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CHILD CRISIS ARIZONA'S

NAVIGATING THE DCS SYSTEM WORKSHOP SET FOR DECEMBER 10

WHAT: Child Crisis Arizona's Navigating the Department of Child Safety (DCS) System workshop for individuals who work with families involved in the DCS system allows Child Crisis Arizona to fulfill its work by providing quality education to professionals who help families reunite with their children. Professionals who serve families involved with DCS can take part in an information session to fully understand what can be expected from DCS. This workshop returns after booking quickly in the fall and continued interest from the public.

The workshop details the rights and responsibilities of parents and DCS, provides effective advocacy skills, legal information and ways to help parents enhance and improve communication with DCS. Expert panelists from different sectors will host the workshop, answer questions and address all concerns.

Panelists include:

- Kathleen Kater, Maricopa County CASA Peer Coordinator and Advocate
- Nicole McCallister, Investigations Unit Supervisor, Department of Child Safety
- Tamera C. Shanker, The Shanker Law Firm, PLC

Why is Child Crisis Arizona's workshop so critical? Recent statistics about the number of children in out-of-home care is exceeding 18,000. Child Crisis Arizona's Prevention and Education Resources build safe, stable and strong families by offering no-cost resources that combat family stressors and reduce barriers to prevent a crisis from taking place.

WHEN: Thursday, December 10, 2015
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE: Child Crisis Arizona, 817 N. Country Club Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201

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