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Judicial Officers, Court Personnel, Family Law Attorneys, Mental Health Professionals, Mediators, CFIs, CLRs, GALs, PREs, PC/DMs, and Parenting Time and Exchange Supervisors are welcome to attend

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 WEBINAR

6:00pm-7:30pm

Bridging the (Big!) Gap: What Family Law Professionals Need to Know about What Works, and What Doesn't, in "Blended Families"

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Stepparents and stepfamily dynamics play pivotal roles in post-divorce families. However, evidence-based guidance about effective stepparent roles and successful stepfamily functioning remains almost completely absent from post-divorce parenting coordination, parenting plans, custody evaluations, divorce education, post-divorce attorney-client conversations and court-ordered interventions as well as child and family therapy. This is likely rooted in stepparents' lack of legal standing plus the flawed assumption that stepfamilies are just new first-time families.

In fact, navigating stepfamily challenges with a first-time family map is a bit like driving around Indianapolis with a map of the LA Freeway. The result is dangerously high speeding rates, lots of accidents, many wrong turns, and much unnecessary suffering. This webinar focuses on what family law professionals need to know from the now-substantial research about what works (and what doesn't) to meet stepfamily challenges, including their frequent role in Parent-Child Contact Problems.

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All Colorado judicial officers, who have been appointed to the bench within the previous twelve months, and all Colorado court staff, will be granted free admission (including confirmation of CLE) to this webinar.

****Must use judicial email on registration.****

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Certificates of Attendance will be provided electronically for non-legal professionals.**

The Colorado Chapter of AFCC is planning additional domestic relations educational webinars and conferences throughout the year! Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more information!

**Tuesday | December 15 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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Register online at: www.coafcc.org

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