The Child Death, Near Death, and Stillbirth Commission and the Child Protection Accountability Commission Present

Protecting Delaware's Children Conference

Dover Downs Hotel and Casino

October 19-20, 2011

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- *Prevent Child Abuse Delaware
- *Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center

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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 ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of children in the first state.

The joint conference features 18 workshops that focus on a broad spectrum of topics that will enhance, support, and inform the work of child abuse investigators and associated professionals.

From techniques on using works of art to enhance the observation and communication skills of first responders, to successfully prosecuting a case after a child recants, to guidelines for first responders investigating a sudden unexplained or unexpected child death or serious physical injury; 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 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 and communities in Delaware.

The Conference at a Glance

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

7:45-8:45	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:45-9:15	Welcome & Introductions
9:15-10:30	Plenary Session-Amy Herman
10:30-10:45	Mid-Morning Break
10:45-12:00	Plenary Session Continued
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:15-2:30	Session I Workshops
2:30-2:45	Mid-Afternoon Break
2:45-4:00	Session II Workshops

Thursday, October 20, 2011

7:45-8:45	Registration & Continental Breakfast
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9:15-10:30	Plenary Session-Dr. Cindy Christian
10:30-10:45	Mid-Morning Break
10:45-12:00	Session III Workshops
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:15	Plenary Session-Chris Newlin
2:15-2:30	Closing Remarks

Plenary Speakers

The Art of Perception

Amy E. Herman, JD, MA

Amy E. Herman, JD, MA, designed, developed and conducts all sessions of the *The Art of Perception*. While working at The Frick Collection, she instituted the program for medical students to improve their observation skills. After expanding the medical program to seven medical schools in New York, Ms. Herman adapted the program for law enforcement professionals across a wide range of agencies including the New York City Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice and the Secret Service. Before joining Thirteen/WNET.ORG as Director of Educational Development in 2007, Ms. Herman was the Head of Education at The Frick Collection for over ten years, where she oversaw all of the Collection's educational collaborations and community initiatives. Ms. Herman holds a BA in International Affairs from Lafayette College, a JD from the National Law Center, George Washington University, and an MA in Art History from Hunter College.

Plenary Speakers

Playing Nicely: Working Together to Protect Children

Cindy W. Christian, MD

Cindy W. Christian, M.D., holds the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Chair in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. She is Co-Director of Safe Place: The Center for Child Protection and Health at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Dr. Christian devotes much of her clinical and academic work to the care of abused children and lectures nationally on related topics. She is a member of a number of local and national organizations devoted to maltreated children. In July 2010, Dr. Christian was named as Philadelphia's first Medical Director to improve the health and well-being of children in the city's welfare system.

Plenary Speakers

Current Issues Affecting the Multidisciplinary Response to Child Abuse

Chris Newlin, MS LPC

Chris Newlin, MS LPC, has been the Executive Director of the National Children's Advocacy Center since July 2005. He is responsible for providing leadership and management of NCAC and participating in national and international leadership activities regarding the protection of children. The NCAC was the first Child Advocacy Center in the United States, and continues to provide both prevention and intervention services for child abuse in Huntsville/Madison County, and also houses the NCAC National Training Center, the Southern Regional CAC, and the Child Abuse Library Online (CALiO). In these capacities, Chris oversees a staff of 53 professionals and a yearly budget of 5 million dollars. Chris is a Board Member of the Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, an ex-officio Board Member for the National Children's Alliance, member of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), and a Clinical Member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA). He is also the former Training Faculty Coordinator for Finding Words Georgia and a training faculty member of the National Children's Advocacy Center's Forensic Interviewing Training Program. Chris has presented at numerous local, regional, national and international conferences; and recent areas of interest are the international development of the Child Advocacy Center model, implementation of evidence-based practices within the CAC model, and the dissemination and utilization of child maltreatment research to improve frontline practice. Chris graduated from Hendrix College, the University of Central Arkansas, and the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program.

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	D Stewards of Children: A Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program - Part 1	E Postpartum Depression and Other Related Illnesses: Assessment, Intervention and Support	F When a Child Takes it Back: Successfully Prosecuting a Case Where the Child Recants
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Session I Workshops – Wednesday, Oct. 19

1:15 to 2:30

Workshop A: CPOD Response to Serious Injuries and Death Cases, Patti Toth, JD

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 B: Creating a Supportive Helping Environment for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth, David Kilmnick, PhD, MSW

This interactive workshop will assist providers in becoming aware of the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) individuals, and offers skills on how to provide culturally appropriate and sensitive services to this population. A wide variety of issues facing GLBT individuals and GLBT-headed families will be examined and discussed.

Workshop C: Non-Verbal Children & Evidence Based Prosecution, Eleanor Odom, JD, MA and Detective Tony Foreman

When children cannot verbalize physical and sexual abuse they have suffered, how is a case investigated? When the perpetrator could be one of several people, how do law enforcement officers and prosecutors seek justice for the victim? This workshop focuses on identifying perpetrators of child abuse when the victim cannot point to a specific person. We will examine various types of corroborating evidence so that cases can be successfully prosecuted.

Workshop D: Stewards of Children: Part 1, Kellie Turner, MEd

Stewards of Children is a sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Provided as a three hour training, the program is presented by an authorized facilitator. An interactive workbook and accompanying video are utilized to share the message that adults are accountable for the safety of children. This training has been presented nationally and has demonstrated increased knowledge, improvements in attitudes, and changes in child-protective behaviors in participants. Participants must also register for **Part 2** of this workshop. **Please contact Kellie Turner at Prevent Child Abuse Delaware (302-425-7490) if you are interested in scheduling the Stewards of Children training for your organization.**

Workshop E: Postpartum Depression and Other Related Illnesses: Assessment, Intervention and Support, Megan O'Hara, MSW, LCSW

This workshop will cover the prevalence and incidence of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders (PMAD), why its important to intervene and support a family dealing with PMAD's, and how to promote family healing.

Workshop F: When a Child Takes it Back: Successfully Prosecuting a Case Where the Child Recants, Mary Ann Burkhart, JD

The reality is that at some point in our cases of child physical or sexual abuse, the child victim will recant their allegations of abuse. This workshop will discuss those realities, point out the most common triggers or risk factors related to recantation, and provide hints and strategies for dealing with recanting victims in both the pretrial and trial settings.

Session II Workshops – Wednesday, Oct. 19

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Workshop C: Uses and Misuses of Expert Testimony, Mary-Ann Burkhart, JD

In cases of child physical and sexual abuse, and especially in cases involving child victims of homicide, the burden of proof will often rest on the testimony of expert witnesses. This workshop will explore those situations in which expert testimony is vital, provide the information necessary in order to qualify a witness as an expert, discuss the importance of presenting the testimony in a way that is informative and interesting to a jury, and strategize regarding what an expert witness may or may not say in particular case scenarios.

Workshop D: Stewards of Children: Part 2, Kellie Turner, MEd

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Workshop E: Addressing Risk Factors in Pregnancy and Support through Home Visiting Programs, Meena Ramakrishnan, MD, MPH, Terry Dombrowski, RN, Leah Woodall, MPA and Vikki Benson, BSN, RNC

This workshop will cover the eight key issues emerging from the Fetal Infant Mortality Reviews. Participants will have the opportunity to learn what protective home visiting programs are available for pregnant women in Delaware.

Workshop F: Strengthening Our Multi-Disciplinary Teams, Eleanor Odom, JD, MA, and Detective Tony Foreman

This presentation discusses ways to strengthen multi-disciplinary teams. We will identify effective intervention and preventive measures to decrease child physical and sexual abuse.

Session III Workshops – Thursday, Oct. 20

10:45 to 12:00

Workshop A: Family Violence and Child Abuse: The Interconnection, Mary-Ann Burkhart, JD

In the vast majority of cases, where there is spousal abuse there is also child abuse. As family violence professionals, we oftentimes focus on the violence before us and don't look behind or beyond. This workshop will discuss spousal abuse, explore the ways in which children are used in violent homes, and encourage professionals to look behind the spousal abuse in order to take care of the children.

Workshop B: Opening Doors for LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care: A Legal Guide, Gary Bevel, JD and Mimi Laver, JD

The number of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth who experience hostility and violence at home, school and in foster care is alarming. As high is the number of LGBTQ youth who drop out of school, runaway or become homeless. The ABA created the Opening Doors Project to better equip professionals who can help LGBTQ youth. This session will include examining roles in protecting youth, as well as attitudes and beliefs, to improve advocacy and decision making for LGBTQ youth.

Workshop C: Allegations of Sexual Abuse in High Conflict Divorcing Parents, Mindy Mitnick, EdM, MA

When allegations of abuse are made, resolving custody and parenting time disputes becomes highly challenging. This workshop will review research on the founded, unfounded and false allegations of sexual abuse during custody and parenting time disputes. Participants will also learn about reliable assessments of the alleged victim, the alleged perpetrator and parents who make allegations.

Workshop D: The Medical Evaluation For Suspected Physical Abuse: What it Can and Cannot Tell You, Joanne Wood, MD

A physical injury to a child oftentimes requires a medical evaluation, particularly when the injury is unexplained or suspicious. In this session, participants will gain an understanding of the physician's role in child abuse investigations, but more specifically, participants will learn the medical aspects of suspected child abuse.

Workshop E: Child Produced Child Pornography and Online Luring, Mary Leary, JD

This session will discuss and analyze two different phenomenon involving the distribution of sexually explicit images of youth. While the media has generalized and glamorized various diverse behaviors under one undefined umbrella term, "sexting," prosecutors and allied professionals cannot afford to do so. This session discusses the different circumstances in which youth distribute sexually explicit images of themselves or other youth and the resultant legal implications. The session distinguishes between non-criminal activity, child-produced child pornography, and the grooming of youth through online luring, and offers guidance in developing an appropriate societal response.

Workshop F: What do we know about SUID and how do we know it? Lena Camperlengo, RN, DrPH

Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUID) are those infant deaths whose cause and manner of death are not immediately obvious. The SUID Case Registry, building on the existing child death review process, collects information on these deaths and how they were investigated. Using this information, we can better categorize SUID cases based on like characteristics, which will allow us to better understand common risk factors associated with these deaths.

General Information

Registration

Registration must be done online. 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 **September 30, 2011**. 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.

Questions and Cancellations

Please call Jessica Begley at (302)255-1746 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 **September 18, 2011**. 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 1-800-711-5882. Please use the group code, GCD2011, when registering to receive the group block rate.

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

Directions/Parking

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

Parking is available at no charge in and around the facility.

From Philadelphia and Wilmington

Take 1-95 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 1-95 north to Route 1 south, and get of in Dover, exit 104. Turn left at the light onto Route 13 and follow the signs to Dover Downs.

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 has been made: 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 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. Space is limited. Please call CDNDSC at (302)255-1760 for more information.

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

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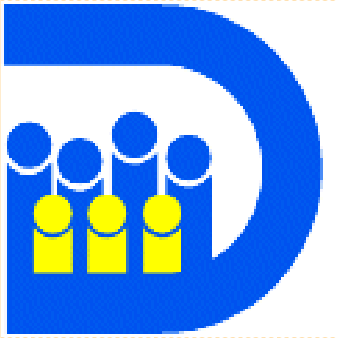
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