

# KEY CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE JANUARY 23, 2024

## SHARED EXPERIENCES SHARED SUCCESSES



### The Impact We Have Together



### LOCATION

Beltway Park North  
2850 FM 351  
Abilene, TX

### SCHEDULE:

Doors Open @ 8:00 am  
Sessions begin @ 8:45  
15-min break @ 10:00

### Lunch Break

11:45- 12:55  
(Lunch options close by)

Afternoon Sessions  
@ 1 pm

15-min break @ 2:30  
Concludes @ 4:00 pm

### OPEN TO:

Legal Professionals  
Social Workers  
Teachers  
Law Enforcement  
CASA  
Occupations Dealing in  
Child Welfare or with  
At-Risk Youth

### CLE & PD CEU

For most professions

**Pre-Registration  
not required**

**8:45 GEORGE LEVESQUE - EXE DIRECTOR - PARAMOUNT THEATER**  
EMCEE & GUEST SPEAKER

**REBEL TAYLOR - ASST DIRECTOR - BIG COUNTRY CASA**  
COORDINATOR - CEU /CLE INFORMATION

**8:50 JUDGE PAUL ROTENBERRY AND JUDGE APRIL PROPST, HOSTS**  
WELCOME AND COURT UPDATES

**9:05 GEORGE LEVESQUE**  
"MY STORY"

**9:20 KAYCEE ROBLES - VP OF PERMANENCEY, 2INGAGE**  
KEY NOTE SPEAKER: SUCCESS FOR YOUTH THROUGH SAFETY & SUPPORT

**10:00 - 10:15 BREAK**

### 10:15 SUCCESS THROUGH YOUTH RESOURCES

- PAL - **KIMBERLY BRUSEWITZ**
- BCFS - **AMY BAILEY, LMSW**
- WEST TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK - **COURTNEY HORTON**
- SUPERIOR HEALTH - **TIFFANY BROWN**
- BETTY HARDWICK /MENTAL HEALTH - **DEAN PYE**
- YOUTH VOICE DROP-IN CENTER - **BEN SIBURT**
- DAY NURSERY OF ABILENE - **BRENDA PEAK**
- STEPS RECOVERY CENTER - **JEFF (FUZZY) SMITH**

**11:45 - 12:55 LUNCH**

### 1:00 SUCCESS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

- EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT - **TINA MCGUIRE, LMSW - AISD**
- HOMELESS / FOSTER SUPPORT - **DARRIN COX - AISD**
- COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS - **JUSTIN WHITELEY**
- ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY - **CANDACE AGUIRRE**

### 1:45 SUCCESS THROUGH COMMUNITY

- SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES - **ERIN MILLS - FOSTER 325**
- EQUIPPING FAMILIES - **BRIANNA VINE - METHODIST CHILDRENS HOME**
- KINSHIP PLACEMENTS - **CHANEL SHARP- 2INGAGE**
- CASA CONNECTION - **REBEL TAYLOR - BIG COUNTRY CASA**

**2:30 BREAK**

### 2:45 PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS - PANEL: MODERATOR - JUDGE APRIL PROPST

- **RIZAE ALMAGUER** - FORMER FOSTER YOUTH
- **KATE NICHOLSON** - SUCCESSFUL REUNIFICATION FAMILY
- **AMBER DRENNAN** - SUCCESSFUL KINSHIP PLACEMENT
- **AMBER DRENNAN** - ATTORNEY AT LAW - PARENTS
- **CLAIRE MEHAFFEY** - ATTORNEY AT LAW - CHILDREN

**3:45 ZOE MCQUEEN AND JEANNETTE MCQUEEN**  
"MY JOURNEY THROUGH THE SYSTEM"

**4:05 DISMISSED**