



A Team Approach to
Child Abuse Intervention

2016
Conference



Friday, June 17, 2016
Crowne Plaza Philadelphia West, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Presented by
The Philadelphia Children's Alliance and the
Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Philadelphia Children's Alliance is an independent non-profit organization that promotes healing and justice for sexually abused children in Philadelphia. Using a multidisciplinary approach, we collaborate with our partners in child protection, law enforcement, and medical and mental health services to provide forensic interviews, victim support and counseling services at the Philadelphia Safety Collaborative, a co-located child-friendly facility. We are committed to using best practices and we promote this model locally and nationally.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This conference is geared towards child welfare professionals, social workers, law enforcement officers, attorneys, medical and mental health professionals, educators, advocates, and members of the general public committed to developing, maintaining and strengthening collaborative partnerships in a community response to child abuse.

OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this program, the participant will have a greater understanding of the dynamics and impact of child abuse and ways to recognize, investigate, treat, and prevent violence against children. The participant will also have increased knowledge regarding the benefits of a team approach to investigating and treating victims of child abuse.

REGISTRATION

Online registration is encouraged. To register online, please visit our website at www.philachildrensalliance.org and select the "Resources" tab at the top of the page. You will see a link for the conference that will provide information, allow you to register and will connect you to a secure site for payment.

If you are unable to register online, please print and complete the attached registration form and send it with payment to Philadelphia Children's Alliance, 300 East Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124 or fax your registration to (215) 387-9513. All registrants will receive confirmation via email.

Registration for "A Team Approach to Child Abuse Intervention" is \$60.00 per person. For groups of 4 or more registrants, discounted registration is available for \$50.00 per person. Payment can be made via credit card or check. Please make checks payable to "Philadelphia Children's Alliance."

Scholarships are available for investigative members of the Philadelphia multidisciplinary team. If you would like a scholarship and are employed by an eligible agency, please select "MDT rate" when registering online and then select the listed agency where you are employed from the available options.

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Visit our website at www.philachildrensalliance.org and select the "Resources" tab at the top of the page for complete information regarding the conference, workshop descriptions, handouts, and faculty biographical information.

LOCATION

This year's conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Philadelphia West hotel, 4010 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131. The hotel is located just off I-76 and City Avenue, between downtown Philadelphia and the suburbs, and is just minutes from many of Philadelphia's historic landmarks. Crowne Plaza Philadelphia West also provides convenient complimentary parking and shuttle service to downtown Philadelphia.



Lodging at the Crowne Plaza Philadelphia West is available at the federal per diem rate of \$168.00 per night plus tax. To make a reservation, please contact the hotel at (215) 477-0200 or book online at <https://www.crowneplaza.com> and select Philadelphia West as your destination. A block of rooms has been reserved for this conference so please reference "PCA Conference" when making reservations to ensure that you get the established rate.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Legal Education credit (CLEs) will be provided by Support Center for Child Advocates, Center for Excellence in Advocacy. Social Work Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided by Support Center for Child Advocates, Center for Excellence in Advocacy in conjunction with Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. Credit will be awarded upon full day participation in the conference. Six (6.0) hours of CLE credit and six (6.0) hours of CEU credit.

Cost for CEUs is \$20.00 per person.

Cost for CLEs is \$40.00 per person.

To ensure that you receive these credits, please provide your license number when registering.

All others will receive a certificate of attendance.

Please check the website, www.philachildrensalliance.org, for updated information regarding continuing education.



CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are unable to attend the conference, you are welcome to send a substitute. Please notify us prior to the conference date of any substitutions to ensure time for modifications to name tags and certificates of attendance. Please email michelle@philachildrensalliance.org or denise@philachildrensalliance.org or call (215) 387-9500 x3818 to request the change. Payment is non-refundable and refunds will not be given for cancellations.

MEALS

Included in the registration fee is a continental breakfast and afternoon break snacks. Lunch is on your own and there are many restaurants and food courts within walking distance of the hotel.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Please forward any questions or special needs to Michelle Kline at michelle@philachildrensalliance.org, Denise Wilson at denise@philachildrensalliance.org or call (215) 387-9500 x3818 or x3823.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

8:20am - 8:30

WR

Chris Kirchner

Executive Director Philadelphia Children's Alliance, MSW

Welcoming & Opening Remarks

8:30am - 9:20

KA

Audrey Morrissey

Keynote Address

Connecting to Sexually Exploited Youth: Best Practices

Audrey Morrissey is the Associate Director of My Life My Choice. Ms. Morrissey has been an integral part of My Life My Choice since 2003, and was the first survivor in Massachusetts to mentor commercially sexually exploited girls.



Drawing from her personal experience in "the Life," Ms. Morrissey has helped develop and lead survivor-led programs that aim to prevent the exploitation or re-victimization of vulnerable girls aged 12 to 18, reaching more than 200 girls annually. Her expertise has also informed My Life My Choice's nationally recognized exploitation prevention curriculum which she co-authored, and is currently used in 27 states.

Ms. Morrissey currently leads educational, training, and public awareness initiatives at My Life My Choice. She has served as a consultant to the Administrative Office of the Trial Courts' "Redesigning the Courts' Response to Prostitution" project, as well as the Vice Chair of the Survivor Services Task Force as part of the Massachusetts Human Trafficking Task Force chaired by Attorney General Martha Coakley. Audrey is a 2008 recipient of the prestigious Petra Foundation Fellowship and a 2012 Boston Neighborhood Fellow.

9:30am - 11:00

A1

Ask a Sex Abuse Survivor

Michael Broussard

Ask a Sex Abuse Survivor utilizes a unique blend of storytelling, audience participation and improvisation to spark a real time conversation on the effects of sexual abuse on children and adult survivors.

A2

Promoting Healthy Adolescent Sexuality

Erica Smith, MEd & Jasmine Oglesby, MSW

Why do adolescents seem to take the risks that they do, especially when it comes to their sexual health? When we're used to working with traumatized young people, do we even know what healthy adolescent sexuality looks like? In this workshop, learn from two adolescent sexuality experts from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Adolescent Initiative program. They will discuss the impact of childhood trauma on sexual development, identify normal and healthy aspects of adolescent sexuality and sexual behavior, and discuss how to engage and empower youth in making healthy and informed choices around their sexual health.

A3

Proactive Pretrial Motions

Mary-Ann Burkhart

Oftentimes, prosecutors find themselves on the defensive side of pretrial motion practice. This workshop will focus on multiple motions in cases involving children as victims or witnesses that prosecutors should proactively pursue in order to make children more comfortable in court.

A4

Technology Facilitated Crimes Against Children in Physical and Sexual Abuse Investigations

Sergeant Jerry Barker

Technology facilitated crimes against children have increased exponentially over the last decade. Traditional methods used by law enforcement to investigate these crimes are ineffective in locating and identifying sexual predators. In this presentation we will look at ways not only law enforcement can identify and locate sexual predators but also how child protective services, medical staff and social workers can help in identifying and locating the children who are being abused via the Internet. This takes a comprehensive team approach to be most successful. The presenter will demonstrate case examples and ideas that have proven to be effective in combating technology facilitated crimes against children. Be prepared to learn and discuss ways computers are being used to facilitate physical and sexual abuse of children.

11:05am - 12:35

B1

The Witch Hunt Narrative:

Politics, Psychology and the Sexual Abuse of Children

Ross Cheit

This workshop will provide an overview of Professor Cheit's recent book of the same name. It will trace the history of the backlash against child sexual abuse, review the particulars of a key case (Kelly Michaels) in the academic debate over child suggestibility and end with an overall critique of the popular "witch-hunt" narrative.

B2

Vicarious Trauma and Vicarious Traumatic Growth: Hope and Help for the Caretakers

Ruth Ann Ryan, APRN, BC

Bearing witness to the harm that human beings are capable of doing to one another is a challenging and, at times, overwhelming experience. The effects of the work human service professionals do on the professionals themselves have been well documented and given the label of vicarious trauma or compassion fatigue. This workshop will define the syndrome, identify the signs and symptoms, and offer antidotes to the contagion of the negative effects of working with those who have been affected by trauma and chronic adversity. It will also feature an additional "lens" to help attendees look at the potential for vicarious traumatic growth in their work. The workshop will include didactic presentation, group exercises and discussion.

B3**It Takes a Team:
Successfully Prosecuting a Case with a Recanting Victim**

Mary-Ann Burkhart

Recantation is common in cases involving children as victims and witnesses. Children recant for a multitude of reasons, and recantation does not signal the end of a prosecution. This workshop will delve into the most common reasons for recantation, how to avoid and prevent recantation and how to deal with it if it does occur in your case, even if it occurs unexpectedly on the witness stand.

B4**Understanding and Responding to
Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation**

Audrey Morrissey

The commercial sex industry is an organized machine that targets the most vulnerable young people in our communities. This workshop will provide an overview of the different types of exploitation and will identify red flags that put youth at risk. The workshop will also help participants identify ways to respond to youth who have been exploited.

1:45pm - 3:15

C1**Exaggerating Injustice:
The "exoneration" of child abusers in contemporary America**

Ross Cheit

This workshop will focus on how the Innocence Project moved away from its original mission and into cases involving abusive head trauma where there is powerful evidence of guilt. It will also examine the National Registry of Exonerations, a project at the University of Michigan Law School that has defined "exoneration" to cover child sexual abuse cases where there is strong evidence of guilt. This workshop will end with a consideration of the political and policy implications of these developments.

C2**The Medical Evaluation of the Sexually Abused Child**

Cindy Christian, MD, FAAP

Child sexual abuse is a common problem, affecting hundreds of thousand of children each year. The diagnosis is generally made by a child's disclosure, although some children present with medical complications of abuse, such as injury or infection. This session will describe the various presentations of child sexual abuse, medical problems sometimes confused with sexual abuse and will summarize the medical evaluation of the sexually abused child.

C3**Introducing Expert Testimony to Dispel Myths in Sexual Abuse Cases**

Viktoria Kristiansson (JD)

Public perceptions of how victims – including child victims – should respond to physical and emotional trauma often conflict with the way victims actually behave, and these misconceptions can severely affect the fact-finders' assessment of victim credibility and ultimate case outcome. Experienced professionals familiar with victim behavior understand that victims have individual responses to trauma that are often counterintuitive to public expectations, and they recognize the need to explain this to the jury. Introducing expert testimony to explain victim behavior is a way to dispel myths and assist the jury to make an informed decision based on the evidence. This presentation will describe common victim behaviors and dynamics in sexual assault cases in the context of their impact on jurors' assessment of victim credibility. The presenter will summarize the law related to the introduction of expert testimony by the prosecution to explain victim behavior and will identify experts qualified to testify on this issue. This presentation will address the permissible parameters of such testimony. In addition, it will contrast such testimony with the confidential professional relationships that victims may have with other professionals.

C4

Understanding the Child Protective Services Law: What's New? Karen Knellinger and Sherri L. Irviss-Hill

Participants will be provided an overview of the Child Protection Legislation with a specific focus on the amendments. Participants will gain an understanding of the Child Protective Services Law and the impact on their profession as it relates to child abuse recognition and reporting.

3:30pm - 5:00**D1**

Sexually Transmitted Infections in Children Cindy Christian, MD, FAAP

A diagnosis of child sexual abuse is generally made by a child's disclosure, although some children present with medical complications of abuse, such as injury or infection. Physicians are often untrained and uncomfortable when asked to examine children who have been sexually abused. This session will review the evaluation and interpretation of sexually transmitted infections in children.

D2

Interviewing, Investigation and Prosecution of Stranger Child Sexual Assault Cases: Lessons Learned from PA vs. Christina Regusters Jackie Block Goldstein and Erin O'Brien

In the early hours of the morning on January 15, 2013, a five year old girl was found alone, wearing only a t-shirt in a Philadelphia park. Once she was identified, it became clear that this was the same girl taken from school the day before by an unidentified woman. But who took her and why? What happened during the hours that she was gone? As authorities searched for answers and the multidisciplinary team assembled, it became clear that the techniques that were so successful with most child sexual abuse cases by known offenders would not apply here. From the child forensic interviews all the way through the prosecution of Christina Regusters, valuable lessons were learned about how stranger child sexual assault cases are different and require a different response. Through an in-depth case review, highlighting the successes and failures from various disciplines, participants will learn about this complex case and some of the effective techniques that can be utilized in stranger child sexual assault cases.

D3

Behavioral Characteristics of Physical and Sexual Offenders in Society Today Sergeant Jerry Barker

As society continues to advance in technology so do behaviors and characteristics of sexual and physical abuse offenders. The real challenge facing the law enforcement investigator, child protective services investigator, social worker and others who are in the field making contact with the offender are trying to determine what type of crimes have been committed and why. The presenter will provide a variety of characteristics and types of offender behavior during this workshop. The presentation is designed to assist with direction and understanding of the nature, motivation and what happens to offenders when they are not properly identified. Get ready to discuss and learn the methods in which today's offenders are most commonly using to hide their behavior and motivation. The presenter will demonstrate case examples and current ideas which have been proven to be effective in trying to identify what motivates an offender to act out. Be prepared to also learn and discuss ways the offenders network and avoid identification.

D4

The Children Are Not Okay: Impact of Domestic Violence Jane Straub

Domestic violence is pervasive in our communities with 1 in 4 females experiencing abuse at the hands of a partner during her lifetime. Children are not immune or shielded from the violence. Not only do millions of children witness the abuse of their mother, but many experience child abuse themselves. This session will discuss the prevalence of DV, the intersection of DV and child maltreatment and how these behaviors permeate the day to day climate of the home which leads to the cycle of abuse being handed down from generation to generation. Identification of harm will be discussed as well as strategies to support the mother and the children. Skill building and increasing resiliency will be presented.

PRESENTERS

Sergeant Jerry Barker

Phoenix Police Department, Commander for the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and a TFO with the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force
Phoenix, AZ

Jackie Block Goldstein

Private Trainer and Child Welfare Consultant
Philadelphia, PA

Michael Broussard

Theatre Artist
Philadelphia, PA

Mary-Ann Burkhart

Director, Child Abuse Prosecution Project, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
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Ross Cheit

Professor of Public Policy at Brown University
Providence, RI

Cindy W. Christian, MD, FAAP

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Workshop Selections

Welcome Remarks and Keynote Address is included for all attending. Please make your selection for each breakout session below. Use the letter description of the workshop (i.e. A1, B3, C2, etc.).

Breakout Session 1
9:30 am – 11:00 am
Breakout Session 2
11:05 am – 12:35 pm
Breakout Session 3
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm
Breakout Session 4
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

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