



**National Children's
Advocacy Center**

thirty-seventh

INTERNATIONAL

symposium

ON CHILD ABUSE

march 22-25, 2021

PLATINUM SPONSOR:

collaborate



AGENDA

(The agenda is subject to change.)

Times listed are in U. S. Central Time.

March 22, 2021

Opening Plenary

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM CT

Welcome

Live

Chris Newlin, Executive Director, National Children's Advocacy Center

Keynote Address

Pre-recorded*

Hidden Biases of Good People: Implications for Child Advocacy Professionals & Communities Served

Bryant Marks, MA, PhD, The National Training Institute on Race and Equity

Implicit bias involves stereotyping, prejudice, and/or discrimination below conscious awareness in a manner that typically benefits oneself or one's group. We all have biases. This engaging presentation will describe the causes, consequences, and measurement of implicit bias as well as potential solutions for minimizing its impact.

**Continuing education hours not awarded for opening plenary.*

****Be sure to attend the Live Q&A session with Dr. Marks on Wednesday, March 24 at 9:15 AM CT.**



Workshop Sessions

March 22, 2021

Translating Research into Practice

1:00 PM-4:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Primary Track: Forensic Interviewing

Presenters: Irit Hershkowitz, PhD, University of Haifa

Michael Lamb, PhD, University of Cambridge

Rosaleen McElvaney, PhD, St. Clare's Unit, Children's Health Ireland & Assistant Professor in Psychotherapy, Dublin City Univ

Andra Chamberlin, MA, National Children's Advocacy Center

Kim Madden, MEd, LCMHC, National Children's Advocacy Center

Linda Cordisco Steele, MEd, LPC, National Children's Advocacy Center

Over the last three decades, researchers have elucidated the cognitive and motivational conditions that affect the capacity and willingness of young witnesses to describe their experiences to forensic interviewers. Early research provided strategies for creating optimal circumstances for eliciting information from children seeking assistance and motivated to speak with forensic interviewers. However, many child abuse victims do not disclose maltreatment especially when perpetrators are family members or when maltreatment is revealed accidentally with no previous outcry statement from the child. Exciting new research has focused on the challenge of interviewing children who are reluctant or resistant to providing information, which often results in incomplete investigations and an inability to protect children in need of intervention.

While this new research is groundbreaking and likely to be welcomed by a majority of practicing interviewers, there is a knowledge transfer problem when attempting to refine, change and improve the routine practice of the many professionals charged with conducting forensic interviews of children involved in allegations of maltreatment.

This three-hour workshop will allow the attendees to learn directly from three expert researchers about the studies, the results, and recommendations for best practice forensic interviewing of reluctant witnesses. Additionally, three experienced forensic interview specialists and trainers will facilitate a dialogue on the application of the new research in standard practice.



Children Missing from Care

1:00 PM-2:30 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Child Protective Services

Presenter: Shannon Traore, MA, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Co-Presenter: Leemie Kahng-Sofer, JD, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This workshop will discuss federal legislation, namely the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, and its mandate for social service agencies to immediately report children missing from foster care to law enforcement and to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). In that context, the workshop will discuss various resources offered by NCMEC to help locate and recover children missing from care, including potential child sex trafficking victims. Among other improvements related to record-keeping, this legislation amended federal law to ensure that law enforcement agencies respond appropriately and coordinate with NCMEC and social service agencies when a child goes missing from foster care.

Your Team Really Does Want to Sing Kumbaya...Just Don't Call It That

1:00 PM-2:30 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Administrative

Presenter: Greg Flett, MSW, Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

While they generally won't admit it, teams desperately want to operate in a state of peace and safety like that invoked by the song Kumbaya. This workshop is aimed at understanding team dynamics and the important factor psychological safety plays in effective team functioning. Participants will explore the underlying causes of unhealthy teams and discuss the obstacles that stand in the way of positive teaming. The presenter will take a deep dive into the role of psychological safety and share practical strategies for developing and sustaining a healthy team. Participants will take away ideas on how to recognize and normalize the challenges of effective teaming, as well as methods to improve effectiveness through enhanced team safety.



Social Workers - SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

2:45 PM-4:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Child Protective Services

Presenter: Jim Holler, Holler Training

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

While making home visits have you ever played the “what if” game? What if this family has a dog? What if someone comes after me with a knife or a gun? What if I’m stabbed? What if they start shooting? What if I’m shot? What if I am chased? What if they hit me? The key to survival is being proactive, knowing what to do to become a survivor. Have you taken the time to mentally prepare and develop a mindset of awareness and survival? This training will help your agency prepare as well as equipping each participant with the knowledge that could save their Lives during an attack. This is an INTERACTIVE training, one where participants will learn firsthand how to react.

Ethical Challenges Facing CACs

2:45 PM-4:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Administrative

Presenter: Dan Powers, ACSW, LCSW, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County Texas

Working in a multidisciplinary setting can bring ethical challenges and dilemmas as a result of possible conflicting values and roles of the team members. In addition, ethical business practices must be employed to provide your partners and the public with a reassurance. To think clearly about ethical issues and develop practical approaches for dealing with ethical problems, it is important to speak a common language. As a practical matter, ethics is about how we meet the challenge of doing the right thing. We will examine ethical principles and identify and recognize steps in ethical problem solving. Privacy and confidentiality in the multidisciplinary setting will be discussed. The Children's Advocacy Center must be a model for the partners and community for ethical management and responsibility as the “glue” that keeps the team together. In addition to issues that involve the team approach we will discuss the importance of ethical business management of a CAC.



Does Every Team Need a Leader? The Emergent, Muddled Realm of MDT Leadership

4:30 PM-6:00 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Administrative

Presenter: Vicky Gwiasda, Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center, Chadwick Center for Children and Families

Co-Presenter: Kori Stephens, Resonance Rising

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This interactive workshop is based on a collaborative project of the four Regional Children's Advocacy Centers to develop a conceptual model for MDT leadership. Workshop facilitators will present information from a recently published white paper, "Beyond Case Review: the Value of the Team Facilitator in the Multidisciplinary Team/Children's Advocacy Center Model," and discuss data from a recent inventory of professionals who currently serve in MDT leadership roles.

From Outcry to Conclusion: The Trauma-Informed MDT Investigative Approach to Child Abuse

4:30 PM-6:00 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Child Protective Services

Presenter: Tony DeVincenzo, MA, Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center

Co-Presenter: Jerri Sites, MA, Child Protection Concepts

This presentation emphasizes the importance of the multidisciplinary team working together from the outcry statement to the conclusion of the case. Considerations of the effects of trauma on child victims, their parents and the family, as well as multidisciplinary team members will be discussed. Understanding the impact of trauma on MDT members and conflict resolution are critical in the MDT approach. Participants will learn how to recognize and address these concerns when handling child abuse cases and in their interactions with constituent.



March 23, 2021

Attachment Seeking Behaviors

10:00 AM-11:30 AM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Mental Health Treatment

Presenter: Elizabeth Marston, MSW, LCSW, Eleos Counseling

Co-Presenter: Sam Marion, MSW, LCSW, Sam Marion Counseling and Consulting

Attachment is a vital aspect of human development. Without healthy attachment, a child will often engage in behaviors that are off-putting and difficult as they attempt to connect. This workshop will present attachment theory and attachment styles. We will discuss how these styles manifest in challenging behaviors and propose interventions that target healing attachment wounds through empathy and connection.

Child Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Risk Assessment and Intervention

10:00 AM-11:30 AM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Youth-Serving Organization

Presenter: Rose Sullivan, MSW, PhD, Westfield State University

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This workshop will explore the specific mechanisms of rape culture that contribute to the sexual violence perpetrated against boys and girls by Catholic priests. Distinct focus will be given to seminary training, clerical narcissism, and the perversion of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, and key findings from several international inquiries. David Finkelhor's (1979) four preconditions model will be applied to these Catholic-specific factors to illustrate how rape culture manifests in grooming victims and sexual offending. Testimony and personal narratives from victims and abusive priests will highlight the points described in the workshop. While the focus of this research is the Catholic Church, understanding Finkelhor's model as it relates to predatory behaviors is helpful when assessing any system in which children may encounter an offender.



Preparing Children for the Interview: Rapport, Practice, and Ground Rules

10:00 AM-11:30 AM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Forensic Interviewing

Presenter: Sonja Brubacher, MA, PhD, Griffith University

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This workshop will focus on preparatory phases or activities that enhance the likelihood of a successful forensic interview. Three main topics will be covered: Rapport, Narrative Practice, and Ground Rules. Each topic will include a summary of the most key and current research, one or more video examples, and some practical tips for the forensic interview.

Affirming Support is Best Practice: Strategies for Forensically Interviewing LGBTQ Youth

11:45 AM-1:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Forensic Interviewing

Presenter: Kim Madden, MEd, LCMHC, National Children's Advocacy Center

Co-Presenter: Ali Munshi, National Children's Advocacy Center

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

Members of LGBTQ communities experience higher rates of sexual violence compared to the general population. For sexually abused LGBTQ youth there often exists multiple disclosure barriers. This workshop will identify key considerations for forensically interviewing this vulnerable group. Questioning strategies for maintaining fidelity to best practice forensic interviewing while simultaneously creating and maintaining supportive, affirming interactions.



Online Safety Education for Kids: Start Early and Prevent Future Victims

11:45 AM-1:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Prevention

Presenter: Susan Kennedy, EdM, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Co-Presenter: Lauren Coffren, BA, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

Teaching online safety cannot wait until children reach adolescence. Data from National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's (NCMEC) CyberTipline and Child Victim Identification Program shows that children under the age of 12 are often the victims of online enticement, sextortion, and child sexual abuse imagery. However, adults often lack the language to talk with young children about online dangers and the skills to practice protective behaviors that help keep children safe. NCMEC's unique perspective as the centralized reporting mechanism for suspected child exploitation offers important insights the risks to young children online and informs our prevention education content. Join us for a discussion of the most recent NCMEC data on the dangers young children are facing online today as well as a first look at NCMEC's brand new online safety web series Into the Cloud. Everything is free to use in your local community! Come share your own successes and challenges implementing an online safety program in this interactive workshop.

Behavior Management for Young Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Comparison of Three Models

11:45 AM-1:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Mental Health Treatment

Presenter: Glenn Mesman, PhD, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Co-Presenter: Sufna John, PhD, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

This presentation will provide an overview of traumatic stress symptoms that frequently occur in young children and explore how trauma impacts their interpersonal, cognitive, physical, and emotional development. It also will describe behavior management techniques that can be used by mental health professionals to treat problematic behavior in young children who have experienced trauma, thereby increasing the knowledge of clinicians who work with this population and provide them with practical skills that can be utilized with children they see. In addition, the presentation



will provide an overview of TF-CBT, CPP, and PCIT and specifically compare and contrast how each model targets behavioral difficulties in young children. Clinicians will gain a deeper understanding of how behavior management is utilized within the context of these three models of trauma treatment and gauge their own interest in being trained in these interventions.

Tele-Forensic Interviews in the Pandemic Era: Research, Policy, and Practice

1:30 PM-3:00 PM CT

Format: Live*

Level: Advanced

Primary Track: Forensic Interviewing

**This workshop will not be available for later viewing.*

Presenter: Crimson Barocca, LCSW-C, Baltimore Child Abuse Center

Co-Presenter: Nicole Lytle, PhD, Montclair State University

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

Some agencies have successfully conducted tele-forensic interviews (tele-FI) of children to protect children, families, and staff from the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Lessons learned from pandemic-era tele-FIs suggest that the practice may also serve as a specialized tool beyond the current public health crisis. This workshop will review research that supports the practice of tele-FI, discuss current tele-FI practice guidelines, and present practical advice for successfully implementing tele-FI at one's agency.

Changing the Game for Athletes: Trends, Reports, and the Ending of Abuse in Sports

1:30 PM-3:00 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Youth-Serving Organization

Presenter: Mariah Sloat, U.S. Center for SafeSport

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

The U.S. Center for SafeSport is uniquely positioned to create culture change in the world of sport to end all forms of abuse. Sports present special situations, given the power imbalance, in which some individuals groom athletes and perpetrate abuse. This presentation highlights trends/patterns



identified during the Center's existence, strategies for creating safe environments, and comprehensive prevention approaches designed to prevent and respond to abuse in both the Olympic/Paralympic Movement, and amateur sports organizations.

What Works and What Doesn't in the Treatment and Management of Men Convicted of Sexual Offenses

1:30 PM-3:00 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Mental Health Treatment

Presenter: Robert McGrath, MA, McGrath Psychological Services

This workshop will describe the characteristics of treatment, supervision, and management strategies that are effective versus ineffective in reducing sexual reoffending. Best practices in risk assessment, treatment, supervision, and management for this population will be reviewed. The workshop will emphasize how victim advocates and criminal justice professionals can use these findings in their day-to-day work to help improve services in their jurisdictions to reduce sexual violence.

The Role of Children's Advocacy Centers in Building A Sexual Abuse Prevention Coalition

3:15 PM-4:45 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Advanced

Primary Track: Prevention

Presenter: Char Rivette, MSW, LCSW, Chicago Children's Advocacy Center

Co-Presenter: Julia Strehlow, MSW, Chicago Children's Advocacy Center

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This workshop will examine data collected over the past 13 years from children's advocacy centers regarding the provision of sexual abuse prevention and present a concept of how children's advocacy centers can build a national coalition to more effectively provide sexual abuse prevention education within their communities. Participants will learn about the efforts of forming the Chicago Prevention Alliance: Preventing Sexual Harm Involving Youth. Participant will engage in a conversation about the role of Children's Advocacy Centers in this movement and what we need to move forward in this area of expertise.



Getting Unstuck: Therapeutic Interventions for Moving Through Complex Trauma

3:15 PM-5:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive*

Level: Advanced

Primary Track: Mental Health Treatment

**This workshop will not be available for later viewing.*

Presenter: Mary Spickelmier, LSCSW, Independent

Moving through complex trauma can be difficult for even the most experienced therapist. Learn how to navigate through common hurdles associated with complex trauma, and help clients move forward through the treatment process. Multiple therapy strategies will be addressed as ways to connect, motivate, and engage your clients through their journey to recovery. We will also look at how these strategies fit in with the TF-CBT model.

Growing Effective Forensic Interviewers: A Continuum of Skill Development

3:15 PM-4:45 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Forensic Interviewing

Presenter: Kim Madden, MEd, LCMHC, National Children's Advocacy Center

Co-Presenter: Andra Chamberlin, MA, National Children's Advocacy Center

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This workshop will outline a model for conceptualizing and systemizing the development of effective forensic interviewers following participation in initial formal instruction.



March 24, 2021

Live Q&A Session with Rev. Dr. Bryant T. Marks

9:15 AM-9:45 AM CT

Format: Live

Level: ALL

Track: ALL

Presenter: Bryant Marks, MA, PhD, The National Training Institute on Race and Equity

**Continuing education hours not awarded for this workshop.*

Your questions answered Live! Join Rev. Dr. Marks for a question and answer session concerning hidden biases and how to make a difference in your community.

Child Sex Trafficking - When Victims Don't Act Like Victims

10:00 AM-11:30 AM CT

Format: Live*

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Medical

**This workshop will not be available for later viewing.*

Presenter: Neha Mehta, MD, Aubrey Hepburn Care Center

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

Children who are sexually exploited often come into contact with the health care system. However, children rarely self-identify as being victims and it can be difficult to identify them in the clinical setting. Health care providers are in a unique position to recognize possible cases of child sexual trafficking. It is important to be familiar with risk factors for child sex trafficking, the barriers to victims to seeking assistance, and the range of conditions that victims may experience in order for health care providers to be able to respond in a trauma-sensitive and culturally-appropriate manner. In this presentation there will also be a spotlight on the importance of representation when it comes to providing education to team members and community members about child sex trafficking.



Tech Tools for the Investigator's Toolbox

10:00 AM-11:30 AM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Law Enforcement

Presenter: Lauren Wagner, MSFS, N+, SEARCH

Co-Presenter: Timothy Lott, MS, SEARCH

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This technology-focused lecture will introduce the must-have software and methodologies that can be used by investigators to manipulate and save digital evidence. Topics will include Firefox and Chrome browsers – including extensions to enhance investigations. Other software that will be introduced includes: YouTubeDL (for saving online videos), Camtasia Capture (screenshot and screencast software), VLC (for video files), Irfanview (for image files), and Audacity (for audio files). Other information that will be covered includes how to use open-source tools to save data from social media profiles, videos, and pages.

Addressing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Culturally Diverse Communities

10:00 AM-11:30 AM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Victim Advocacy

Presenter: Maya Hodge, BA, AshaKiran, Inc.

Co-Presenter: Yalitza LaFontaine, MA, AshaKiran, Inc.

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

The purpose of the presentation is to shine light on the additional barriers that culturally diverse and foreign-born victims of DV/SA face, to define the role of culture and the challenges imposed by cultural perceptions, and to provide service providers with the tools to overcome these challenges. Culture is not one dimensional and is ever-evolving. To this note, cultural diversity is present in all interactions and cultural competency becomes imperative in the field of human services.



Triage Tools: Rapid Response

11:45 AM-1:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Advanced

Primary Track: Law Enforcement

Presenter: Timothy Lott, MS, SEARCH

Co-Presenter: John Trenary, MS, SEARCH

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This lecture will address the collection of potential evidence from running devices at the scene of a search warrant or a probation/parole/consent search. Topics will include triage tools for immediate access to information, ram dumping, using a bit locker key grabber, logical volume imaging, and tips on photographing evidence/information displayed on a mobile device.

Not Just Skin Deep: Abusive Injuries and Mimics

11:45 AM-1:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Medical

Presenter: Liza Murray, MD, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

Through Case-Based Illustrations and a review of evidence-based practices, Dr. Murray will discuss skin injuries as manifestations of physical abuse. Attendees will review various presentations of bruises, burns, abrasions, etc. which are suspicious for abuse. Additionally, we will review common accidental skin injuries and mimics of abuse which can appear similar to abusive skin injuries.



Beyond Basic Family Advocacy

11:45 AM-1:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Victim Advocacy

Presenter: Jana Thomas, LBSW, National Children's Advocacy Center

Co-Presenter: Sherelle Gilbert, MSW, National Children's Advocacy Center

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This workshop will provide a Trauma Informed Approach to Advocacy, explore gaps in services, challenges of being an Advocate on MDT, discover new and improved practices, and acquire skills to become better equipped to meet the needs of those they serve. Learn enhanced ways to connect with Community Resources and How to Develop a Victim Advocate Peer Support Network.

It REALLY Is Normal to Be Normal

1:30 PM-3:00 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Medical

Secondary Track: Prosecution/Legal

Presenter: Rebecca Moles, MD, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Co-Presenter: Justin Fitzsimmons, JD, NW3C, Inc.

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

Child sexual abuse can be distinguished from the sexual assault of an adult on the basis that the offender is often known to the child and this relationship is used to groom the child into an abusive relationship. Due to not only the unique relationship dynamics, but also to characteristics of the human body, recovery of physical or laboratory evidence to prove abuse has occurred is rare. Over 90 % of medical evaluations performed on children who have been sexually abused will have no specific findings of physical evidence that abuse has occurred (“normal” exam). A child abuse pediatrician will describe the medical evaluation for a child suspected of having been sexually abused with emphasis on why physical and laboratory findings are often absent. This will be followed by the medical provider or prosecutor describing strategies and techniques that can lead to the successful prosecution of a case of child sexual abuse when physical evidence is lacking.



Don't Freak Out! Helping the Non-Offending Caregiver Through Crisis

3/24/21—3/27/21

1:30 PM-3:00 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Victim Advocacy

Presenter: Katie Feldhaus, LMSW, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County Texas

Co-Presenter: Erica Stanley, LCSW, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County Texas

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

Working with Non-Offending Caregivers in crisis is something advocates come across each day in their work with clients. This workshop will help explain what a crisis is, the different phases a non-offending caregiver may experience during a crisis, and how a family advocate can utilize skills to help that family during a crisis.

Child Abuse Investigations

1:30 PM-3:00 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Law Enforcement

Presenter: Kevin McNeil, MDiv, Twe12e Project

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

Most abuse cases start with an allegation; however, an allegation alone is not enough to prosecute a case. Many investigators go to trial with just an allegation and little supporting evidence. In this workshop Detective McNeil provides vital information that shows how to collect evidence from unlikely sources that many investigators do not consider. Detective McNeil also emphasizes the importance of building a team around each allegation. He demonstrates how detectives can strengthen their cases for trial. He also shows why the family is the investigators most important witness. This workshop is for multi-disciplinary teams. It is designed to show why every investigation should be done as a team and not just by a lone investigator. It will also highlight evidence some investigators do not consider.



Links Between Child Exploitation and Hands-on Child Abusers?

3:15 PM-4:45 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Law Enforcement

Presenter: Dan Powers, ACSW, LCSW, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County Texas

Co-Presenter: Jeff Rich, FE, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County Texas

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

We will take a deep dive into the changing views of sexuality in our society as a result of pornography. We will discuss the statement "they are only pictures" and the minimization of the devastating impact of child exploitation images. This workshop also will examine the relationship between those who collect child pornography and hands-on offenders. We will include an overview of research correlating hands on child sexual abuse by those who have "just" collected child pornography.

Fractures: Accident or Abuse?

3:15 PM-4:45 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Medical

Presenter: Kristin Crichton, MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

In this case-based and interactive workshop, we will review the epidemiology of different types of fractures and discuss the differential diagnosis of fractures in young children. We will discuss the mechanism involved for various fractures and how to take a history of fractures in order to help determine if a fracture is concerning for abuse. Audience participation will be strongly encouraged as we go through cases to determine accident or abuse.



Family (Re)Integration After Sexual Abuse: Assessing Risk and Maximizing Safety

3:15 PM-4:45 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Victim Advocacy

Presenter: Robert McGrath, MA, McGrath Psychological Services

Child advocate, child protective service, mental health, and criminal justice professionals are commonly asked to assess the risk an adult male sexual abuser poses to a particular child and under what circumstances, if any, the abuser might safely be allowed contact with the child and possibly reintegrate or integrate into a family. These are difficult decisions and understandably stir strong emotions and fears. This workshop will describe tools, strategies, and insights to assess the risks involved in family (re)integration and outline steps to maximize the child and family safety in cases where (re)integration is undertaken. Case examples will be used to illustrate how to apply key concepts.



March 25, 2021

How Can I Become A More Secondary Traumatic Stress Informed Supervisor?

10:00 AM-12:00 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Secondary Traumatic Stress

Presenter: Alison Hendricks, LCSW, Hendricks Consulting

Co-Presenter: Dorothy Haskell, MSW, Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis

Do you want to learn how to make your supervision more Secondary-Traumatic Stress Informed? If so, this interactive workshop is for you. It will provide an overview of the Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS) Core Competencies for Supervisors, which were developed by the STS Collaborative Group of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. The focus will be on how to use the STS Supervisory Core Competencies as a developmental assessment and practice guide to help supervisors better address STS among those they supervise. The workshop will also provide practical guidance in how to implement the STS Supervisory Core Competencies in a wide variety of child and family-serving agencies and settings.

Courtroom Psychology

10:00 AM-11:30 AM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Prosecution and Legal

Presenter: Lawrence Jay Braunstein, JD, Braunstein & Zuckerman, Esqs.

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This program is designed for the expert and lay (fact) witness and will “demystify” the trial process. It will address and explain the different layers of action in the courtroom, how to “read” it and how to effectively respond. Issues such as body language, the importance of what you say and how you say it, demonstrative evidence and effective presentation, the trial as theatre, establishing a level of comfort in the courtroom, how to defend yourself on cross examination and how to protect yourself in the witness box (when no one else will). The more comfortable and confident a witness is in the courtroom, the more effective their testimony can be.



Human Trafficking and Exploitation in Indian Country

10:00 AM-11:30 AM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Human Trafficking

Presenter: Jim Walters, National Criminal Justice Training Center

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This presentation will explore the dangers faced by children in Indian Country that contribute to victimizations through abductions, exploitations and maltreatment and various other factors that contribute to trafficking and exploitation.

Keeping Your Child Exploitation Investigation Victim-Centered

11:45 AM-1:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Advanced

Primary Track: Human Trafficking

Secondary Track: Law Enforcement

Presenter: Alexandra Levi, MA, LCSW, Department of Homeland Security Investigations

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

We can fall short of keeping our child exploitation investigations victim-centered, even while recovering and identifying victims. This workshop will focus on how we can maintain victim-centered investigations, beginning with the identification of victims all the way through the victim interview.



Prosecuting Sex Trafficking Cases

11:45 AM-1:15 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Prosecution and Legal

Presenter: Brooke Grona-Robb, JD, Dallas County District Attorney's Office

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This class is designed to assist prosecutors and investigators who are tackling human trafficking cases, from initial investigation to post-conviction. A team approach between prosecutors, law enforcement, and victim advocates fully allows for simultaneous goals of rescuing victims and prosecuting their offenders. This course will help prosecutors work with law enforcement to investigate cases involving trafficking, and to gather the evidence necessary to make a successful case. We will discuss charging decisions, trial preparation, accomplice testimony, defense strategies, and witness preparation.

Continuing the Conversation: An Expert Panel on Solutions for Addressing Secondary Traumatic Stress!

12:30 PM-3:30 PM CT

Format: Live

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Secondary Traumatic Stress

Ginny Sprang, PhD, UK Center on Trauma and Children

Cambria Walsh, LCSW, Cambria Walsh, Consulting

Leslie Anne Ross, Psy.D., UCLA- Duke National Center for Child Traumatic Stress

Brian Miller, PhD, Third Wave Consulting

Françoise Mathieu, MEd RP, Tend Academy

Alison Hendricks, LCSW, Hendricks Consulting

Karen Hangartner, LMSW, Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center

Brian Bride, PhD, MSW, MPH, Georgia State University

In 2019, there was a full house at the Symposium's first-ever, expert panel on Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS), and this year these panelists will take a deep dive into ways to address worker distress caused by indirect trauma exposure. This presentation explores how STS can manifest in the workforce and taps a cadre of experts in the field to share best practice approaches to assess and combat this phenomenon at the individual and organizational level. Each trainee will have the opportunity to obtain resources and acquire new tools and strategies to address STS. An interactive question and answer session with STS experts will allow for further exploration of topics of interest to first time attendees, and those wanting to continue the conversation.



Wraparound as a Care Planning Approach for Survivors of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

1:30 PM-3:00 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Human Trafficking

Presenter: Tamara Hurst, PhD, LCSW, The University of Southern Mississippi

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

Survivors of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) are often on the sidelines while professionals select/implement strategies for mental health treatment, academic remediation, physical health needs, and other issues. Opinions vary among professionals about best practices for this population and the practicality of survivors and caregivers actively planning a personalized system of care. Wraparound, as defined by the National Wraparound Implementation Center, allows for voice and choice of youth and families in care planning processes. This qualitative study utilized semi-structured interviews with adult survivors of DMST and stakeholders (n=10) to explore the provision of Wraparound services for young survivors. Participant responses are presented through the lens of Empowerment Theory. There is a paucity of literature connecting Wraparound with survivors of DMST. This study contributes to a limited body of knowledge and provides implications for allied DMST professionals.

Corroboration in Our Digital World

1:30 PM-3:30 PM CT

Format: Simulive

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Prosecution/Legal

Presenter: Justin Fitzsimmons, JD, NW3C, Inc.

This workshop is approved for continuing education for all boards **EXCEPT Counseling and Marriage/Family Therapy (NBCC).*

This presentation will explain how the use of technology provides digital footprints that may provide key corroborative evidence in child exploitation investigations. The session will highlight common areas for locating key corroboration on local devices as well as information stored in cyberspace. The presenter will also explain how geolocation and advertising ID's generate potential location data. Participants will learn important implications of search and seizure for properly securing digital evidence.



March 22, 2021- March 25, 2021
On-Demand Workshops

Journey Through Vicarious Trauma

3/22/21—3/25/21

Format: On-Demand*

Duration: 1.5 hours

Level: Advanced

Primary Track: Victim Advocacy

**Only available for viewing March 22-25, 2021.*

Presenter: Annabelle Marquez, MA, Department of Homeland Security

**Continuing education hours not awarded for this workshop.*

This presentation will focus on combatting vicarious trauma and impact of exposure to traumatic material, general case presentation and some examples will be reviewed. The presenter will share own journey of developing an effective self-care and burnout prevention plan and model. The new role as a clinician within DHS/ICE Employee Resilience Unit will also be discussed.

Parent Professionals: Vicarious Trauma, Parenting, & Prevention

3/22/21—3/25/21

Format: On-Demand

Duration: 1.5 hours

Level: Introductory

Secondary Track: Prevention

Primary Track: Secondary Traumatic Stress

Presenter: Susan Kennedy, Ed.M., National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Co-Presenter: Karen Hangartner, LMSW, Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center

**Continuing education hours not awarded for this workshop.*

Professionals who work in the child sexual exploitation and related fields often hold a view of the world that is altered by our professional experience. For those of us who are also parents, this vicarious trauma can profoundly impact how we raise our own children. Join experts from The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Children's Advocacy Center for an interactive virtual discussion about the latest research about the impact of vicarious trauma on parenting and other family relationships. We will also discuss how your agency can help employees and Multidisciplinary Team members discuss these issues and build resiliency as a team. We will also discuss how to turn our experience into prevention messages for our own children and the community that are protective but not hypervigilant.



Direct and Cross of a Law Enforcement Witness

3/22/21—3/25/21

Format: On-Demand

Duration: 2 hours

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Law Enforcement

Presenter: Lawrence Jay Braunstein, JD, Braunstein & Zuckerman, Esqs.

**Continuing education hours not awarded for this workshop.*

Testifying in court is usually not an endeavor which law enforcement officers look forward to. This class, presented by a defense attorney (and former prosecutor), will deal with issues and topics that arise during trial such as interrogation (alright, interview) techniques, Miranda, and one-party consent telephone calls. What to say and how to say it during direct and cross examination will also be discussed.

It's Not Spelled Like "HIPPO" - Updated for 2021!

3/22/21—3/25/21

Format: On-Demand

Duration: 1.5 hours

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Administrative

Presenter: Matthew Bochner, Collaborate

Co-Presenter: Tom Reese, Network Ninja/Collaborate

**Continuing education hours not awarded for this workshop.*

A practical and social-worker friendly HIPAA primer for CACs that will walk you through key HIPAA concepts.



Child Interviewing 2021: Update on Research and Practice

3/22/21—3/25/21

Format: On-Demand

Duration: 1.5 hours

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Forensic Interviewing

Presenter: Thomas Lyon, JD, PhD, USC Gould School of Law

**Continuing education hours not awarded for this workshop.*

This workshop will review recent research on child interviewing, focusing on research documenting methods for increasing productivity and minimizing error. The presenter will supplement the discussion of the research with clips showing how the recommended methods work in abuse interviews.

Minimizing Miscommunication in Child Forensic Interviews

3/22/21—3/25/21

Format: On-Demand

Duration: 1.5 hours

Level: Introductory

Primary Track: Forensic Interviewing

Presenter: Julie Kenniston, MSW, LISW, National Criminal Justice Training Center

**Continuing education hours not awarded for this workshop.*

This presentation will provide information on children's use of language based on Anne Graffam Walker's Handbook on Questioning Children: A Linguistic Perspective 3rd edition. These concepts will be applied to the process of gathering information from children in a developmentally sensitive and legally defensible way.



Breaking the Wall: The Forensic Interviewer and Family Advocate Serving the Hispanic Community

3/22/21—3/25/21

Format: On-Demand

Duration: 1.5 hours

Level: Intermediate

Primary Track: Forensic Interviewing

Presenter: Lydia Conner, MSW, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County

Co-Presenter: Lisa Martinez, BA, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County

**Continuing education hours not awarded for this workshop.*

Forensic Interviewers and Family Advocates are asked to interact with families on what is likely the worst day of their Lives. When working with Spanish-speaking clients, cultural differences in addition to communication barriers present unique challenges. When not addressed, these challenges can have an impact on the healing and justice for the child victims and their families. The neutrality of the CAC allows the forensic interviewer and family advocate to play a role in deescalating the family stressors thereby allowing full support services to be utilized. This training will provide a practical guide in how to effectively utilize a team approach between forensic interviewers and family advocates in addressing client barriers to cooperation in child abuse investigations.