

Utah Children's Justice Symposium/ Utah Prosecution Council Domestic Violence Conference 2016

2016 Symposium Agenda

Monday, May 16, 2016

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration and Information

Symposium Registration Table, Cliff Lodge Ballroom Lobby

General Session

12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm

Cliff Lodge Ballroom

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General

Keynote

Sexual Exploitation of Children: Lots for Us to Consider

Chris Newlin

In early 2015, the NCAC conducted a survey of CACs in the U.S. to learn more about the presence of cases involving Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, and procedures being utilized to respond to these cases. The data collected will be presented, and there will be an open discussion of current practices, what is working, what is not working, and what training and resources are needed in the field to support CACs challenged by this growing issue. Additionally, attendees will be challenged to identify the practice areas where the CAC model does and does not work well for responding to CSEC, and also to identify new opportunities for multidisciplinary collaboration to meet the needs of these affected individuals.

Announcements

Tracey Tabet, Utah Children's Justice Center Program

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Break

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Breakout Session 1

1. Chris Newlin

Cliff Lodge Ballroom

The Effects of Childhood Exposure to Domestic Violence

Children in the United States are very likely to experience various and numerous childhood victimizations, and one of the more common is exposure to domestic violence. The media has covered numerous high-profile cases of domestic violence where children were present, but the impact on children is rarely mentioned. This presentation will highlight the high incidence of children's exposure to domestic violence and put this in the context of additional adverse childhood experiences to which they may be exposed with specific focus on the particularly damaging effects of this exposure. As a result of this presentation, increased detection of interpersonal violence will lead to improved service delivery for all children. Learning Objectives: Participants will recognize the prevalence and impact of domestic violence exposure experienced by children. Participants will develop a framework of understanding exposure to domestic violence as one form of many adverse childhood experiences children may have (polyvictimization). Participants will identify tools for increased detection of domestic violence in child abuse cases.

2. Hildegard Koenig *Interacting and Responding to Individuals with Disabilities*
This session will focus on communicating with people with different disabilities. In addition to general communication strategies and approaches, the presentation will also include information about hidden disabilities, myths and misperceptions related to disabilities and those who have them, and communication in terms of victim response.

3. Tyson Skeen and Marlesse Jones
Prosecution Focus *Thinking Outside the Box with Domestic Violence Prosecution*
Domestic Violence cases are unlike any other cases we prosecute, so why do we handle them the same as everything else? This session will feature the "Hot List" system of handling DV cases developed by the West Jordan City Attorney's Office as well as other ideas on how to think outside the box. Learn from two experienced DV misdemeanor prosecutors about some of the unique challenges that go along with domestic violence prosecution - and how to deal with them.

4. Doug Goldsmith *Impact of Trauma on Children: Child Abuse and Exposure to DV*
Over the past decade we have become painfully aware of the incidence and impact of trauma on young children. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) research has pointed to life-long emotional and physical consequences of exposure to trauma in childhood. This presentation will probe further into the social-emotional consequences of exposure to violence including actual changes to the brain and body's hormonal system as a result of such exposure. Most importantly, we will discuss what can be done from a system perspective to minimize the impact of trauma and help children and families develop resilience and hope for a better future. *(Repeated in BO2)*

5. Craig Barlow and Donna Kelly
Prosecution Focus *Fitting Square Pegs into Round Holes: Working Effectively with Child and Adolescent Victims*
Preparing kids and teens for participation in the criminal system can be a daunting task. Two veteran prosecutors with a combined total of 50 years of experience in handling special victim cases share lessons they have learned along the way in prosecuting these challenging cases.

6. Karen Hansen, MD *Clinical Questions, Research Answers*
This presentation goes over a variety of clinical questions that have come up in the medical work up of possible child abuse. It briefly outlines the published research specifically designed to provide an evidence base with which to answer these questions. Examples will include bruises in infants, sentinel injuries, retinal hemorrhages in accidental head trauma, and intracranial bleeding with minor trauma, among others. Although this presentation is oriented to the medical professional, professionals in other fields are welcome.

7. Tonya Murray *Twisted Trauma--Is it worth straightening out?*
Have you been told you're a bit twisted? Or that you have a twisted sense of humor? How do we learn to not only survive but also thrive in a world full of vicarious trauma? In this session, we will combine common resiliency techniques with high performance strategies to change our mindset and increase our quality of life.

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Breakout Session 2

1. Chris Newlin
Cliff Lodge Ballroom *Grooming: Making you see what I want you to see and believe*
The investigation of child abuse is challenging, and the pursuit of evidence associated with the grooming of children, caregivers, and the community environment provides opportunities for investigators to pursue additional evidence. This workshop will provide an overview of research related to grooming and propose a new framework for the concept of grooming which could dramatically modify current investigatory practices, in addition to enhancing current forensic interviewing efforts. Learning Objectives: Attendees will develop a framework for classifying grooming behaviors by those who abuse children. Attendees will review recently published research on grooming related to child abuse and related content. Attendees will identify new opportunities for identifying corroborative evidence based on this new "grooming" information.

2. Hildegard Koenig *Cultural Considerations When Working with Victims of Child Abuse*
This presentation will focus on the best practices for working with victims of child abuse from underserved communities. It will include information regarding considerations that should be taken into account in terms of recognizing, responding to and understanding cultural differences.

3. Mariane O'Bryant and Alissa Black
Prosecution Focus *Challenging Victim? No Victim? Experts to the Rescue!*
The presentation will focus on how using experts can strengthen your case when victims are difficult, absent, or just don't appear to make sense. An experienced prosecutor and DV expert witness will focus on **who** to use as an expert witness, including officers and advocates who may already be your witnesses, and how to use them to support your victim and bolster your case.
4. Doug Goldsmith *Impact of Trauma on Children: Child Abuse and Exposure to DV*
(Repeat – See Description in BO1)
5. Sarah Houser *Juvenile Perpetrators – Trauma Focused Response*
The session will focus on using a trauma-centered approach when working with juvenile perpetrators.
6. Tonya Murray *Facility Dogs – Not Your Average K-9*
It's a no-brainer – mans' best friend can help those we serve. This session will cover how facility dogs help not only victims of abuse but also our multidisciplinary teams. We will discuss if dogs are a fit for your discipline, why you need them professionally trained, where to find "the one," the costs involved, best practices, and a bunch of other information that will dot the "I's" and cross the "T's" related to having a facility dog. As a bonus, you'll get to meet Kona, the Uintah/Daggett CJC's MVP!
(Repeated in BO4 – Tuesday, 3:15 pm)
7. Chelsea Smith *Strategies for Effective Interviewing of Children with Disabilities*
This presentation will focus on helping our most vulnerable victims have a voice. Learn tools and techniques to enhance your skills when interviewing verbal and non-verbal victims.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

7:00 am – 8:15 am
Cliff Lodge Ballroom

Breakfast
(Provided for registered Symposium Participants and guests with tickets)

7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Registration and Information
Symposium Registration Table, Cliff Lodge Ballroom Lobby

8:30 am – 10:00 am
Cliff Lodge Ballroom

Keynote **What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust**
Elizabeth Ortiz

Each of you plays a key role in insuring that crime victims are treated fairly and that justice is sought on their behalf. Every day you make split second decisions that may impact someone's life. *What You Do Matters: Lessons From The Holocaust* is about how important those everyday decisions we make are, and how it is imperative that we avoid even the smallest deviation from our core values, as that can lead us down a very slippery slope. The presentation begins with the period in German history when Hitler was first appointed Chancellor – a time when the German police were focusing on regular police duties. We then look at the progression over the next nine years as Hitler rises to power and becomes dictator – and the police go down a slippery slope and morph from protectors of the people to enforcers of Nazi ideology. We discuss personal responsibility, about the importance of making the right choice, each and every day, even when there may be pressure for you to conform to behavior that you know in your heart is wrong. We will learn about Holocaust survivor Gerda Weissman Klein – her incredible tale of not only surviving but also devoting her life to sharing the lessons from the Holocaust. Gerda has proclaimed all of you "Guardians of Freedom", as you are the ultimate defenders and protectors of our rights and freedoms. You insure that our victims are treated fairly. You help seek justice. You are a Guardian of Freedom.

10:00 am – 10:05 am

Announcements Tracey Tabet, Utah Children's Justice Center Program

10:05 am – 10:15 am

Break

1. Donna Kelly and Justin Boardman *From Report to Court for Law Enforcement: Maximizing Effectiveness and Minimizing Stress*
The How To's of writing bullet-proof domestic violence and sexual assault police reports. This fast-paced and interactive workshop will prepare investigators for being effective witnesses in court. Officers will be "volunteered" from the audience to do role-playing of testifying based upon the report they have written, including both direct and cross exam.
2. Tonya Murray *Facility Dogs--Not Your Average K-9*
It's a no-brainer that man's best friend can help those we serve. This session will cover how they help not only victims of abuse but also our teams. We will discuss if dogs are a fit for your discipline, why you need them professionally trained, where to find "the one", the costs involved, best practices, and a bunch of other information that will dot the "I's" and cross the "T's". As a bonus, you'll get to meet Kona, the Uintah/Daggett CJC's MVP!
3. John Wilkinson
Presented by Aequitas
Prosecution Focus *Practical Considerations for the Use of Body Worn Cameras in Domestic Violence Cases*
The use of law enforcement body-worn cameras (BWC) can provide helpful evidence in domestic violence cases. They may also adversely impact victim privacy or safety. This presentation will discuss many of the issues prosecutors and allied professionals must consider when BWC's are used in domestic violence investigations, including the implications of deactivating a BWC during the investigation, expectations of privacy, safety issues, discovery by the defense, redaction, orders prohibiting distribution and freedom of information act requests.
4. Karen Vadino *Bake at 350° for One Hour: Building and Maintaining a Working Multidisciplinary Team*
No one person – one agency – one school – one community possesses all the tools and resources necessary to provide everything to everybody. However, when all work together, each contributing those services at which they excel, programs and the services they provide are more substantial, effective, solid and sufficient. This also makes it more likely that those in need will receive a full complement of services while no one entity is depleted. This can make a difference on numerous levels. Sounds good, but it is not as easy as it sounds. The problem is cohesion. There is no magic spell for blending various personalities, work environments, purposes, goals, etc. into an effective working group. This workshop will explore the ingredients for effective teams and the recipe for combining them successfully.
5. Brooks Keeshin, MD *Difficult Diagnosis: Accurately diagnosing emotional and behavioral conditions in children with known trauma*
This presentation will focus on common emotional and behavioral challenges seen in children who have experienced a wide range of traumas. Special attention will be given to effectively differentiating posttraumatic stress symptoms from other common childhood disorders.
6. Scott Mourtgos *Child Interviews for First Responders*
While the ideal environment for interviewing a child is at a CJC, it is recognized and understood that first responders do not always have this luxury due to time restrictions and other limiting circumstances. Furthermore, first responders often interact with children during investigations that will never result in a CJC interview (i.e., family fights, misdemeanor child abuse cases, child endangerment cases, etc.) Recognizing this, Sgt. Mourtgos with the Salt Lake City Police Department created a training curriculum for first responders on how to interview children in the field, in a forensically sound manner. This breakout session will present the information provided to first responders in the Salt Lake City Police Department for properly interviewing children in the field, examine the difference these interviews can make in actual cases where first responders conducted interviews, and provide direction for departments and agencies who wish to provide this type of training to its front line workers.
7. Heidi Nestel *Understanding and Accessing Victims' Rights*
This presentation will focus on victims' rights. It will include education regarding victims' rights as specifically related to Utah Law, definitions of victims' rights and the associated responsibilities, resources available regarding victims' rights, and specific information related to understanding and accessing these rights.

12:00 noon – 1:15 pm
Cliff Lodge Ballroom

Lunch
(Provided for registered Symposium Participants and guests with tickets)

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Cliff Lodge Ballroom

Keynote **The Chandler Rapist: Inside the Hunt for a Serial Child Rapist**
Chris Pérez and Gary Minor

Examine the hunt for a serial child rapist who terrorized Phoenix and Central Arizona. Santana Batiz-Aceves preyed upon young girls, ages 11-15. He watched them, waited until their parents left and then viciously attacked them in their homes. A unique offender, Aceves eluded police, at times almost hiding in plain sight. Participants will learn from best practices employed by case agents and prepare themselves for potential offenders in their communities. This case study will detail the successful collaborative and innovative efforts by the Chandler Police Department and the FBI to capture a child rapist in the Phoenix metropolitan area. This case study will enlighten participants to the full capabilities of a successful partnership of a multi-disciplinary, multi-front strategy to identify and capture a serial child rapist. Using unconventional tactics and in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC) Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU III), detectives built a framework for the case. This case framework included a multi-phase approach that included detailed behavioral profiles, geographic profiles, layered media strategies and victim focused safety plans.

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm

Breakout Session 4

1. Staley Heatly and Jeff Case

Investigating Family Violence Cases: From Dispatch to Disposition

The ability to collect evidence in a family violence case diminishes with each passing hour after the initial call for assistance. This presentation will emphasize the critical importance of a thorough initial investigation in the prosecution of family violence cases. The presenters will discuss various techniques for gathering evidence from the scene that can be used to successfully prosecute a family violence case even if the victim is a reluctant or non-cooperating witness.

2. Jill Sabin Smart

Dog Poo Cookie: A Victim's Perspective

This presentation will discuss the perspective of sexual abuse victims and their families in response to abuse and the discovery of abuse. Often the comments and varied emotions of victims are confusing to professionals and this presentation is aimed at providing insight into a victim's perspective.

3. John Wilkinson
Presented by Aequitas
Prosecution Focus

Witness Intimidation and Forfeiture by Wrongdoing

This presentation explores the ways in which batterers intimidate and control victims, effective investigation and documentation of both intimidation and intimidation crimes, charging and trying the intimidator, and strategies to hold these offenders accountable, including the use of the doctrine of forfeiture by wrongdoing in order to introduce an unavailable victim's out-of-court statements.

4. Karen Vadino

Time Management: An Oxymoron

Can things like stress, conflict and time really be managed? If so, why are so few of us ever successful at managing them effectively? It seems as though the more time we have the more we need, and the more we hurry, the more behind we get. If you can spare the time, and even more so if you can't, you need to attend this workshop where we will discuss some methods for managing your time. Discussion will include prioritizing, goal setting and sabotage. Objectives: 1) Participants will be able to recognize the behaviors that interfere with effective time management; 2) participants will be able to analyze their time management and organizational skills; and 3) participants will be able to identify some practical methods for managing their time.

5. Janet Fine

The Evolving Role of the Victim Advocate: Keeping Up with the Times

The array of victim advocacy services and the roles of Victim Advocates have evolved and expanded since the early days of the Victims Movement and the CAC Movement. The role of Advocates in general and on multidisciplinary teams has continued to grow in scope and complexity, requiring increased understanding and recognition of victim advocacy as a unique and central discipline unto itself. The newly revised and updated National Children's Alliance Accreditation Standards, that will become effective in 2017, underscore

this need and help clarify this critical role. Participants will discuss the import of these changes, the strengths and challenges of delivering victim services within the context of multidisciplinary teams, and identify strategies for enhancing this professional practice.

6. Tonya Murray

Facility Dogs – Not Your Average K-9
(Repeat – See Description under BO2)

7. Donna Kelly and
Maggie Bale

Savings Lives through Lethality Assessment

Lethality Assessment Protocols (LAP) save lives. This presentation will focus on what we have learned from the four pilot sites in Utah that have used the LAP beginning in September 2015. Learn about the law enforcement lethality screen and how to use it as a guide for all criminal justice professionals.

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Cliff Lodge Ballroom

Children's Justice Center Program Reception: Celebrating 25 Years of CJs in Utah

Please join us for this celebration !! If you have family and/or guests with you for the Symposium, they are also welcome to join us for the Reception. Please indicate on your Registration Form how many people (including yourself) will be attending. (There is no charge to the Receptin.)

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

7:00 am – 8:15 am
Cliff Lodge Ballroom

Breakfast

(Provided for registered Symposium Participants and guests with tickets)

7:30 am – 1:00 pm

Registration and Information

Symposium Registration Table, Cliff Lodge Ballroom Lobby

8:30 am – 10:00 am
Cliff Lodge Ballroom

Keynote

Getting the Right One: A Serial Abuser is Convicted of Murder
Staley Heatly and Jeff Case

This case study will examine the investigation and subsequent conviction at trial of Tommy Castro, a serial abuser of women and children, for murdering his girlfriend's 5-year-old daughter. You will hear how prosecutors overcame the many obstacles they faced, including the fact that the abused girlfriend initially gave a false confession to having committed the crime herself. The presenters will discuss how they educated the jurors on domestic violence, overcame the false confession, used the testimony of Castro's prior victims, and obtained a life sentence for the real killer.

10:00 am – 10:05 am

Announcements

10:05 am – 10:30 am

Break: We have added some extra time to this break to facilitate the Hotel Room Check-Out policy.

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Breakout Session 5

1. Staley Heatly and
Jeff Case
Cliff Lodge Ballroom

The Use of Body Cams: The Texas Experience

A thorough initial investigation of family violence cases is dramatically increased with the use of body worn cameras. The presenters will discuss various methods, including the use of body worn cameras, to gather evidence at the scene that can be used to successfully prosecute a family violence case even when a victim does not participate in the prosecution.

2. Chantel Harvey

Listen Linda Listen: The Interview with a Preschooler

This presentation will focus on interviewing preschool age children. It will provide information to better understand and overcome challenges faced when interviewing this age group.

3. Donna Kelly
Prosecution Focus *The Prosecutor's Domestic Violence Tool Kit*
The Utah Prosecution Council has developed an exciting new resource for Utah Prosecutors: a DV Toolkit. This practical session will explain each tool and how it may be used. A thumbdrive and a foam core board universal exhibit will be handed out to each prosecution office to make your DV trials run more smoothly and your presentations at trial more powerful.

4. Joseph Osmond,
Randy Austin,
Jason Beutler,
Peter Schofield, and
Swen Swenson *LDS Bishops' Help Line – Update and Other Issues*
The LDS Church provides a 1-800 helpline for LDS clergy when they learn about child abuse. The helpline is meant to facilitate reports to authorities, protect children, and prevent further abuse. In this presentation, attorneys from Kirton McConkie (the LDS Church's law firm) will provide an overview of the helpline and answer questions. Attendees are also welcome to contact the LDS Church's legal counsel in the future if they have questions or concerns

5. Kathy Ockey *A House Divided: When the person who abused and the person who was victimized are in the same immediate family*
This presentation will focus on the magnitude of the sexual abuse problem, most specifically *intra-familial abuse*. Participants will come to understand the dynamics of intra-familial abuse and the impact of intra-familial abuse on the victim, perpetrator and other family members. The presentation will also review potential interventions and ways of assisting families to move ahead safely.

6. Janet Fine *Assessment of the Family's Needs: An Essential Role of the Victim Advocate*
The comprehensive, coordinated response of multidisciplinary teams and Children's Justice Centers is dedicated to ensuring that children and families are able to pursue and achieve safety, healing and justice. A critical first step in that process is a careful and thorough assessment of the family's needs. Victim Advocates play a critical role in conducting assessments in collaboration and coordination with other team members. Through a holistic, family-focused and trauma-informed lens, this workshop will explore core victim needs and desired outcomes that inform the assessment process, follow-up and coordinated case planning; and discuss opportunities for macro level assessments that advance improvements in service delivery.

7. Kristine Campbell, MD *Managing Uncertainty in the Recognition of and Response to Child Maltreatment*
Within a multi-disciplinary response to suspected child maltreatment, uncertainty may take many forms and have many consequences, anticipated or not. Understanding and communicating uncertainty within and between our professional silos may improve our efforts to improve child and family well-being in these difficult cases. This will be an interactive discussion between the presenter and the audience.

12:00 pm

Adjourn