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The Child Protection Accountability Commission  
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# Protecting Delaware's Children

**A Conference for the Multidisciplinary Team Professional Involved in  
Law Enforcement, Investigation, Child Fatality Review, Prosecution,  
Treatment, and Prevention of Child Abuse**

**Dover Downs Hotel and Casino**

1131 North DuPont Highway

Dover, Delaware



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## About the Conference

The Child Death, Near Death, and Stillbirth Commission (CDNDSC), along with the Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC), is pleased to invite you to their multidisciplinary conference on child protection in Delaware. The purpose of the conference is to bring together members from all the disciplines within Delaware's child protection system to learn, share, and grow together as everyone strives toward the common goal of eliminating child abuse and neglect in the first state.

The joint conference features 28 workshops that focus on a broad spectrum of topics that will enhance, support, and inform the work of child abuse and associated professionals.

From techniques on enhancing observation and communication skills for first responders, to the investigation and prosecution of child abuse involving developmentally disabled and non-verbal children, to developing multidisciplinary teams, to internet crimes involving children, to the impact of trauma on children, this conference features a wide array of learning opportunities for professionals from many disciplines. We invite you to attend the conference whether you work in the medical field, the legal field, law enforcement, prevention, or social services. Join us in furthering your knowledge about protecting our children from child abuse and neglect.

Participants in the CDNDSC/CPAC Joint Conference will leave informed, inspired, connected, and renewed. They will understand that their efforts to protect children are part of a much larger effort to strengthen families, communities, and Delaware.

## The Conference at a Glance

### Thursday, June 3, 2010

- 7:45-8:45am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:45-9:15am Welcome & Introductions
- 9:15-10:30am Plenary Session—Victor Veith, J.D.
- 10:30-10:45am Mid-Morning Break
- 10:45-12:00pm Plenary Session-Dr. David Finkelhor
- 12:00-1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00-2:15pm Session A Workshops
- 2:15-2:30pm Mid-Afternoon Break
- 2:30-3:45pm Session B Workshops

### Friday, June 4, 2010

- 7:45-8:45am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:45-9:00am Welcome & Introductions
- 9:00-10:15am Plenary Session-Dr. Robert Anda
- 10:15-10:30 am Mid-Morning Break
- 10:30-11:45am Session C Workshops
- 11:45-1:15pm Lunch and Closing Remarks
- 1:15-2:30pm Session D Workshops



## Plenary Speakers

### Unto the Third Generation: A Call to End Child Abuse in three Generations



Victor Vieth serves as the Director of the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC), a state of the art training complex located on the campus of Winona State University. NCPTC staff provides intensive instruction for undergraduate students and current professionals in the field on how to better recognize, react, and respond to children who are being abused. Victor graduated *magna cum laude* from WSU and earned his Juris Doctor from Hamline University School of Law (HUSL). While studying at HUSL, he received the American Jurisprudence award for achievement in the study of Constitutional law and served as editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*. Victor has trained thousands of child-protection professionals from all 50 states, two U.S. Territories, and 17 countries on numerous topics pertaining to child abuse investigations, prosecutions and prevention. He gained national recognition for his work in addressing child abuse in small communities as a prosecutor in rural Minnesota. He has been named to the President's Honor Roll of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. The Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association named him one of "21 Young Lawyers Leading us Into the 21st Century." Vieth has published countless articles related to the investigation, prosecution and prevention of child abuse and neglect. His presentation, *Unto the Third Generation*, is a bold initiative that outlines the necessary steps we must all take to eliminate child abuse in America in three generations.

### The Prevention of Childhood Sexual Abuse



David Finkelhor, Ph.D., is the Director of the Crimes against Children Research Center, Co-Director of the Family Research Laboratory and Professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire. He has been studying the problems of child victimization, child maltreatment and family violence since 1977. He is well known for his conceptual and empirical work on the problem of child sexual abuse, reflected in publications such as *Sourcebook on Child Sexual Abuse* (Sage, 1986) and *Nursery Crimes* (Sage, 1988). He has also written about child homicide, missing and abducted children, children exposed to domestic and peer violence and other forms of family violence. In his recent work, he has tried to unify and integrate knowledge about all the diverse forms of child victimization in a field he has termed Developmental Victimology. He is editor and author of 11 books and over 150 journal articles and book chapters. He has received grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the US Department of Justice, and a variety of other sources. In 1994, he was given the Distinguished Child Abuse Professional Award by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and in 2004 he was given the Significant Achievement Award from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. His presentation on the Prevention of Childhood Sexual Abuse examines initiatives to prevent child sexual abuse, which have focused on two primary strategies—offender management and school-based educational programs.

## Plenary Speakers

### **The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study**



Robert F. Anda, M.D., M.S., has designed and conducted epidemiologic studies for more than 20 years. He has written more than 100 peer-reviewed and government publications, as well as several book chapters. He is currently a senior researcher at CDC, sponsored by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. As Co-Principal Investigator for the ACE study he played the principal role in the design of the study, subsequent analysis of the ACE study data, and preparation of its numerous scientific publications. He is frequently invited to speak about the ACE study, and has presented its findings at Congressional briefings. In addition, he has received numerous awards and recognition for scientific achievements.

**“Safety and Security don’t just happen, they are a result of a collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear.”  
- Nelson Mandela**



# Conference Schedule

Thursday, June 3, 2010	8:45 To 9:15	<b>Opening Remarks</b>		
	9:15 To 10:30	<b>Plenary Session 1 - Unto the Third Generation: A Call to End Child Abuse in Three Generations-Victor Veith, J.D.</b>		
	10:30 To 10:45	<b>Mid-Morning Break</b>		
	10:45 To 12:00	<b>Plenary Session 2 - The Prevention of Childhood Sexual Abuse- Dr. David Finkelhor</b>		
	12:00 To 1:00	<b>Lunch</b>		
	1:00 To 2:15	<b>A1</b> Art of Perception	<b>A2</b> Civil and Criminal Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse Involving Developmentally Disabled and Non-Verbal Children	<b>A3</b> Interrelationship Between Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
		<b>A4</b> Understanding the Dynamics of Child Sexual Abuse and the Role of these Dynamics in Child Pornography Cases	<b>A5</b> Health of Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers	<b>A6</b> Poly-Victimization: A Crucial Concept in Understanding Child Maltreatment Outcomes
		<b>A7</b> Promoting Attachment Security: Facilitating Healing for Child Victims		
	2:15 To 2:30	<b>Mid-Afternoon Break</b>		
	2:30 To 3:45	<b>B1</b> Art of Perception	<b>B2</b> Best Practices for Prosecuting Sexual Abuse Cases	<b>B3</b> Home Visiting as a Research-Based Approach to Preventing Child Maltreatment
	<b>B4</b> Forming Partnerships and Developing Multi-Disciplinary Themes	<b>B5</b> Working with Non-Offending Caregivers	<b>B6</b> National Perspective on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect	
	<b>B7</b> Infant Safe Sleeping Practices			

# Conference Schedule

Friday, June 4, 2010	8:45 To 9:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b>					
	9:00 To 10:15	<b>Plenary Session 3 - The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study - Dr. Robert Anda</b>					
	10:15 To 10:30	<b>Mid-Morning Break</b>					
	10:30 To 11:45	<b>C1</b>	Vicarious Traumatization	<b>C2</b>	CPOD (Collaboration, Preservation, Observation, Documentation) Response to Serious Injuries and Death Cases	<b>C3</b>	Admissibility of Abusive Head Trauma Evidence
		<b>C4</b>	Recognizing Injury Patterns in Physical Abuse Cases	<b>C5</b>	Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence Effects Reflected in the ACE Study	<b>C6</b>	Using a More Clinical Approach to Frontline Supervision and Practice in Child Welfare: What Have We Learned?
		<b>C7</b>	Investigation and Prosecution of Child Physical Abuse and Homicide				
	11:45 To 1:15	<b>Lunch and Closing Remarks</b>					
	1:15 To 2:30	<b>D1</b>	Vicarious Traumatization	<b>D2</b>	CPOD (Collaboration, Preservation, Observation, Documentation) Response to Serious Injuries and Death Cases	<b>D3</b>	Protecting Child Victims in an Increasingly Online World
		<b>D4</b>	Neglect/Failure to Thrive	<b>D5</b>	A Legal Guide to Child Safety	<b>D6</b>	Family Engagement: Resistance is Natural
		<b>D7</b>	Understanding the Developmental Effects of Trauma				

# Conference Schedule — Thursday, June 3

## 1:00 to 2:15

### Workshop A1: Art of Perception

*Amy Herman, AB, JD, MA*

This workshop teaches law enforcement, medical professionals and social workers how to enhance their observation and communication skills by learning to look at and analyze works of art. Ms. Herman has conducted training for N.Y.C.P.D., FBI, Secret Service, Dept. of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and Scotland Yard in London.

### Workshop A2: Civil and Criminal Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse Involving Developmentally Disabled and Non-Verbal Children

*National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA)*

This presentation will provide participants with investigative techniques to determine if injuries were the result of accident or intentional abuse when the victim cannot communicate with you. It will include information about finding and using corroborative evidence and overcoming defense theories.

### Workshop A3: Interrelationship Between Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

*National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA)*

This presentation will discuss the link between domestic violence and child abuse. Participants will learn about the scope of domestic violence and the particular ways in which children are impacted by domestic violence. Participants will also be provided with tips on prosecuting both types of cases, including the necessity of collaboration between domestic violence and child abuse professionals to combat family violence.

### Workshop A4: Understanding the Dynamics of Child Sexual Abuse and the Role of these Dynamics in Child Pornography Cases

*Victor Veith, J.D.*

Participants will learn of the commercial exploitation of children, especially in rural areas where it continues to exist largely ignored by policy makers, law enforcement, and ordinary citizens. A special focus of recruiting children from small towns and rural communities will also be addressed including a set of recommendations to address this problem.

### Workshop A5: Health of Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers

*Sheryl Dicker, JD, American Bar Association*

This workshop addresses the wide array of health needs of very young children in the child welfare system. By sharing current research on physical health, child development, attachment, infant mental health, and early care and education, participants are equipped with tools and strategies to promote better outcomes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

### Workshop A6: Poly-Victimization: A Crucial Concept in Understanding Child Maltreatment Outcomes

*Dr. David Finkelhor*

The workshop will discuss the role of multiple victimization or what is termed “poly-victimization” in explaining maltreatment outcomes.

### Workshop A7: Promoting Attachment Security: Facilitating Healing for Child Victims

*Dr. Vicky Kelly*

This workshop will discuss the caregiver’s role in the child’s recovery from traumatic experiences.

## 2:30 to 3:45

### Workshop B1: Art of Perception

*Amy Herman*

See Workshop A1 for description.

### Workshop B2: Best Practices for Prosecuting Sexual Abuse Cases

*Victor Veith, J.D.*

This workshop will teach effective trial strategies in a case of child abuse including creative pre-trial motions that may assist a child in testifying. Participants will learn cross-examination skills that can be used on defendants who testify as well as other defense witnesses. Arguments will also be discussed that can be advanced in most cases of child abuse in support of the veracity of the child abuse victim.

### Workshop B3: Home Visiting as a Research-Based Approach to Preventing Child Maltreatment

*Panel Discussion—Karen Derasmo, PCAD, Rosie Gomez, U.S. DHHS, ACF, Lisa Gale, NFP Program, Rep from Healthy Family America, and Rep. from Parents as Teachers.*

Home visiting for vulnerable families is the emerging priority at the federal level for the prevention of child maltreatment. This panel will discuss the differences in home visiting models, criteria for enrollment, and outcomes.

### Workshop B4: Forming Partnerships and Developing Multi-Disciplinary Themes

*National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA)*

This presentation will focus on the formation and the process of using multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs) in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. Participants will learn about the benefits of MDTs in jurisdictions with limited resources.

### Workshop B5: Working with Non-Offending Caregivers

*National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA)*

This presentation will discuss the importance of support from the non-offending caregiver to a child’s ability to disclose, testify, and recover from abuse. This presentation will discuss the common reactions of non-offending caregivers and strategies for approaching these caregivers to form a supportive perspective.

### Workshop B6: National Perspective on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect

*National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA)*

This presentation will share research findings at the national and state level regarding Mandatory Reporting.

### Workshop B7: Infant Safe Sleeping Practices

*Marjorie Hershberger, MS, APRN, RN, BC, CPNP*

This workshop will be a guide for those with direct client contact on the latest risk factors and trends in preventing infant unsafe sleeping deaths.

# Conference Schedule — Friday, June 4

## 10:30 to 11:45

### Workshop C1: Vicarious Traumatization

*Dr. Priscilla Dass-Brailsford*

This workshop begins with a discussion of the concepts of countertransference, secondary trauma, vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue and burnout. This is followed by a discussion of the reactions and challenges of working with trauma survivors and useful strategies for maintaining health and well-being in the aftermath of trauma. It will conclude with strategies for institutions to create a supportive environment for those who work in the intense field of trauma. Dr. Dass-Brailsford is nationally known for her work in this area and was a first responder to New York after 9/11 and was assigned to the Superdome after Hurricane Katrina.

### Workshop C2: CPOD Response to Serious Injuries and Death Cases

*Patti Toth*

What first responders do in the critical first hours after a sudden unexplained or unexpected child death or serious physical injury often determines whether we accurately identify inflicted versus accidental injuries or natural deaths. A Washington State project recently developed statewide guidelines and training for first responders. The resulting user-friendly guidelines are called the C-POD, which stands for the key principles that should guide any first responder: Collaboration, Preservation, Observation and Documentation. This workshop will review the C-POD Guidelines and training, as well as the CDC's new SUIDI (Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Investigation) evidence collection form.

### Workshop C3: Admissibility of Abusive Head Trauma Evidence

*National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA)*

Defense attorneys and their "experts" are challenging the medicine behind AHT/Shaken Baby Syndrome. This presentation will discuss diagnosing AHT to educate the judge and jury about the credible science behind AHT and how to overcome challenges.

### Workshop C4: Recognizing Injury Patterns in Physical Abuse Cases

*Dr. Allan DeJong*

This workshop will introduce the epidemiology of child abuse and childhood trauma and provide an approach to assessment of possible abuse in children presenting with injuries. Discussion will include the common case features associated with child abuse and show how to distinguish common abusive injury patterns from common non-inflicted injury patterns and some medical conditions that may mimic abuse. The content will include graphic photographs and images that will demonstrate patterns of inflicted skin injury, fractures and head injuries.

### Workshop C5: Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence Effects Reflected in the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACE)

*Dr. Robert Anda*

The ACE Study is one of the largest investigations ever conducted on the links between childhood maltreatment and later-life health and well-being. Participants will learn about the future impact of childhood exposures to domestic violence and substance abuse.

### Workshop C6: Using a More Clinical Approach to Frontline Supervision and Practice in Child Welfare: What Have We Learned?

*Crystal Collins-Camargo*

This workshop will focus on frontline supervision in child welfare agencies, and the worker/supervisor relationship can be used to promote effective practice with families. A rationale for a more clinical approach to supervision and practice will be provided based on four states' experience with improving organizational, practice and client outcomes. Techniques for using supervisor/worker conferences to promote evidence-informed work with families and children will be emphasized.

### Workshop C7: Investigation and Prosecution of Child Physical Abuse and Homicide

*National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA)*

This presentation focuses on the investigation and prosecution of child physical abuse/homicide cases, including charging decisions; working with medical doctors; learning medical terms and conditions; confronting defenses, and developing a trial strategy.

## 1:15 to 2:30

### Workshop D1: Vicarious Traumatization

*Dr. Priscilla Dass-Brailsford*

See Workshop C1 for description.

### Workshop D2: CPOD Response to Serious Injuries and Death Cases

*Patti Toth*

See Workshop C2 for description.

### Workshop D3: Protecting Child Victims in an Increasingly Online World

*National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA)*

This presentation will discuss the internet's role in the sexual exploitation of children, new trends such as sexting, and internet safety for parents, adolescents, and children.

### Workshop D4: Neglect/Failure to Thrive

*National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA)*

This presentation focuses on new research showing the effect that impact can have on pre-adolescent children. Additionally, participants will learn how to gather evidence, charge, and prove various types of neglect cases.

### Workshop D5: A Legal Guide to Child Safety

*Jennifer Renne, American Bar Association*

This workshop offers a comprehensive approach to child safety decision making. It addresses the fundamentals of safety assessments and safety planning. It is targeted toward judges and others in the legal community but is relevant for social workers as well.

### Workshop D6: Family Engagement: Resistance is Natural

*Norma Ginther, M.S.W., L.I.S.W.*

This workshop will discuss the dynamics of resistance and strategies to decrease and manage resistance by families.

### Workshop D7: Understanding the Developmental Effects of Trauma

*Dr. Vicky Kelly*

This workshop provides an overview of how the trauma of child abuse and neglect can affect development across multiple domains.

# General Information

## Registration

Registration must be done online. The deadline for conference registration is **May 1, 2010**. Your registration confirmation will be confirmed via email by CDNDSC/CPAC staff. 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 \$75.00 per day is due for conference participants from outside of Delaware.

## Questions

Please call (302)255-1730 or (302)255-1760 with any questions.

## Accommodations

The Dover Downs Hotel and Casino is offering a special conference rate of \$135/night which is guaranteed through **May 1, 2010**. The room rate is subject to an 8% state occupancy tax and a 5.00 per night resort fee. Requests made after this date are subject to availability. Make your hotel reservations by calling 1(866)473-7378. Please use the group code, **GCDND**, when registering to receive the group block rate.

## Directions/Parking

Dover Downs Hotel and Casino is located on North DuPont Highway off of Delaware Route 1, Exit 104, in Dover Delaware.

### *From Philadelphia and Wilmington*

Take I-95 south through Wilmington, to Route 1 South. Follow Route 1 to Dover, exit 104; Turn left at the light onto Route 13 and follow the signs to Dover Downs.

### *From New Jersey and North*

Take the New Jersey Turnpike south across the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Follow Route 13 south. Take this road, which becomes Route 13/1 to Dover, exit 104. Turn left at the light onto Route 13 and follow the signs to Dover Downs.

### *From Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond*

Take US 50/301 through Annapolis, across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Proceed north on US 301 to MD 302. Turn right on 302 and follow signs to Dover. Or, take I-95 north to Route 1 south, and get off in Dover, exit 104. Turn left at the light onto Route 13 and follow the signs to Dover Downs.

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 (302)255-1730 or (302)255-1760 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 has been made: CEUs, CLEs, and CNEs. Certificates of attendance will be given at the end of the second day.

## Exhibit Area

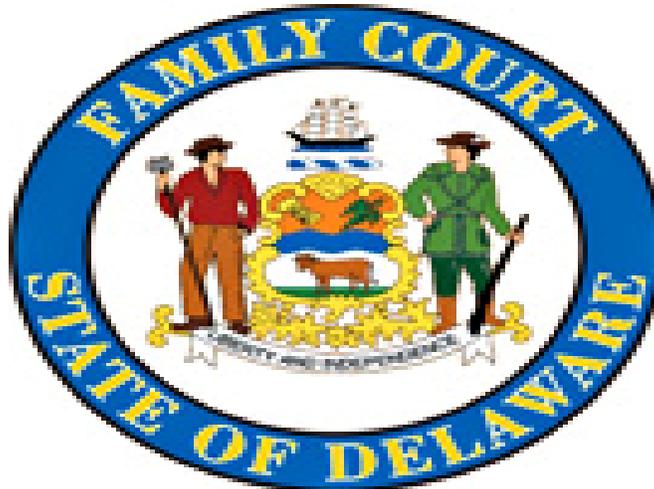
Vendors, For-profits, and Nonprofits may reserve space in the exhibit area. The exhibit fee is \$100.00 for For-profit organizations and \$50.00 for Nonprofits (although may be waived if a partner of CDNDSC/CPAC). If you need an electrical outlet, there is an additional fee of \$50. The Dover Downs Hotel and Casino will provide a six-foot table, two chairs, and skirting for your exhibit. Space is limited. Please call (302)255-1730 or (302)255-1760 for more information.

## Wednesday Pre-Conference Community Event at 7pm on June 2, 2010

Join The Child Death, Near Death, and Stillbirth Commission and The Child Protection Accountability Commission as Dr. David Finkelhor presents the "Prevention of Childhood Sexual Abuse". This event is geared for the community to gain insight into the dynamics of childhood sexual abuse. Those in attendance will be given primary prevention strategies to keep their children safe and will also be offered various resources if they feel that their child may have been abused. It is a great opportunity for Delaware residents to come together in a pro-active manner to keep Delaware's children safe.



# Sponsors of the Protecting Delaware's Children Conference 2010



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CDNDSC and CPAC would also like to offer a special thanks to the following agencies for their collaboration on this collaborative training:

- ⇒ Bayhealth
- ⇒ Delaware Health and Social Services
- ⇒ Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families
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