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33rd Annual Michigan Statewide Conference Child Abuse & Neglect: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment

October 27-28, 2014

at

The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, Michigan



The University of Michigan Health System Child Protection Team and the Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Conference Planning Committee welcome you to the 33rd Annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect: Prevention, Assessment, and Treatment on October 27 and 28, 2014 at The Inn at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth, MI.

This 2 day conference features noted national and Michigan experts who will address a range of topics in the field of child abuse prevention, assessment, and treatment. In addition to the keynote presentations and plenary session, attendees will have a choice of over 30 workshops focusing on recent advances and best practices in the areas of prevention, medical issues, child advocacy, and law enforcement.

Using past conference evaluations and topic suggestions, the goal is for conference participants to gain knowledge about practice in the field of child abuse throughout the conference and be able to apply this knowledge to their work.

Participants will also have opportunities to interact and network with other professionals in the field.

Target Audience:

The conference is designed for prevention specialists, social workers, child welfare professionals (Children's Protective Services, Foster Care, Adoption), juvenile justice services, physicians, nurses, mental health and other medical professionals, attorneys, law enforcement; child advocacy professionals, and educators. Community members are also welcome to attend.

Conference Goals:

At the conclusion of the conference, participants will understand and be able to implement:

- Recent advances in the field and applications to practice.
- Improved recognition of the symptoms of abused and neglected children in complex presentations.
- Improved recognition of the source of child behavior when children are abused and neglected.
- Successful intervention and treatment plans for children.
- Successful prevention models in child abuse and neglect.

General Information:

Date and time of conference:

Monday and Tuesday, **October 27-28, 2014.**

Registration begins on Monday at 7:45 am and the conference adjourns on Tuesday at 3:45 pm.

Location:

The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road
Plymouth, MI 48170 *Phone: (734) 414-0600*

Note: Temperatures may vary throughout the different rooms of the conference center. Please dress in layers.

Recording the program with tape recorders not requiring podium microphones is permitted for the registrant's personal use and with permission of the presenter.

Lodging: (See last page for more information.)

The hotels designated for this course are the actual conference site at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, MI and the Holiday Inn & Conference Center in Livonia, MI. A deposit of the first night's lodging (in US currency) must be mailed to the hotel or a major credit card number provided to secure reservations. If reservations are made by telephone, please indicate registration with "Child Abuse & Neglect Conference" to qualify for the reduced conference rate on hotel rooms.

The Inn at St. John's

\$135 per night*

Reservation Deadline: October 12, 2014

44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Phone: (734) 414-0600, Fax: (734) 414-0606

10 Government rooms are available on a first come, first served basis for \$100 per night.*

Please note: For these rooms, attendees must contact the hotel directly.

Holiday Inn & Conference Center

\$75 per night*

Reservation Deadline: October 14, 2014

17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia, Michigan

48152

Phone: (734) 464-1300, Fax: (734) 464-4777

*All room rates are subject to 6% state and local taxes.

Conference Fee & Accreditation:

The early bird rate before **October 7, 2014** is **\$300** for both days or **\$200** for one day. Each day includes continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and program materials.

Late registration on **October 7, 2014 and after** is **\$350** for both days and **\$250** for one day.
(See last page for more information.)

There is an additional charge of \$20 for CE clock hours and \$25 for CME credits.

11.5 CE clock hours have been approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative and the conference has been registered with MCOLES for use of 302 funding.

The University of Michigan Medical School is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Michigan Medical School designates this live activity for a maximum of 11 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Keynote Presenter: Monday, October 27, 2014

David Mandel, MA, LPC, Principal of David Mandel & Associates, LLC and Co-Founding Partner of the Non-violence Alliance has been working in the domestic violence field for 25 years. David's international training and consulting focuses on improving systems' responses to domestic violence when children are involved, and responsible fatherhood. David has developed the Safe and Together™ model to improve case practice and cross system collaboration in domestic violence cases involving children. He has written journal articles on batterer's perceptions of their children's exposure to domestic violence and the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare practice.

David will present a keynote titled, **“Safe and Together Model: Using a perpetrator pattern based approach to creating a domestic violence informed child welfare system.”**

Clarity about domestic violence perpetrator's patterns of behavior is central to good child welfare practice in cases involving domestic violence. This presentation will highlight how a perpetrator pattern based approach can strengthen partnerships with the non-offending parent and improve child safety and well-being. The significance of expectations of men and women as parents in our assessment and response to domestic violence will also be examined. The presentation will also identify strategies for moving from “domestic violence destructive” to “domestic violence proficient” child welfare practice.

Keynote Presenter: Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Sue Badeau, BS, private consulting: Child Welfare, Child Trauma, Juvenile Justice and Children's Health is a nationally known speaker and writer. She has worked for thirty-five years in child welfare, juvenile justice, children's mental health and education in both public and private agencies. She has developed curricula and facilitated systemic and community initiatives in the areas of permanency, trauma, family engagement, youth development, violence prevention and many related topics.

Sue is the President of the Board of the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC), and serves on national boards of All Children, All Families, and Justice for Families. Sue writes and speaks extensively on topics related to children, particularly adolescents and those with special needs and is a frequent and passionate keynote speaker and workshop leader at state, regional and national conferences.

Sue will present a keynote titled “Building Bridges of Hope for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma.”

Children who have experienced trauma can heal, there is always hope. Connections with caring adults make a world of difference. Do you have what it takes to build bridges of healing for and with the children who appear before you? Come to this session prepared to be challenged, inspired and equipped to make a healing difference in the lives of children and their families.

Plenary Presenter: Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Cherish L. Thomas, BA, LLMSW is President & CEO of Cherish Our Youth, Inc. Ms. Thomas has worked tirelessly to beat the odds in her own life and become a leader for change within her community. Foster care and juvenile justice are not just issues to Ms. Thomas, but they are systems to which she is personally connected. Ms. Thomas, a foster care alum/survivor of abuse, neglect, and current child welfare professional, will share her life experiences in the foster care system, aging-out of foster care, and insights working inside the foster care system she grew up in-helping others just like her.

Growing up she was involved in two separate state foster care systems, Michigan and Georgia. Ms. Thomas suffered various forms of abuse and neglect, mental health labels, rejection, and instability as she lived in various placements and attended over 14 different schools. Statistics report bleak and negative outcomes for the life like the one that Ms. Thomas lived through. However, the story that will be shared tells there is an exception to the rule of a traumatic life in foster care.

Ms. Thomas will present the plenary titled **“Exception to the Rule: Life as a State Ward.”** Ms. Thomas' presentation will help attendees to understand the traumatic impact of foster care and to be inspired to help those who have been in foster care.



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Program Schedule for Monday, October 27, 2014	
Time	Event
7:45 am to 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 am to 8:55 am	Welcome, Opening Remarks, 2014 MiPSAC Child Advocate Award and CAN Conference 2014 Social Work Award
8:55 am to 10:15 am	Keynote Presentation: “Safe and Together Model: Using a perpetrator pattern based approach to creating a domestic violence informed child welfare system”
10:15 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to 12:00 noon	Workshop Session A: A-1: Understanding the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Adult Health and Well-being A-2: Great Idea! Now How Do I Fund it? A-3: Child Sexual Abuse Evaluation: It takes a TEAM to protect a child! A-4: Human Trafficking of Children and the Law A-5: From Domestic Violence Destructive to Domestic Violence Informed: Where is your agency, system, and practice? A-6: The Coached Child
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Workshop Session B: B-1: Building Protective Factors in Families: A Collaborative Approach B-2: Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome in Southeastern Michigan: The Period of PURPLE Crying B-3: Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma: Preventable TBI with Lifelong Effects B-4: Multi-Disciplinary Team Update B-5: A strength-based, child-centered approach to partnering with adult domestic violence survivors B-6: Michigan's Family Preservation and Support Programs
2:30 pm to 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm to 4:15 pm	Workshop Session C: C-1: Wayne County Baby Court: Systems Integration to Support the Needs of Infants and Families in the Child Welfare System C-2: Home Visiting in Michigan: Expanded Opportunities for Families and Children C-3: Human Trafficking: The Role of Medical Providers and Children's Protective Services C-4: CTF Local Council Session (Please note: this is only open to CTF Local Council Members) C-5: CTF Direct Service Peer Session (Please note: This workshop is only for CTF Direct Service Grantees) C-6: Parent Partners C-7: Applications of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
4:15 pm	Session Adjourns
4:30 pm to 6:00pm	MiPSAC 19th Annual Meeting At the end of the first day of the conference, you are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Michigan Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (MiPSAC). MiPSAC is the state-recognized chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). This important organization focuses on meeting the needs of professionals who practice in the field of child maltreatment. All conference attendees are encouraged to attend to learn more about MiPSAC and become a part of this invaluable organization. Election of 2015 Officers/Board and Annual Meeting. Meeting adjourns at 6:00 pm.

Program Schedule for Tuesday, October 28, 2014	
Time	Event
8:00 am to 8:45 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 am to 8:55 am	Welcome, Opening Remarks
8:55 am to 10:15 am	Keynote Presentation: “Building Bridges of Hope for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma”
10:15 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to 12:00 noon	Workshop Session D: D-1: Evaluating prevention and intervention programs: Planning an evaluation that meets stakeholder needs D-2: Parent Partners D-3: Child Abuse and Radiographic Imaging: History, Exam and Radiographic Imaging; Cases and Clinical Correlation D-4: Seeking Batterer Accountability Without Jeopardizing Victim and Child Safety D-5: Better Together D-6: Safety Assessment and Planning
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Plenary Presentation: “Exception to the Rule: Life as a State Ward”
2:00 pm to 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm to 3:45 pm	Workshop Session E: E-1: Protect MIFamily, Michigan’s Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project E-2: Child Abuse and the Brain: The Developmental Impact of Trauma in Childhood E-3: A Forensic Pathology Perspective on Child Abuse E-4: Complex Trauma and its Effects on Human Trafficking Victims E-5: Seven Cees of Family Engagement E-6: The Intersection of Trauma and Grief
3:45 pm	Conference Adjourns

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Workshop Descriptions

Monday, October 27, 2014

Keynote Presentation 8:55 am to 10:15 am

Safe and Together Model: Using a perpetrator pattern based approach to creating a domestic violence informed child welfare system

Presenter: David Mandel, MA, LPC

Summary: Clarity about domestic violence perpetrator's patterns of behavior is central to good child welfare practice in cases involving domestic violence. This presentation will highlight how a perpetrator pattern based approach can strengthen partnerships with the non-offending parent and improve child safety and well-being. The significance of expectations of men and women as parents in our assessment and response to domestic violence will also be examined. The presentation will also identify strategies for moving from "domestic violence destructive" to "domestic violence proficient" child welfare practice.

Objectives: As a result of this presentation, the participants will be better able to describe the key elements of the Safe and Together model and be able to describe how parenting expectations of mothers and fathers impacts social work practice.

Workshop Session A: 10:30 am to 12 noon

A-1: Understanding the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Adult Health and Well-being

Presenter: Michael Foley, MSW

Summary: The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study has made it increasingly clear that abuse, neglect, and other forms of family dysfunction in childhood can have a lasting impact on adult health and well-being. This session will describe the ACE research findings and current replication of the ACE study in Michigan, plus strategies for using ACE data as a tool for education and advocacy. Implications to daily practice with children and families as well as strategies to prevent or mitigate ACEs will also be briefly discussed.

Objectives: Participants will gain knowledge on the implications of Adverse Childhood Experiences on adult health and well-being and heighten awareness of strategies for using Michigan ACE findings for education and advocacy.



A-2: Great Idea! Now How Do I Fund it?

Presenter: Stephanie Van Koevering, BA

Summary: Many of us come up with great ideas for our programs and those who we provide services to. All too often, funding is one of the greatest barriers. This workshop will review some of the common barriers to fund development and how to overcome them, provide insight on different types of fund development campaigns and gather tips and resources for successful grant writing, donor list development, and execution of your campaigns.

Objectives: Participants will learn how to overcome barriers to fund development and to better understand what fund development strategy works for your organization.

A-3: Child Sexual Abuse Evaluation: It takes a TEAM to protect a child!

Presenters: Deborah L. Carley, JD, Nancy Keller, LMSW, Dena Nazer, MD, FAAP, Melanie Richards, MSW, and Lora Weingarden, JD

Summary: Child sexual abuse evaluations require a highly dedicated multidisciplinary team to recognize, evaluate, and more importantly to protect children. This session will give an overview of child sexual abuse cases from disclosure to prosecution. Five team members involved in evaluating suspected child sexual abuse in Wayne County will lead the discussion. Each will present on her role in the evaluation and care of children and families.

Objectives: Participants will gain knowledge on child sexual abuse definition, presentation and how to report to Child Protective Services. Participants will understand the role of the Children's Advocacy Center, child abuse pediatrician, Attorney General and Prosecutor's office in cases of suspected child sexual abuse. Participants will also gain better knowledge and understanding of the team based approach in evaluating cases of suspected child sexual abuse.

A-4: Human Trafficking of Children and the Law

Presenter: Suellyn Scarnecchia, JD

Summary: This session will explore the experiences of children who are victims of human trafficking in Michigan: their legal rights and what lawyers can do to help them. The session will also cover identification of victims by other professionals and the other types of social services our clients often need.

Objectives: Participants will be able to identify when a minor is a victim of human trafficking and be able to identify how to get help for a child victim of human trafficking in Michigan.



A-5: From Domestic Violence Destructive to Domestic Violence Informed: Where is your agency, system, and practice?

Presenter: David Mandel, MA, LPC

Summary: Domestic violence is prevalent in child welfare. Making an agency “domestic violence informed” means finding ways to improve practice at every level, including screening, assessing, and appropriately intervening with families experiencing domestic violence. This workshop will provide workers, supervisors, and administrators with strategies for looking at numerous elements of the child welfare system that can be enhanced to create a “domestic violence informed” agency that supports the safety and well-being of children. Ideas for case reading, quality assurance review and data collection will be discussed.

Objectives: As a result of this presentation, the participants will be better able to: Describe the key elements of the Continuum of Domestic Violence Practice and describe where their agency or system falls on the continuum in key areas.

A-6: The Coached Child

Presenter: Kathleen Coulborn Faller, PhD., ACSW, DCSW

Summary: When allegations of child maltreatment are made by a child, especially allegations of sexual abuse, the issue of whether the child has been coached inevitably arise. Child abuse professionals appear to regard coaching of children to make false allegations of abuse to be a common problem, a belief that is not empirically supported. Similarly, they believe that mothers are the most likely adults to coach and that divorce/custody cases pose the greatest risk for coaching, additional beliefs that are in dispute based upon research. This workshop will review the evidence of false allegations of abuse by children, with particular reference to coaching. A pilot study of professional perceptions of coaching will be reviewed and a case example will be presented. The audience will be invited to determine if the child in the example has been coached.

Objectives: Participants will learn to contextualize the dynamics of disclosure of child maltreatment by children. Participants will learn about the research to date on the issue of false allegations of abuse by children, with particular reference to coaching children. Participants will also learn how to apply criteria for determining a child has been coached to a case example.



Workshop Session B: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

B-1: Building Protective Factors in Families: A Collaborative Approach

Presenters: Maureen Hollocker, BA, and Susan Chowen, BA

Summary: Learn how a Northern community is improving outcomes for parents and children using the Protective Factors Framework. There will be an overview of their “What Makes Your Family Strong?” campaign with easy to use implementation strategies through community collaboration. See how a strength-based approach to working with families can change not only your outlook, but your outcomes!

Objectives: Participants will understand implementation strategies for the five Protective Factors and identify strength-based approaches to working with families.

B-2: Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome in Southeastern Michigan: The Period of PURPLE Crying

Presenter: Ann M. Stacks, PhD, LMFT, IMH-E(IV)

Summary: This presentation will provide an overview of both typical and atypical crying in early infancy and the dangers associated with shaking, including Abusive Head Trauma/Shaken Baby Syndrome. A description of Southeastern Michigan’s Implementation of the Period of PURPLE Crying Program in Southeastern Michigan and preliminary evaluation results will be presented.

Objectives: Participants will understand typical and atypical patterns of crying in early infancy. Participants will learn questions to ask parents to determine whether an infant or parent should be referred for further examination and/or intervention. Also, participants will learn about the dangers associated with shaking a baby.

B-3: Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma: Preventable TBI with Lifelong Effects

Presenters: Liza Green, MD, Bethany Mohr, MD, FAAP, Marie VanTubbergren, PhD.

Summary: The presentation will consist of an overview of the various aspects of Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma, including risk factors; followed by the outcomes/effects and management of Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma victims and their families.

Objectives: Participants will become knowledgeable about the various forms and recognize indicators of Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma and understand the short and long term consequences of abusive head trauma on neurocognitive function. Participants will also explore what impact the psychosocial consequences of abusive head trauma have on the ability of the family unit as a whole and on the victim’s ability to cope.

B-4: Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Update

Presenter: Julie Leavitt-Welch

Summary: The Department of Human Services has released an updated model Child Abuse protocol. Learn why each person is a valuable and needed part of a team.

Objectives: Participants will learn who should be involved in MDT and what skills each person brings.

B-5: A strength-based, child-centered approach to partnering with adult domestic violence survivors

Presenter: David Mandel, MA, LPC

Summary: A strength based child centered approach to parenting with domestic violence survivors starts with seeing the perpetrator's actions as the sole source of domestic violence related child risk and safety concerns. Building on this foundation, this workshop will explore a strengths based approach that factors in gender, safety and well-being. Pivoting as Practice Tool will be outlined as well as Mapping Protective Capacity.

Objectives: As a result of this presentation, the participants will be better able to describe the basic elements of a strength based assessment of adult survivor of domestic violence and be able to describe one element in "building a bridge" to a domestic violence survivor around the issue of child safety and well-being.

B-6: Michigan's Family Preservation and Support Programs

Presenters: Teresa Marvin, MA and Guy Thompson, BA

Panelists: Tamara Britt, Hilary Brown, Angela Donathan, Ruby Miles, Kimara Oku and Crystal Overfield

Summary: The family preservation and support services continuum in Michigan ranges from prevention focused services to intensive services focused on reducing crisis and stabilizing family functioning. This presentation will include a brief overview of three of the programs in the services continuum, as well as, presentations by family preservation workers and customers.

Objectives: Participants will learn about family preservation philosophy, values and program characteristics and revisit the importance of family engagement intervention and safety planning. Participants will also learn about referrals to family preservation services and hear from families regarding their experience with the programs and the changes that they made with program services.



Workshop Session C: 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm

C-1: Wayne County Baby Court: Systems Integration to Support the Needs of Infants and Families in the Child Welfare System

Presenters: Rubina Mustafa, JD, and Ann M. Stacks, PhD, LMFT, IMH-E(IV)

Summary: This presentation will provide an overview of the Wayne County Baby Court, a systems integration model of child welfare that brings the science of child development into the courtroom. The essential elements of an infant court team will be described and participants will learn how court teams meet safety, permanency and well-being goals. Preliminary data on the effectiveness of Wayne County Baby Court will be presented.

Objectives: Participants will increase their knowledge about the goals and essential principles of Baby Court, describe behavioral changes in each discipline that are critical to the model's success, and understand how Baby Court meets state and federal child welfare policies and priorities. Participants will also increase knowledge about how maltreatment in infancy impacts development.

C-2: Home Visiting in Michigan: Expanded Opportunities for Families and Children

Presenters: Nancy Peeler, BA, Guy Thompson, BA and Cynthia Zagar, LMSW

Summary: Michigan has a long history with home visiting services focused on prevention services for vulnerable families with young children. The federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Program has created new attention on and opportunities for evidence based home visiting programs to be established and expanded in Michigan. Recent state funding is also supporting similar initiatives in other regions of the state. The speakers will review the history of the Home Visiting Initiative, discuss the collaborative efforts taking place amongst state departments and talk about how home visiting programs can impact child abuse and neglect along with other significant risk factors.

Objectives: The workshop will increase participants' ability to understand the breadth of home visiting efforts taking place across the state. Also, the workshop will increase participants' knowledge about the impact of evidence based home visiting on child abuse and neglect and other significant risk factors.



C-3: Human Trafficking: The Role of Medical Providers and Children's Protective Services

Presenter: *Lisa Markman, MD, FAAP*

Summary: This presentation will address issues of international and national human trafficking as it relates to children. We will explore ways to identify possible victims of human trafficking and what steps should be taken to help ensure the victims physical and emotional well-being.

Objectives: Participants will identify potential and current victims of human trafficking, identify specific medical and emotional needs that need to be addressed and also become aware of resources locally, nationally and internationally.

C-4: CTF Local Council Session (Please note: This is only open to CTF Local Council Members)

Presenter: *Emily Schuster-Wachsberger, MA*

Summary: This workgroup session serves as an opportunity for all CTF Local Council members to share, collaborate and engage in activities that support their respective primary child abuse and neglect prevention missions.

C-5: CTF Direct Service Peer Session (Please note: This is only for CTF Direct Service Grantees)

Presenter: *Sylvia J. Brown Jones, LMSW*

Summary: Current Direct Services Grantees' Technical Assistance Program, and Informational/Discussion Peer Session. Discussions and reviews will be held regarding (This is not an exclusive list): Strengthening program service delivery; DS Work Group planning activities; EGrAMS Quarter Reporting; CAP and Community Partnership support expectations; and Year-end grantee requirements and Evaluations.

C-6: Parent Partners

Presenter: *Jacinda Jones, MS, and Panelists:*

Amethyst Crawford, Sylvia Stribling, Lakieta Terrell, and Bridgett Werley

Summary: A panel of Parent Partners will tell the story of their journeys through the child welfare/foster care system and provide information related to their current work in the Parent Partners Program. The presentation will include: An overview of the program services and focus, the role of a parent partner, the benefits of the parent partner service, and devoting resources to keep families together. The presentation will also include clients served by the Parent Partners sharing their personal stories and achievements realized through their work with the program.

Objectives: Participants will become informed and have an increased awareness of the Parent Partner program in Wayne County and learn of the benefits of the parent partner service.



C-7: Applications of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)

Presenter: *Carryn Lund, LMSW*

Summary: This workshop will go beyond the manual and will cover applications of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), an evidence-based psychotherapy intervention for traumatized youth. This presentation is appropriate for clinicians who want to learn the basics of TF-CBT or are interested in clinical adaptations of TF-CBT for complex trauma or work with special populations. Participants should expect to learn how to use TF-CBT in a therapeutic way that respects a client's attachment style, cultural values, and uses the therapeutic relationship as an agent of change. The presentation will cover research, case examples, and trouble-shooting for common challenges with TF-CBT.

Objectives: Participants will learn how to implement a process for identifying evaluation priorities and will understand how to frame evaluation priorities as evaluation questions. Participants will also learn strategies for designing an evaluation that addresses stakeholder questions and common evaluation design challenges.

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Keynote Presentation: 8:55 am -10:15 am

"Building Bridges of Hope for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma"

Presenter: *Sue Badeau, BS*

Summary: Children who have experienced trauma can heal; there is always hope. Connections with caring adults make a world of difference. Do you have what it takes to build bridges of healing for and with the children who appear before you? Come to this session prepared to be challenged, inspired and equipped to make a healing difference in the lives of children and their families.

Objectives: Participants will learn to identify the range of trauma responses typically demonstrated by children and youth in foster care and differences between traditional and trauma-informed child welfare practice. Participants will also learn how to best support caregivers in responding in a trauma-informed manner to children in their care.



Workshop Session D: 10:30 am to 12 noon

D-1: Evaluating prevention and intervention programs: Planning an evaluation that meets stakeholder needs

Presenter: Julia Heany, PhD

Summary: Program evaluation can answer a wide variety of questions about how programs work and if they achieve outcomes. However, no single evaluation can answer every possible question. Evaluations are most useful when they are designed around what a program and its stakeholders most need and want to know. This session will illustrate a process for identifying evaluation priorities, developing evaluation questions, and selecting an appropriate evaluation design. The session will close with a focused discussion of common evaluation design challenges faced by prevention and intervention programs for children and families.

Objectives: Participants will learn how to implement a process for identifying evaluation priorities and will understand how to frame evaluation priorities as evaluation questions. Participants will also learn strategies for designing an evaluation that addresses stakeholder questions and common evaluation design challenges.

D-2: Parent Partners (Repeat of C-6)

Presenter: Jacinda Jones, MS, and Panelists: Amethyst Crawford, Sylvia Stribling, Lakieta Terrell, and Bridgett Werley

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D-3: Child Abuse and Radiographic Imaging: History, Exam and Radiographic Imaging; Cases and Clinical Correlation

Presenters: Lisa Markman, MD, FAAP and Peter J. Strouse, MD, FACR

Summary: This session will briefly discuss different imaging techniques and why they are used in cases of suspected abuse. The remainder of the session will be used to discuss cases and specific radiographic findings.

Objectives: Participants will understand why different types of imaging are used in cases of suspected abuse and how to use case examples to guide future investigations of suspected abuse.

D-4: Seeking Batterer Accountability without Jeopardizing Victim and Child Safety

Presenters: Holly Rosen, LMSW and Erica Schmittiel, LMSW

Summary: This workshop will address the many challenges professionals face when trying to hold domestic violence batterers accountable within the legal system, while maintaining safety for adult victims and their children. The presenters will discuss challenges and barriers faced by victims, children, prosecutors, expert witnesses and other professionals; effects of domestic violence on children; suggested best practices; and community resources.

Objectives: Participants will gain an increased understanding of challenges to holding batterers accountable and increasing safety for victims and children. Participants will also learn about resources available for batterers, victims and children.

D-5: Better Together

Presenter: Sue Badeau, BS

Summary: This interactive workshop focuses on communication, collaboration and advocacy for children across multiple systems (i.e. child welfare, juvenile justice, education, health and behavioral health, etc.). The presenter will explore how each session can add support and value to the lives of children and their families, and also how each system can add stress and create barriers for families. Approaches to reducing barriers and increasing supports will be addressed.

Objectives: Participants will gain awareness of successful approaches to effectively collaborating across systems to achieve optimal results for each child and family served. Participants will also be able to describe a continuum of ways to best support caregivers (biological, foster, adoptive and kinship caregivers) when children are involved with multiple systems.

D-6: Safety Assessment and Planning

Presenters: Colin Parks, MSW, and Seth Persky, MSW

Summary: This training was developed to provide child welfare staff with an overview of the basis for and importance of safety assessments, an understanding of the difference between safety planning and services agreements, and the skill set to develop effective safety plans to address immediate child safety.

Objectives: Participants will understand the difference between safety plans and services agreements and demonstrate how to effectively develop a safety plan in any child welfare scenario.



Plenary Presentation 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

“Exception to the Rule: Life as a State Ward”

Presenter: Cherish L. Thomas, BA, LLMSW

Summary: Cherish Thomas, foster care alum/survivor of abuse and neglect and current child welfare professional will share her life experiences in the foster care system, aging-out of foster care and insights working inside the foster care system she grew up in, helping others just like her. Growing up she was involved in two separate state foster care systems, Michigan and Georgia. She suffered various forms of abuse and neglect, mental health labels, rejection, and instability as she lived in various placements and attended over 14 different schools. Statistics report bleak and negative outcomes for the life like the one that Cherish lived through. However, the story that will be told tells there is an exception to the rule of a traumatic life in foster care.

Objectives: This presentation will help attendees to understand the traumatic impact of foster care and to be inspired to help those who have been in foster care. Ms. Thomas will help those working in the foster care system learn how to connect to a child in foster care while understanding what behaviors mean for youth in foster care.

Workshop Session E: 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm

E-1: Protect MIFamily, Michigan’s Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project

Presenters: Jessica Kincaid, LLPC, and Rachel Sykes, MA-LPC

Summary: Michigan has been granted a waiver to use Federal title IV-E funding, which is otherwise restricted for foster care, to test new strategies aimed at reducing risk, averting foster care entry, preserving families, and improving child safety and well-being. In August 2013, Michigan implemented the 5 year waiver project, Protect MIFamily, in Macomb, Muskegon, and Kalamazoo counties. This workshop will feature a discussion of the project details, expected outcomes, as well as a project status update.

Objectives: Participant will gain an understanding of title IV-E waivers and how they are used as well as an understanding of Project MIFamily and expected outcomes.



E-2: Child Abuse and the Brain: The Developmental Impact of Trauma in Childhood

Presenter: Gloria J. Sherman, MA, MEd, LPC

Summary: Child abuse produces severe stress in the brain. The body’s physiological response to stress impacts the brain at a highly vulnerable period in its development. Recent brain based discoveries provide the compass for those working with children who have been abused. Participants will be provided with clear directions on what interventions and characteristics are most important for rebuilding and enhancing damaged brains.

Objectives: Participants will be able to identify 5 brain organs that play a significant role in learning and behavior in childhood. Participants will be also be able to demonstrate knowledge of at least 6 primary intervention strategies for treating children with abuse histories

E-3: A Forensic Pathology Perspective on Child Abuse

Presenter: Carl J. Schmidt, MD, MPH

Summary: This workshop will present the challenges that the death of an abused child presents in eliciting the events that led to death. The presentation will comprise of a series of cases, some with minimal external injury but with significant visceral damage, as well as those which are not apparently abuse cases at first and later turn out to be. Discussion will focus on what kind of information you need to have to certify a death, as well as cases where you can do so based simply on the autopsy findings. The presentation will also focus on the interaction with the legal system, the most common problems a pathologist encounters in this setting and a brief discussion of alternative theories of causation as well as findings that can be used by defense experts to confuse or detract from child abuse when there is legal action on a case.

Objectives: Participants will gain understand how the pathologist’s approach to child abuse differs from that of a clinician. Participants will also learn how a pathologist approaches the problem of alternative theories of causation of death in child abuse.



E-4: Complex Trauma and its effects on Human Trafficking Victims

Presenter: Meredith Reese, LPC

Summary: Understanding complex trauma and its effects on victims of human trafficking is critical in supporting long term mental health treatment. The significant impact of sexual and labor exploitation impairs emotional, physical and social development and poses long term effects if not treated effectively. The healing process begins with a trauma-informed environment and highly skilled program staff and clinicians that support victim centered programming and trauma specific interventions.

Objectives: Participants will learn how complex trauma effects emotional, physical and social development. Participants will also learn about relationship practices that build positive social connections, learn best practice trauma specific interventions, and understanding of trauma informed care.

E-5: Seven Cees of Family Engagement

Presenter: Sue Badeau, BS

Summary: "Nothing about me without me!" the rallying cry of the family and youth engagement movement captures the challenge and opportunities presented when child-serving systems and agencies successfully engage youth and families. Engaging families is more than a notion. Systems, leaders and individual staff must create an intentional strategy to involve parents, relatives and youth especially at the critical decision making points. This inspirational session, told from the perspective of both a mother and a professional in the field, will outline the "Seven C'ees" of Family Engagement. Attention will be paid to building respectful and mutual relationships with families, as well as tapping in to the expertise of parents, children, youth and workers. The presenter will follow up on these themes during a skill-building workshop during the break-out sessions.

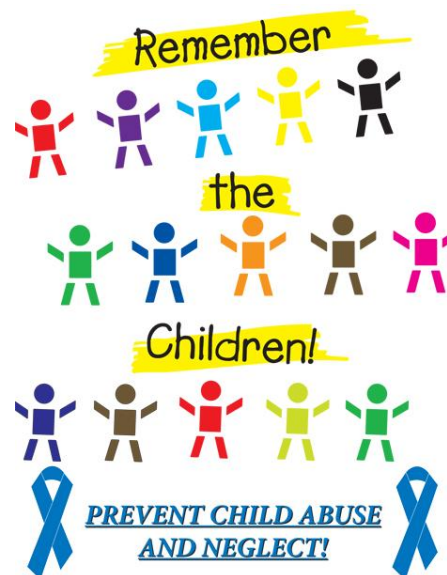
Objectives: Participants will understand key themes and lessons learned when families have the opportunity for their voices to be heard. Participants will also understand how family engagement can make an impact on outcomes for youth who have experienced trauma.

E-6: The Intersection of Trauma and Grief

Presenter: Carryn Lund, LMSW

Summary: Many traumatized youth have also experienced the death of someone close. The impact of both trauma and loss can lead to a variety of maladaptive outcomes in youth including mood and behavioral problems and attachment disruptions. In this workshop, participants can expect to gain a greater understanding of how trauma, loss, and especially the intersection of trauma and loss can impact children and adolescents. The workshop will utilize both research and clinical examples and will provide tips on assessment, intervention, and offering support to these youth.

Objectives: Participants will be able to identify similarities (and differences) between the presentation of traumatic stress and grief in youth. Also, participants will understand the current state of the evidence in research for assessing and treating traumatic stress and grief in youth.



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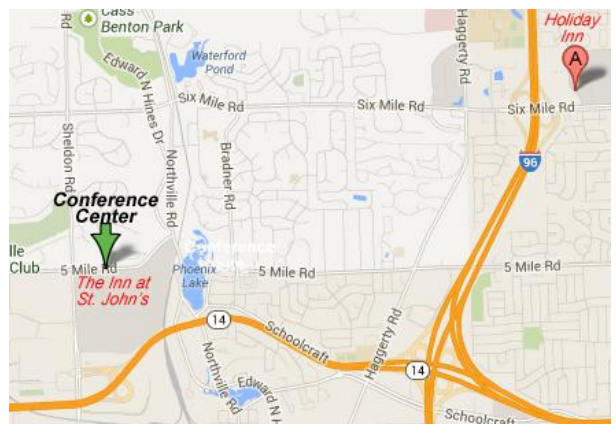
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