes-Courter served as a residential advisor, student public relation spokesperson, and speech coach. In 2006, she went to South Africa to work on a children's literacy project.

Ms. Rhodes-Courter has won several other national and local scholarships. She was the 2004 Youth Advocate of the Year for the North American Council on Adoption, and she won the Child Welfare League of America Kids to Kids National Service Grand Prize. In 2004, Ms. Rhodes-Courter and her family received the Angels in Adoption Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

In 2007, Ms. Rhodes-Courter was one of 20 college students selected for the USA Today All-USA Academic Team. She was one of the four Golden Brick Award winners for outstanding advocacy by *Do Something* and was also named one of Glamour Magazine's Top Ten College Women. She has been featured on *Montel Williams*, *Good Morning America*, and numerous other national and local television shows.

Ms. Rhodes-Courter is the author of a book entitled <u>Three Little Words: A Memoir.</u> She is also a marketing representative for a local television station in Florida. She has been on the professional staff at the Kinship Center's adoption camp in Pacific Grove, California for three summer sessions.

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February 7-8, 2008 Jackson Marriott Hotel Jackson, Mississippi

**Thursday, February 7, 2008** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Conference Registration** 

**Exhibits** 

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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#### **OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

Location: Windsor I & II **9:00 a.m.** - **10:15 a.m.** 

Presider Ruth M. Williams, DSW

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9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **OPENING PLENARY SESSION** Introduction of Guest Speaker **Ruth Williams.** DSW Speaker **Christine James-Brown** President and Chief Executive Officer Child Welfare League of America Washington, DC 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **BREAK** 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS** Session I Canterbury Knowing Who You Are: Helping Youth in Care Location: Develop Their Racial and Ethnic Identity

> **Clint Hanes**, MSW, LCSW Training Coordinator Protective Services Division

Wyoming Department of Family Services

Cheyenne, WY

**Alice Carter** 

Co-Program Manager Wyoming Kinship Advocacy

Cheyenne, WY

Moderator: Adriane Dorsey Kidd

Visiting Assistant Professor School of Social Work Jackson State University

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| 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  | CONCURRENT SESSIONS                                                                                                                                                |
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| Session II               |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Location: Churchill I    | Best Practices within Child Protective Services: Utilizing the Social Work Philosophy to Overcome Barriers to Effective Case Plan Implementation and Reunification |
|                          | Irma J. Gibson, PhD Assistant Professor Department of Social Work The Savannah State University Savannah, GA                                                       |
| Moderator:               | Herbert "Ike" Burson, PhD<br>Associate Professor<br>School of Social Work<br>Jackson State University                                                              |
| Session III              |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Location: Windsor IV & V | I Gotta Tell ItCultivating Emotional Literacy among Adolescent African American Males                                                                              |
|                          | Oliver J. Johnson, PhD Assistant Professor Department of Social Work Fayetteville State University Fayetteville, NC                                                |
| Moderator:               | Jennifer Lewis  Master of Social Work Student  Jackson State University                                                                                            |

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| 10:30 a.m. –            | 11:45 a.m.       | CONCURRENT SESSIONS                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Session IV<br>Location: | Winston Ballroom | Understanding the Effects of Executive Cognitive Function on Complex Behavioral Screening Intervention                                                                  |
|                         |                  | Suk-hee Kim, PhD, MSW<br>Assistant Professor and Chair of Scholarship Program<br>The Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social Work<br>Norfolk State University<br>Norfolk, VA |
| Moderator:              |                  | Laurie Lawson, MSW Assistant Professor School of Social Work Jackson State University                                                                                   |
| Session V<br>Location:  | Churchill II     | Effective Strategies to Maximize the Child Welfare Supervisory Experience with Children                                                                                 |
|                         |                  | Jeanne Wagner, LCSW Clinical Assistant Professor Director of Field Education Programs Department of Social Work University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Milwaukee, WI         |
| Moderator:              |                  | Meherun Laiju Doctoral Student of Social Work Jackson State University Assistant Professor of Sociology/Social Work Tougaloo College Tougaloo, MS                       |

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| 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. |                 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS                                                                                                                               |
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| Session VI              |                 |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Location:               | Surrey Ballroom | Hiding in Plain Sight: Recognizing the Affective, Cognitive and Interpersonal Needs of Gifted Boy                                                 |
|                         |                 | Donna M. Harris, MA, MSW, LCSW<br>Assistant Professor of Graduate Social Work<br>Social Work Department<br>Alabama A & M University<br>Normal, AL |
|                         |                 | Gay and Lesbian Youth Issues                                                                                                                      |
|                         |                 | Brent Cox, BA                                                                                                                                     |
|                         |                 | Public Education Coordinator                                                                                                                      |
|                         |                 | American Civil Liberties Union                                                                                                                    |
|                         |                 | Jackson, MS                                                                                                                                       |
| Moderator:              |                 | Della Wills                                                                                                                                       |
|                         |                 | Doctoral Student                                                                                                                                  |
|                         |                 | School of Social Work                                                                                                                             |
|                         |                 | Jackson State University                                                                                                                          |
| 11:45 a.m.              | - 1:15 p.m.     | LUNCH (on your own)                                                                                                                               |
| 1:15 p.m                | 2:30 p.m.       | CONCURRENT SESSIONS                                                                                                                               |

#### "THE MANY FACES OF CHILD WELFARE: A RAINBOW OF DIVERSITY"

| 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. |             | CONCURRENT SESSIONS                                                             |
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| Session VII Location: | Canterbury  | Risk Management Issues in Child Welfare                                         |
| Location.             | Culterbury  | Rest Hanagement Issues in China Weight                                          |
|                       |             | Jeanne Wagner, LCSW                                                             |
|                       |             | Clinical Assistant Professor and                                                |
|                       |             | Director of Field Education Programs                                            |
|                       |             | Department of Social Work University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee                     |
|                       |             | Milwaukee, WI                                                                   |
| Moderator:            |             | Theresia Ratliff, PhD                                                           |
|                       |             | Director of Field Education                                                     |
|                       |             | School of Social Work                                                           |
|                       |             | Jackson State University                                                        |
| Session VIII          |             |                                                                                 |
| Location:             | Churchill I | The Use of Language as a Critical Variable in Foster Care Practice and Research |
|                       |             | Vincent Venturini, PhD                                                          |
|                       |             | Interim Chair                                                                   |
|                       |             | Department of Social Work                                                       |
|                       |             | Mississippi Valley State University                                             |
|                       |             | Itta Bena, MS                                                                   |
| Moderator:            |             | Tanita Martin                                                                   |
|                       |             | Bachelor of Social Work Candidate                                               |
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| 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.   |                  | CONCURRENT SESSIONS                                                                                                                |
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| Session IX<br>Location: | Churchill II     | Perceptions of Strong Black Womanism among American Female Social Workers: Implications for Practice and Research on Child Welfare |
|                         |                  | Della Wills Doctoral Student School of Social Work Jackson State University                                                        |
| Moderator:              |                  | Jolyn Winn Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University                                                                  |
| Session X<br>Location:  | Winston Ballroom | Ethics: Private Practice Issues with Children and Adolescents                                                                      |
|                         |                  | Phyllis Hammond, PhD<br>Clinical Instructor<br>School of Social Work<br>Jackson State University                                   |
|                         |                  | Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, LCSW<br>Visiting Assistant Professor<br>School of Social Work<br>Jackson State University                     |
| Moderator:              |                  | Felicia Cameron<br>Master of Social Work Student                                                                                   |

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1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS** Session XI Location: Surrey Ballroom Examination of Adolescent Suicide April Garner, BA Master of Science Social Work Candidate College of Social Work The University of Tennessee Memphis, TN David Dia, PhD, LCSW **Assistant Professor** College of Social Work The University of Tennessee Memphis, TN Moderator: Safiya Omari, PhD Associate Professor School of Social Work Jackson State University Session XII Windsor IV & V The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children Location: Trenia Allen, LCSW Clinical Social Worker/Training Specialist Southern Institute for Mental Health Advocacy, Research and Training (SMHART) School of Social Work **Jackson State University** 

Angela Adams

Kira Johnson, LCSW Doctoral Student School of Social Work Jackson State University

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Moderator:

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2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**BREAK** 

PLENARY SESSION

Location: Windsor I & II **2:45 p.m.** – **4:30 p.m.** 

Introduction of Guest Speaker James Brooks, DSW

Associate Professor of Social Work

Jackson State University

Speaker W. Wayne Drinkwater, Esq.

Partner, Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP

Jackson, MS

Respondent Warren Yoder

Assistant Visiting Professor School of Social Work Jackson State University

**Questions and Answers** 

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#### **OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

Windsor II & III Location: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Presider Safiya Omari, PhD

Associate Professor and Director

**SMHART Institute** School of Social Work Jackson State University

Introduction of Speaker Safiya Omari, PhD

Speaker **Carlis Williams** 

Southeast Regional Administrator

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families

Atlanta, GA

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **BREAK** 

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS** 

Session XIII

Location: Assessment of Anxiety Disorders in Children Canterbury

Lauren A. Anderson

Master of Science Social Work Candidate

College of Social Work

The University of Tennessee - Memphis

Memphis, TN

David A. Dia, PhD, LCSW

**Assistant Professor** College of Social Work

The University of Tennessee - Memphis

Memphis, TN

Moderator: Kenyada Clark

Master of Social Work Student

Jackson State University

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| 9:45 a.m. –11:00 a.m.    |                  | CONCURRENT SESSIONS                                                                                                |
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| Session XIV<br>Location: | Churchill I      | Child Welfare Laws and Advocacy for Native<br>Children: Indian Child Welfare Act and Children's<br>Advocacy Center |
|                          |                  | Ray Walker Supervisor Children and Family Services Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Philadelphia, MS            |
|                          |                  | Janis Jimmie Programs Manager Children's Advocacy Center Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians                       |
| Moderator:               |                  | April Jefferson  Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University                                            |
| Session XV<br>Location:  | Winston Ballroom | Behavior Management in Attention Deficit<br>Hyperactivity Disorder                                                 |
|                          |                  | Lori Naef, ACSW, LMSW Instructor of Pediatrics University of Mississippi Medical Center Jackson, MS                |
| Moderator:               |                  | Julie Schroeder, PhD Visiting Associate Professor School of Social Work Jackson State University                   |

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Session: XVI

Location: Churchill II Utilizing Research on Black and Hispanic Children:
Pitfalls to Avoid, Goals to Achieve

Patricia A. Washington, PhD

Professor

Division of Social Work Florida Gulf Coast University

Fort Myers, FL

Carmen Perez, PhD

Assistant Professor MSW Field Coordinator Florida Gulf Coast University

Elizabeth Kittredge

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**Araceli Gomez** 

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Moderator: Anguenette Perkins

Doctoral Student School of Social Work Jackson State University

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Session XVII

Location: Briarwood Foster Care and Homelessness

Jaimie Page, PhD, MSW Assistant Professor School of Social Work The University of Texas Arlington, TX

Child Welfare: A Health Policy Perspective

Eunice Akoto
Doctoral Student
Public Policy and Administration
Jackson State University

Khashruzzaman Choudhury, PhD Associate Professor and Coordinator PhD Program Public Policy and Administration Jackson State University

Moderator: Derelle Walker

Bachelor of Social Work Candidate Jackson State University

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| 9:45 a.m. – 1            | 1:00 a.m.       | CONCURRENT SESSIONS                                                                                                                      |
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| Session XVIII Location:  | Surrey Ballroom | Comparison of Child and Family Welfare Systems in Kenya and the United States                                                            |
|                          |                 | Bernice McKenny, MSW Doctoral Student School of Social Work Jackson State University                                                     |
|                          |                 | Child Welfare in the Rainbow Nation: The Paradigm Shift in South Africa and How It Could Benefit Mississippi's Children                  |
|                          |                 | Susan C. Allen, PhD, LCSW<br>Associate Professor of Social Work<br>School of Applied Sciences<br>University of Mississippi<br>Oxford, MS |
| Moderator:               |                 | Jai B. Stewart  Master of Social Work Candidate  Jackson State University                                                                |
| Session XIX<br>Location: | Windsor IV & V  | America's Cradle to Prison Pipeline                                                                                                      |
|                          |                 | Rhea Williams-Bishop Deputy Director Children's Defense Fund Jackson, MS                                                                 |
|                          |                 | Pam Shaw<br>Policy Consultant<br>Children's Defense Fund                                                                                 |
|                          |                 | Kimberly Robinson Consultant                                                                                                             |

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Children's Defense Fund

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Location: Churchill I & II 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Presider Susie Spence, PhD

Professor and Director Doctoral Program

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Introduction of Speaker Susie Spence, PhD

Speaker Maggie Wade

Co-Anchor and Reporter

WLBT News Jackson, MS

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. BREAK

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. LUNCHEON

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#### **CLOSING LUNCHEON**

Location: Windsor II & III 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Presider Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, PhD

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Invocation **Dwight Prowell**, Pastor

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Introduction of Speaker Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, Ph.D.

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Closing Remarks Gwendolyn Spencer Prater

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