

The Baldy Center Working Group on  
Children, Families, and the Law  
Invites faculty, law, and graduate students to a  
**Work-in-progress luncheon presentation**



**Monday, February 25, 2008**

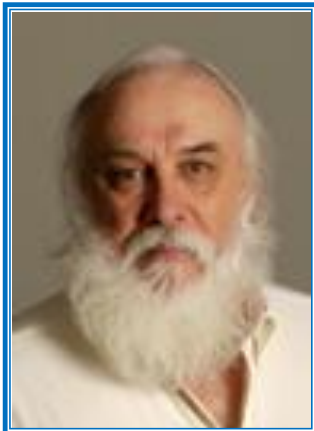
**12:30 – 2:00 pm**

**lunch available at noon**

**509 O'Brian Hall**

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## **Evaluation of the Family Treatment Court: Lessons Learned**



**Thomas Nochajski**

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Introduced by **Suzanne Tomkins**

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The child welfare system is increasingly inundated with cases involving parental substance-related or mental health problems that place children at risk due to the parents' inability to care for or protect their children. This study evaluates the Family Treatment Court (FTC), a program that handles child neglect cases involving parents with a substance abuse problem. Professor Nochajski examines the Institutional Review Board, Social Services, and stakeholders of the FTC, using data collected from a survey of participants and from a review of court records. He will discuss some of the results and will address issues which arose in the course of the evaluation.

Thomas H. Nochajski is Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at the University at Buffalo and Associate Research Scientist at the Research Institute on Addictions. He has been an active researcher of substance use issues for over 20 years. During this time, Professor Nochajski has examined many addiction-related issues, including screening, assessment, and treatment for alcohol and other drug problems, as well as risk for subsequent rearrest.