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# PROTECTING DELAWARE'S CHILDREN

*A Multidisciplinary Conference and Advanced Training Course for  
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**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**MARCH 3-4, 2015** **Dover Downs Hotel & Casino**

# WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

Dear Colleagues,

The Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC) and the Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth Commission (CDNDSC), the Joint Commissions, host a multidisciplinary conference annually to educate 500 professionals on the many critical aspects of Delaware's child protection system. These conferences are geared towards law enforcement, prosecutors, Judges, attorneys, case workers from the Division of Family Services (DFS), therapists, educators, community providers and medical professionals who regularly respond to allegations of child abuse and neglect in Delaware.

The conference will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 and Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at the Dover Downs Hotel and Casino. There is no cost for professionals who work in Delaware, and a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days.

The conference will focus on how Delaware professionals can work together to improve the civil and criminal response to child abuse and neglect cases, and what prevention efforts can be taken to reduce child abuse. It will feature thirty-nine workshops from national and local experts who will address multi-disciplinary collaboration and various aspects of child abuse. This year the workshops are also organized into five learning tracks: Legal, Trauma, Child Welfare Trends, Domestic Violence, and Investigation (featured day two only). Participants may follow a single track or select individual workshops.

Additionally, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, an all-day Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Advanced Training Course will be offered for professionals investigating and prosecuting child abuse cases in Delaware. The course will be taught by a group from the National Children's Advocacy Center and will train Delaware professionals on best practices for investigating and prosecuting serious physical injury, sexual abuse and death cases.

The Child Abuse MDT course will run at the same time as the general conference, and participants will attend the general conference's main plenary session before heading off to the advanced training course. On the second day, participants will be invited to attend the general conference for the entire day. The advanced training course is by invitation only to professionals from law enforcement, DFS workers, civil and criminal Deputy Attorneys General, victim advocates, SANE nurses, and Children's Advocacy Center staff.

CPAC and CDNDSC invite you to join us again for the Protecting Delaware's Children Conference. We hope you will leave informed, inspired, connected, and renewed, and we hope you will understand that your efforts to protect children are part of a much larger effort to strengthen families and communities in Delaware. We also wish to acknowledge our speakers and CPAC's Joint Conference Workgroup for planning this event.

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## CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

### Tuesday, March 3, 2014

7:30-8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:00 Welcome & Introductions

9:00-10:15 Plenary Session

10:15-10:30 Mid-Morning Break

10:30-12:00 Session I Workshops

12:00-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:45 Session II Workshops

2:45-3:00 Mid-Afternoon Break

3:00-4:30 Session III Workshops

### Wednesday, March 4, 2015

7:30-8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:00 Welcome & Introductions

9:00-10:15 Plenary Session

10:15-10:30 Mid-Morning Break

10:30-12:00 Session IV Workshops

12:00-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:45 Session V Workshops

2:45-3:00 Mid-Afternoon Break

3:00-4:30 Session VI Workshops

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



## ALLAN R. DE JONG, MD

### Neurodevelopmental, Molecular, and Behavioral Effects of Child Maltreatment and Why this is Important to You

#### OVERVIEW

The science of toxic stress is important to everyone who works with abused children and their caretakers. This presentation will describe how abuse can result in changes to multiple body systems: the structure and function of the brain, the neuroendocrine response to stress, the expression of certain “behavioral genes”, and predictable behavior changes in the child. These changes make the management of the abused child and their caretakers difficult, but certain approaches may improve outcome. These changes make the most important way of improving outcome for all children the prevention of abuse in the first place.

#### ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Allan De Jong, M.D, has been involved in the management of suspected physical and sexual abuse of children for over thirty five years. Dr. De Jong graduated from Colgate University in 1970, Cornell University Medical College in 1974, received pediatric residency training at the University of Michigan Medical Center, and completed fellowship training in Community Pediatrics at the University of Rochester before joining the faculty at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in 1978. Dr. De Jong had been managing child physical and sexual abuse cases at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital since joining the Jefferson faculty, and currently holds the rank of Clinical Professor of Pediatrics. Dr. De Jong has been the Medical Director for the Children’s Advocacy Center of Delaware (CAC) since it opened in 1996, became Director of the Children at Risk Evaluation (CARE) Program at Nemours – A.I duPont Hospital for Children in 1997, and has practiced full time as a child abuse pediatrician since that time. He is board certified in General Pediatrics and in Child Abuse Pediatrics.

Dr. De Jong has lectured regionally and nationally on physical and sexual abuse of children, has 35 publications in the field of child abuse. He is a member of the Ray Helfer Society, the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Medical/Legal Advisory Board for Child Abuse, and the Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission and the Advisor for the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Education Program Committee for the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



## REBECCA BROWN, MSW, RSW

### Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue & Resilience

#### OVERVIEW

This interactive seminar provides valuable information about the impact of trauma work on professional helpers who work in the most challenging jobs. Vicarious Trauma and Compassion Fatigue are seen as “the Cost of Caring” for these dedicated people on the front lines. It has become the personal price we pay as professional helpers in sectors such as medical/health care, police services, child welfare, shelters, trauma work, emergency and crisis responders, addictions, domestic violence, poverty, with the elderly and ill.

#### GOALS:

- *Understand* the terms: PTSD, Vicarious Trauma, Secondary Stress, Compassion Fatigue, Moral Distress/ Conflict and Burnout
- *Recognize* signs and symptoms in ourselves personally and professionally, how they happen, how they are similar but different, and what to do when we are impacted by the work
- *Develop* a Resilience Tool Kit of strategies to stay healthy with the capacity to remain compassionate for a long and rewarding career

#### ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Rebecca Brown has a Masters Degree in Social Work and her career has spanned 29 years including medical social work, child welfare and domestic violence. The majority of her career was spent as a Supervisor within the child protection system, where she was a Coordinator of the Critical Incident Debriefing Team. She was a Provincial Trainer for the Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies and taught the curriculum on Wellness and Self-Care. Rebecca now has a particular interest in the area of Lifestyle Medicine and incorporates this into her practice of Wellness Coaching. Rebecca is an Associate with Compassion Fatigue Solutions delivering workshops and conferences throughout Canada and the US on the topics of Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue and Resilience to professionals, caregivers and volunteers.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND WORKSHOPS

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

7:30 - 8:30	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
8:30 - 9:00	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
9:00 - 10:15	<b>Plenary Session - Neurodevelopmental, Molecular, and Behavioral Effects of Child Maltreatment and Why this is Important to You, Allan R. De Jong, MD</b>
10:15 - 10:30	<b>Mid-Morning Break</b>
10:30 - 12:00	<b>Session I Workshops - General Conference</b>
<b>Workshop A: LEGAL</b>	<p><b>Youth Involvement in Court: Judicial Perspective on the Importance of Engaging Youth, The Honorable Daniel Cahill and The Honorable Peter Jones</b></p> <p>Children in care deserve to be a part of their Court proceedings. But what is the best way to ensure that their participation is both meaningful to them and helpful to the Court? Hear from the Court's perspective how all those involved with children in foster care can better prepare them for Court hearings and assist them as the hearing progresses.</p>
<b>Workshop B: TRAUMA</b>	<p><b>The Brain on Trauma: Understanding &amp; Applying Knowledge to Improve Services and Supports, Leslie Brower, PhD, RN and Rhonda Elsey-Jones, MA</b></p> <p>This session will provide a basic understanding of the role of brain structures and stress hormones as they respond to traumatic stressors; how they can get 'stuck' in a chronic stress cycle and how that contributes to a wide range of physical, behavioral and social problems; and how to apply specific practices to help trauma survivors activate the 'relaxation response' to improve their health and wellbeing.</p>
<b>Workshop C: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<p><b>Legal Permanency Options for Children in Foster Care, Kelly Ensslin, JD, and Moira Dillon</b></p> <p>This workshop will explore the different permanency options for children when reunification with their parent is not attainable. The best practices for achieving permanency for children in foster care will also be discussed. The goal of the workshop is for social workers, attorney guardian <i>ad litem</i>s, CASAs and others working in child welfare to understand the legal process and how to best achieve permanency for their client.</p>
<b>Workshop D: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<p><b>Living in a Hoarded Home –The Impact on Children and the Costs to our Public Health System, Dorothy Breininger</b></p> <p>Hoarding Specialist and Professional Organizing Expert, Dorothy Breininger (A&amp;E TV Show, Hoarders) discusses the rapid unveiling of the disease called hoarding, the impact of hoarding on children, the extreme costs to agencies and our public health system, and thoughts on intervention and where to get help.</p>
<b>Workshop E: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	<p><b>Managing Domestic Violence across Multiple Court Systems, Gabrielle Davis, JD</b></p> <p>Different court systems approach domestic violence in very different ways depending upon the nature and function of the case. Domestic violence is viewed as an alleged crime in misdemeanor and felony court. It is viewed as a potential form of child abuse, neglect or dependency in the child welfare system. It is viewed as a possible safety concern in PFA proceedings. And, it is viewed as a best interest consideration in child custody disputes. What happens when domestic violence is viewed in <i>all</i> of these different ways <i>all</i> at the same time? This presentation explores the difficulty of managing domestic violence when different government systems simultaneously apply different standards and expectations to parents and their relationships with children.</p>
12:00 - 1:15	<b>Lunch</b>

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## TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

1:15 - 2:45	<b>Session II Workshops - General Conference</b>
<b>Workshop A: LEGAL</b>	<p><b>Youth Involvement in Court: Guidelines for Engagement, Lauren Brueckner, MS and Eliza Hirst, JD</b></p> <p>This session focuses on steps necessary to determine your youth client's desire to attend court, how to facilitate youth participation, and how to prepare and debrief from the Family Court experience. Because there are many barriers that prevent youth from participating in Court, this training will enhance child advocates' ability to support and engage youth in the court process.</p>
<b>Workshop B: TRAUMA</b>	<p><b>Childhood Adversity and Trauma: Developmental Impact and Opportunities for Intervention, Aileen Fink, PhD</b></p> <p>Adverse experiences in childhood such as abuse, neglect and exposure to household dysfunction (parental mental illness and addiction, domestic violence, incarceration) increase the risk of cognitive, social/emotional and behavioral problems and can result in life-long physical and mental health problems. This workshop will review information from the ACE Study and discuss the impact of trauma exposure on the developing brain. Participants will learn how to recognize indicators of exposure at different developmental stages as well as increase awareness of opportunities for intervention to reduce the potential impact of these adverse experiences.</p>
<b>Workshop C: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<p><b>The Impact of Trauma in Adoption, Mary Lou Edgar, MSS, LCSW and Jessica Sinarski, LPCMH</b></p> <p>The stereotypical idea of adoption is one of happiness. It is a time to celebrate a child coming into a family. However, for so many children - and the families who adopt them - the process of adoption is much more complicated. Children who have lived through trauma - abuse, neglect and prenatal exposure to alcohol and other drugs - are wounded. When they come into a family, they bring a great deal of hurt. That hurt is exhibited in their behavior and is difficult for families and communities to understand. It is important to know why these children can be so challenging. It is also important to learn what we can all do to help them and their families so more children are able to achieve permanency.</p>
<b>Workshop D: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<p><b>Trevor Ally Training, Wes Nemenz, BA (Part 1 of 2)</b></p> <p>The Trevor Ally Training provides a basic framework of understanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth and the unique challenges they often face. This training is designed to create dialogue regarding what it means to be an adult ally for LGBTQ youth by informing participants about terminology used in the LGBTQ community, the process of "coming out" as an LGBTQ person and a discussion of the challenges faced by LGBT youth in their homes, schools and communities. Through activities participants are encouraged to explore their own biases, build their knowledge and understanding and develop empathy. In addition to providing this framework, the Trevor Ally Training offers specific action items to improve the environment for LGBTQ youth.</p>
<b>Workshop E: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	<p><b>A Structured Approach to Decision-Making in Domestic Violence-Related Child Custody Disputes, Gabrielle Davis, JD</b></p> <p>Research confirms what experienced practitioners know: child custody cases often move through court systems without adequate regard for peoples' real life experience of domestic violence. Many factors contribute to this problem, including lack of awareness about domestic violence; confusion about professional roles and responsibilities around domestic violence; inconsistent screening and assessment protocols; misapplication of personal and professional assumptions, biases and beliefs; ill-informed decision making around domestic violence; and disconnected outcomes, interventions and services to address domestic violence. This presentation introduces a structured approach to decision-making in domestic violence-related child custody disputes that centralizes the experience of battered parents and their children. It focuses on identifying domestic violence through systematic and universal screening; understanding the full nature and context of abuse; connecting abuse and its related harms to standards for decision-making; and accounting for the context and implications of abuse in ultimate decisions and actions.</p>

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## TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

2:45 - 3:00	<b>Mid-Afternoon Break</b>
3:00 - 4:30	<b>Session III Workshops - General Conference</b>
<b>Workshop A: LEGAL</b>	<p><b>Authenticating Digital Evidence in Court: “We Seized It! Now What?”- Justin Fitzsimmons, JD</b></p> <p>This presentation covers the various types of evidence that investigators can gather from cyberspace and cellular phone providers. The audience is shown case law examples for authenticating emails, chats, and other technological evidence. The presentation also gives examples of what type of witnesses are needed to lay the proper foundation for the admission of digital evidence.</p>
<b>Workshop B: LEGAL</b>	<p><b>Extended Jurisdiction, Independent Living and ASSIST Programs, Lauren Brueckner, MS, and Julie Miller, JD</b></p> <p>As youth near their 18th birthday, there are many services and support systems in place to help them transition into adulthood. This presentation focuses on further explaining these services and helps advocates understand how best to help youth attain these support services.</p>
<b>Workshop C: TRAUMA</b>	<p><b>Rx for Resilience: Mindfulness, Gratitude &amp; Humor, Rebecca Brown, MSW, RSW</b></p> <p>This interactive seminar draws upon evidence of the impact of trauma work on professionals who work in the most challenging careers. Resilience strategies will be highlighted and demonstrated to give participants the tools to enhance their own health &amp; wellbeing. Through fun and interactive demonstrations of the latest research and practical interventions, participants will learn how to build their own resilience tool kit using mindfulness techniques.</p>
<b>Workshop D: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<p><b>Trevor Ally Training, Wes Nemenz, BA (Part 2 of 2)</b></p> <p><i>Participants must also register for Part 1 of this workshop.</i></p> <p>The Trevor Ally Training provides a basic framework of understanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth and the unique challenges they often face. This training is designed to create dialogue regarding what it means to be an adult ally for LGBTQ youth by informing participants about terminology used in the LGBTQ community, the process of “coming out” as an LGBTQ person and a discussion of the challenges faced by LGBT youth in their homes, schools and communities. Through activities participants are encouraged to explore their own biases, build their knowledge and understanding and develop empathy. In addition to providing this framework, the Trevor Ally Training offers specific action items to improve the environment for LGBTQ youth.</p>
<b>Workshop E: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	<p><b>Parenting in the Context of Coercive Control, Gabrielle Davis, JD</b></p> <p>Recent years have seen a growing awareness that parenting in the context of domestic violence does not look the same in all families or under all circumstances – and that inattention to these variations can undermine effective parenting arrangements. Legal and non-legal interventions must account for the myriad ways in which parenting in the context of domestic violence is enacted and experienced by individual people, including children and their abused and abusive parents. This session will offer guidance on identifying, understanding and accounting for the effects of coercive control on parenting and co-parenting.</p>

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

7:30 - 8:30	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
8:30 - 9:00	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
9:00 - 10:15	<b>Plenary Session - Vicarious Trauma and Compassion Fatigue, Rebecca Brown, MSW, RSW</b>
10:15 - 10:30	<b>Mid-Morning Break</b>
10:30 - 12:00	<b>Session IV Workshops - General Conference</b>
<b>Workshop A: LEGAL</b>	<p><b>Inside the Mind of a Prosecutor: How to Play Well in the Sandbox with Your DA, Abbie Newman, RN, JD and Risa Vetri Ferman, JD</b></p> <p>Collaboration between CAC members is paramount for a successful CAC. Facilitating team relationships is an ongoing challenge for every CAC Director, with unique issues when working with the prosecutor. The workshop will explore first hand with a prosecutor who founded a CAC how prosecutors think, why their actions are necessary but may seem unexplainable to other team members, what makes a prosecutor disengage and what keeps them actively involved in the CAC. Participants will also hear from the Executive Director of the same CAC about how to work with the prosecutor as a partner and ally, pitfalls to prosecutor involvement and communication with prosecutors, and how to keep DAs invested in the MDT without running the team.</p>
<b>Workshop B: LEGAL</b>	<p><b>Social Media Usage in Court Proceedings, Molly DiBianca, JD</b></p> <p>The collection and use of social-media evidence in discovery and trial presents logistical, ethical, and strategic challenges. This presentation will address how to handle many of those challenges in the current social-media landscape.</p>
<b>Workshop C: TRAUMA</b>	<p><b>Becoming Trauma Informed, June Cairns, MSW and Jacqueline Mette, JD</b></p> <p>An overview of the impact of trauma on brain development of children will provide the basis for this workshop. Definitions of trauma, trauma informed practice and trauma focused treatment will be provided. Reactions of children who are experiencing trauma (either in their families or in the community) will be discussed, as well as some techniques for supporting children experiencing trauma will be offered for first responders. Following Ms. Cairns' presentation, Ms. Paradee Mette will introduce the Education Demonstration Project's Compassionate Schools work. The Compassionate Schools teaching approach, created in Washington State and grounded in the work of Massachusetts Advocacy for Children and Harvard Law School, seeks to deepen the understanding of the neuroscience behind trauma and its impact on learning, and promotes compassionate teaching and learning within schools to achieve academic success. The Demonstration Project is working with six Delaware middle schools from six school districts in 2015 to deepen their understanding of the Compassionate Schools approach.</p>
<b>Workshop D: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<p><b>Preventing Unsafe Sleeping Deaths in Delaware, Marjorie Hershberger, MS, RN-BC, PNP-BC, CPNP, and Leah Jones Woodall, M.P.A.</b></p> <p>Infants are at an increased risk of death when an infant's head or face is covered by bedding, or when an infant shares a sleep surface with others. This session will describe the prevalence of infant safe sleeping deaths in Delaware. Participants will learn how to prevent future infant safe sleeping deaths through education and knowledge of available services in the community.</p>

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10:30 - 12:00	<b>Session IV Workshops - General Conference</b> <b>(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8)</b>
<b>Workshop E: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<b>Victimization and Children with Autism, Scott J. Modell, PhD</b> <p>The number of individuals diagnosed with Autism is rising each year at an alarming rate. The latest statistics from the Centers for Disease Control estimate that 1 out of every 68 children is born with autism. Given this current trend, the number of children living with autism in the next few years is going to reach unprecedented numbers. Autism is not a well understood disability. This misunderstanding not only exists in the general public, but in the social service and criminal justice systems. Individuals with autism display a number of characteristics that make them unusually susceptible to abuse. In fact, the number of current cases of autism abuse have rising dramatically over the past several years. The increased number of individuals living with autism coupled with the disproportionate number of crimes committed against individuals with disabilities increases the likelihood that child protective service workers will be called on a case involving a child with autism. The ability to understand autism characteristics and communicate effectively with individuals with autism is paramount in conducting an appropriate investigation. The participants will gain experience through this presentation in developing new knowledge in autism as well as skills in interviewing and communicating with victims with autism. It is the intention of the presentation to familiarize the audience with autism, their characteristics, and the most effective skills needed to appropriately interview a victim with autism. Video clips of real persons with autism are integrated into the presentation to maximize the effectiveness of the training.</p>
<b>Workshop F: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	<b>Safe and Together™ Model, David Mandel, MA, LPC (Part 1 of 3)</b> <p>The <i>Safe and Together Model Suite of Tools and Interventions</i> is a perpetrator pattern based, child centered, survivor strengths approach to working with domestic violence. Developed originally for child welfare systems, it has policy and practice implications for a variety of professionals and systems including domestic violence advocates, family service providers, courts, evaluators, domestic violence community collaboratives and others. The behavioral focus of the model highlights the “how” of the work, offering practical and concrete changes in practice. The model has a growing body of evidence associated with it including recent correlations with a reduction in out of home placements in child welfare domestic violence cases.</p>
<b>Workshop G: INVESTIGATION</b>	<b>Protecting Children in a Digital World, Edward J. McAndrew, JD</b> <p>Today's children face a range of risks associated with daily life in a digital world -- including online sexual exploitation, cyberbullying, digital threats and extortion, hacking, identity theft, spying and other invasions of privacy. Federal Cybercrime prosecutor Ed McAndrew will explore these threats and offer ideas on how to protect children -- and ourselves -- against them.</p>
<b>Workshop H: INVESTIGATION</b>	<b>Investigative Strategies in Child Sexual Abuse, Officer Dan Adams</b> <p>Participants will discuss various investigative techniques and strategies that can be utilized in child sexual abuse cases. Attendees will discuss the need for child welfare and law enforcement to work together and share resources in order to successfully evaluate claims of abuse.</p>
12:00 - 1:15	<b>Lunch</b>

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1:15 - 2:45	<b>Session V Workshops - General Conference</b>
<b>Workshop A: LEGAL</b>	<p><b>What Signs? Things Children Tell Us From Their Graves, Kristina Korobov, JD</b></p> <p>This session will focus on some commonalities in child fatality cases that can be used to inform current investigations and prosecutions. Characteristics of mothers who kill, links between domestic violence and child abuse, as well as the significance of prior abuse reports, mental health issues, and drug abuse are just some of the topics that will be covered as they relate to the perpetration of deadly violence on children.</p>
<b>Workshop B: LEGAL</b>	<p><b>Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery, Abigail Layton, JD</b></p> <p>Human trafficking is a growing problem across the United States, including Delaware. The session will discuss what this modern day slavery looks like, what signs one should look for and what Delaware is doing to combat this issue. It will further discuss the recent comprehensive human trafficking legislation passed this past summer and what it means for the investigation and prosecution of human traffickers.</p>
<b>Workshop C: TRAUMA</b>	<p><b>Supporting Heroes in Mental Health Foundational Training, S.H.I.F.T., Jean McAllister, MSW (Part 1 of 2)</b></p> <p>Supporting Heroes in Mental Health Foundational Training (SHIFT) was developed by the Innocent Justice Foundation (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) with funding from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). With a team made up of globally recognized mental health professionals, and Internet Crimes Against Children Commanders, SHIFT aims to help exposed individuals and supporting mental health professionals work together to mitigate the negative effects of viewing child abuse images.</p>
<b>Workshop D: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<p><b>Interviewing Victims with Disabilities, Scott J. Modell, PhD</b></p> <p>Studies have long established that children with disabilities are disproportionately criminally victimized. In 2011, the average annual rate of violent victimization for children with disabilities was more than twice the rate among children without disabilities. Serious violent victimization for children with disabilities was more than three times than that for children without disabilities (Truman &amp; Planty, 2012). The risk of being a victim of crime, especially a victim of sexual assault, is 4 to 10 times higher for a child with a disability. There are a number of factors related to children with disabilities susceptibility to interactions with the criminal justice system. In addition to these factors, many significant barriers exist, both real and perceived, that limit investigation and prosecution of these cases. Understanding and communicating effectively with children with disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system are necessary skills for law enforcement, children's advocacy center staff, children's services and other social service personnel. The ability to understand the unique characteristics and communicate effectively is paramount in creating safe environments and conducting appropriate investigations. The participants in this training will develop a broader understanding of children disabilities as well as new strategies for effective interviewing and communicating. Video clips of real individuals with disabilities are integrated into the presentation to maximize the effectiveness of the training.</p>
<b>Workshop E: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	<p><b>Safe and Together™ Model, David Mandel, MA, LPC (Part 2 of 3)</b></p> <p><i>Participants must also register for Part 1 of this workshop.</i></p> <p>The <i>Safe and Together Model Suite of Tools and Interventions</i> is a perpetrator pattern based, child centered, survivor strengths approach to working with domestic violence. Developed originally for child welfare systems, it has policy and practice implications for a variety of professionals and systems including domestic violence advocates, family service providers, courts, evaluators, domestic violence community collaboratives and others. The behavioral focus of the model highlights the "how" of the work, offering practical and concrete changes in practice. The model has a growing body of evidence associated with it including recent correlations with a reduction in out of home placements in child welfare domestic violence cases.</p>

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1:15 - 2:45	<p><b>Session V Workshops - General Conference</b> (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10)</p>
<p><b>Workshop F: INVESTIGATION</b></p>	<p><b>Child Homicide and Physical Abuse, Special Agent Terry Thomas (Part 1 of 2)</b> This workshop will provide participants with the historical origin of physically abused children. Through case studies, participants will examine various types of inflicted injuries and how the offenders attempt to explain injuries away. Participants will study the proper techniques for securing and processing a crime scene.</p>
<p><b>Workshop G: INVESTIGATION</b></p>	<p><b>Understanding Grooming Behavior, Officer Dan Adams</b> This presentation introduces and explains the role grooming plays in the sexual abuse of child victims. Attendees will be presented with the different kinds of grooming behavior, the types of suspects who utilize the techniques, how to obtain this information in the forensic interview, how to utilize the information during the investigation and prosecution, and why it is important to recognize the behavior. The presentation involves a Power Point lecture, real case examples, and a video that a suspect took of himself grooming a child victim. The strength of the presentation comes from the fact that it contains numerous case examples that were investigated by the presenter as well as the unique video taken by the offender. The lecture is comprised of the latest research having to do with grooming behavior, suspect typology, and the effects on children. This presentation is designed to provide attendees with practical information that can be utilized in their investigation and prosecution of child molesters. It provides attendees with specific questions to ask in a forensic interview, themes that can be developed for suspect interrogations, and prosecution strategies for use at trial.</p>
<p><b>Workshop H: INVESTIGATION</b></p>	<p><b>Analysis of Power and Control Dynamics in Child Torture Investigations, Suzanna Tiapula, JD</b> Suggested inclusion criteria for a forensic medical diagnosis of child torture and the effect this diagnosis could have on child safety planning, criminal prosecution, and penalties for perpetrators will be presented. The presenter will also examine unique aspects of these investigations and the complex dynamics often associated with home environments in which children are subject to torture. This presenter will review case examples illustrating withholding of necessities and abusive acts often framed by perpetrators as legitimate discipline. This presentation will focus on the analysis of power and control linked to perpetrators' claims of discipline and protocols which can be utilized as investigative aids. These cases require specific coping skills and often support for professional allies who may be unprepared for the specifics of a child torture examination or investigation.</p>
2:45 - 3:00	<b>Mid-Afternoon Break</b>
3:00 - 4:30	<p><b>Session VI Workshops - General Conference</b></p>
<p><b>Workshop A: LEGAL</b></p>	<p><b>Illustrating Complex Medical Testimony in Serious Physical Abuse and Child Homicide Cases, Jaclyn C. Grieser, MAJ, LD, LLM</b> This workshop will focus on tactics multi-disciplinary teams can use from first report through trial, to capture evidence that can effectively be used as exhibits at trial. We will discuss how to utilize photographs, illustrations, models, computer graphics and other types of exhibits at trial to persuasively illustrate medical testimony in SBS/AHT and other serious child abuse cases. Techniques for preparing law enforcement personnel and medical experts to speak from exhibits and tactics for getting more novel demonstrative exhibits admitted into evidence will also be discussed.</p>

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND WORKSHOPS

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

3:00 - 4:30	<b>Session VI Workshops - General Conference</b> <b>(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11)</b>
<b>Workshop B: LEGAL</b>	<b>New Developments in Criminal Law Impacting Prosecution of Child Abuse, Sasha Rutizer, JD</b> Recognizing emerging trends in case law better informs the prosecutor's trial preparation and presentation of evidence in child abuse cases. 2014 was an active year from the bench and there are some significant cases which will impact future prosecutions. From the Supreme Court's decision in <i>Paroline v. U.S.</i> and its impact on the ability of victims of child pornography to receive restitution, to recent Habeas proceedings impacting the granting of new trials based on "new scientific evidence" in Abusive Head Trauma cases. This session will go over some of the year's most important decisions and discuss strategies for effectively incorporating or distinguishing them in future cases. This session will focus on emerging legal trends in: Abusive Head Trauma, Technology Facilitated Sexual Exploitation, and Child Forensic Interviews.
<b>Workshop C: LEGAL</b>	<b>Recent Research Affecting Child Abuse Investigations and Prosecutions, Chris Newlin, MS, LPC</b> This workshop is intended for all levels of professionals who are involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse. We are working in a continually changing field, and it is critical that direct service providers stay abreast of the current research affecting our work. This workshop will provide a general review of recent research affecting child abuse investigations and prosecutions, and challenge the attendees to relate this information to their current practices in the field. All studies included in this presentation directly relate to the fields of forensic interviewing, non-offending caregiver dynamics, poly-victimization, offender behaviors, investigation and prosecution insights; and have been published within the past three years.
<b>Workshop D: TRAUMA</b>	<b>Supporting Heroes in Mental Health Foundational Training, S.H.I.F.T., Jean McAllister, MSW (Part 2 of 2)</b> <i>Participants must also register for Part 1 of this workshop.</i> Supporting Heroes in Mental Health Foundational Training (SHIFT) was developed by the Innocent Justice Foundation (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) with funding from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). With a team made up of globally recognized mental health professionals, and Internet Crimes Against Children Commanders, SHIFT aims to help exposed individuals and supporting mental health professionals work together to mitigate the negative effects of viewing child abuse images.
<b>Workshop E: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<b>Child Abuse Deaths: A national update on Child Death Review Efforts and the National Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse Fatalities, Teri Covington, MPH</b> Commissioner Covington will describe how child death reviews can improve agency systems and prevent deaths and update us on the activities and findings of the National Commission established through the 2012 Protect Our Kids Act.
<b>Workshop F: CHILD WELFARE TRENDS</b>	<b>Avoiding MDT Shipwrecks...Plug the Holes and Bail the Water! Cym Doggett, LCSW</b> Why is it that some teams function well and others seem to struggle? This workshop will examine some of the barriers to successful teaming and explore possible strategies for overcoming those barriers. The building blocks for developing highly effective teams will be discussed, along with remedial actions to restart a floundering team.

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<p><b>Workshop G: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b></p>	<p><b>Safe and Together™ Model, David Mandel, MA, LPC (Part 3 of 3)</b> <i>Participants must also register for Parts 1 and 2 of this workshop.</i></p> <p>The <i>Safe and Together Model Suite of Tools and Interventions</i> is a perpetrator pattern based, child centered, survivor strengths approach to working with domestic violence. Developed originally for child welfare systems, it has policy and practice implications for a variety of professionals and systems including domestic violence advocates, family service providers, courts, evaluators, domestic violence community collaboratives and others. The behavioral focus of the model highlights the “how” of the work, offering practical and concrete changes in practice. The model has a growing body of evidence associated with it including recent correlations with a reduction in out of home placements in child welfare domestic violence cases.</p>
<p><b>Workshop H: INVESTIGATION</b></p>	<p><b>Child Homicide and Physical Abuse, Special Agent Terry Thomas (Part 2 of 2)</b> <i>Participants must also register for Part 1 of this workshop.</i></p> <p>This workshop will provide participants with the historical origin of physically abused children. Through case studies, participants will examine various types of inflicted injuries and how the offenders attempt to explain injuries away. Participants will study the proper techniques for securing and processing a crime scene.</p>

CDNDSC and CPAC would like to offer a special thanks to the following agencies for co-sponsoring this collaborative training:



# ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE

## BY INVITATION ONLY

In the Final Report of the Joint Committee on the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse, CPAC and CDNDSC recommended regular training opportunities and demonstrative tools for professionals involved in the investigation or prosecution of serious child abuse cases. As such, the Joint Commissions identified the Protecting Delaware's Children Conference as an appropriate venue to offer advanced training to its multidisciplinary team (MDT) partners. The first Child Abuse MDT Advanced Training Course was featured in May 2013, and approximately 100 MDT partners from the Division of Family Services, Department of Justice, Children's Advocacy Center of Delaware, and law enforcement were trained on how to increase teamwork and collaboration as well as how to develop county specific action plans to strengthen system response to child abuse.

This year, the Child Abuse MDT Advanced Training Course will focus on best practice guidelines for the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse, death and near death cases. The course will once again be facilitated by staff at the National Children's Advocacy Center. Participants will receive an overview of best practices across disciplines, and MDT members will get to apply their knowledge through practice with case scenarios. With this course, CPAC and CDNDSC hope to introduce some of the themes that will be seen in the best practice protocols being developed by CPAC in the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DFS, DOJ, CAC, and law enforcement.

The course is by invite only and designed exclusively for professionals involved in child abuse cases. A separate email will be sent out to MDT partners with the registration information. The course will be offered on day one of the general conference, and it will follow the same schedule.

The advanced training course is free for professionals. Overnight lodging at Dover Downs is also available at no charge for up to 50 participants attending both days of the conference. Please indicate if lodging is needed during registration.

## ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

7:30-8:30	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:00	Welcome & Introductions
9:00-10:15	Plenary Session
10:15-10:30	Mid-Morning Break
10:30-12:00	Session I Workshops
	<b>Best Practices: An Overview of the Multidisciplinary Team Response to Child Abuse - Chris Newlin, MS, LPC and Cym Doggett, LCSW</b>
12:00-1:15	Lunch
1:15-2:45	Session II Workshops
	<b>Case Scenarios: Strategies for the MDT Response - Chris Newlin, MS, LPC and Cym Doggett, LCSW</b>
2:45-3:00	Mid-Afternoon Break
3:00-4:30	Session III Workshops
	<b>Application of Best Practices: Strategy Review and Discussion - Chris Newlin, MS, LPC and Cym Doggett, LCSW</b>

# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION

Registration must be done online at the following link: <http://pdccmarch2015.eventbrite.com>. To accommodate those who cannot attend both days, you have the option of registering for one day or both days. The deadline for conference registration is **Friday, February 13, 2015**. Your registration will be confirmed via email by Eventbrite. Registration does not guarantee that there will be available space due to the high demand for this conference. Registration is **FREE** for those employed in Delaware. A registration fee of **\$50.00 per day** is due for conference participants working outside of Delaware. Please contact Jessica Begley at (302)255-1746 to register as an out of state participant.

## QUESTIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

Please call Rosalie Morales at (302)255-1730 with any questions. Please also notify us if you are unable to attend the conference after you have registered.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The Dover Downs Hotel and Casino is offering a special conference rate of **\$135/night** which is guaranteed through February 15, 2015. The room rate is subject to an 8% state occupancy tax and a \$6.00 per night resort fee. Requests made after this date are subject to availability. Make your hotel reservations by calling 1-800-711-5882. Please indicate that Group code, **GCHIL15**, when registering to receive the group block rate.

Please note that we cannot control the temperature in this facility, so please dress accordingly.

## CONFERENCE LOCATION AND PARKING

Dover Downs Hotel and Casino is located at **1131 North DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901** off of Delaware Route 1, Exit 104, in Dover, Delaware. Parking is available at no charge in and around the facility.

## ADA STATEMENT

If you need services or auxiliary aids in order to participate fully in any part of the joint conference, please call Jessica Begley at (302)255-1746 at least three weeks prior to the event to allow for time to arrange the required assistance.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Application for the following credits will be made: DE CLE and PA CLE. Please look for an additional sign in sheet at registration. Certificates of attendance will be given at the end of the second day.

## EXHIBIT AREA

Vendors, For-profits, and Nonprofits may reserve space in the exhibit area. The exhibit fee is \$100.00 for For-profit organizations and \$50.00 for Nonprofits (although the fee may be waived for partners of CDNDSC/CPAC). If you need an electrical outlet, there is an additional fee of \$50. The Dover Downs Hotel and Casino will provide a six-foot table, two chairs, and skirting for your exhibit. Please call Courtney Rapone at (302)255-1760 for more information.