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Utah Prosecution Council Domestic Violence Conference
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Speaker List and Bios

Andruzzi, Michaela

Prosecutor, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office

Michaela Andruzzi has been a prosecutor since 1997. She is currently in charge of the Domestic Violence Unit at the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, and specializes in prosecuting sexual offenses. She previously spent many years prosecuting crimes against children in the Third District Court. Ms. Andruzzi believes in a victim-centered approach to prosecution, and teaches regularly to law enforcement in Salt Lake County.

Bircher, Del

Bleak, Michael

Brechlin, Teresa

Intentional Injury Prevention Coordinator, Violence and Injury Prevention Program, Utah Department of Health

Teresa Brechlin is the Intentional Injury Prevention Coordinator for the Utah Department of Health's Violence and Injury Prevention Program. In that capacity, Ms. Brechlin manages the Rape Prevention and Education Grant for the state of Utah and coordinates the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee as well as the Child Fatality Review Committee. She is also the project manager of the Utah Violent Death Reporting System and serves on the Utah Sexual Violence Council. Prior to her current position, she worked as the Program Director of the Shaken Baby Alliance. Ms. Brechlin directed and/or coordinated conferences in Utah, Texas, New Mexico, California, Florida and Sydney, Australia. She resides in North Ogden, Utah with her two youngest daughters.

Carson, Captain William (Bill)

Commander, Maryland Heights, MO Police Department
Deputy Commander, Major Case Squad, St. Louis, MO
MS, University of Missouri

Captain William (Bill) Carson has more than 30 years experience as a police officer in the greater St. Louis, MO metropolitan area, serving more than 16 years in criminal investigation units as a detective, supervisor and commander. He has experience with juvenile cases, sex crimes, undercover vice and homicide investigations. In addition to his law enforcement experience, Captain Carson holds a Masters Degree in Criminology. He spent hundreds of hours over a 3-year period studying and interviewing incarcerated sex offenders at 7 prisons in the state of Missouri. More than 70 convicted child molesters were studied in detail, including 18 women convicted of molesting children.

Donnahoo, Sariah

Education Specialist, Investigations, ICAC, Utah Attorney General's Office

Sariah Donnahoo of the Utah Attorney General's Office is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Sariah's duties as a member of the ICAC Task Force include behavioral analysis of victims and offenders of sexual abuse and exploitation and providing educational resources and safety presentations for adults and professionals throughout the State of Utah. Sariah also conducts forensic interviews of possible victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Sariah is a licensed Social Worker and previously worked as an investigator for Child Protective Services. Sariah has eight years experience as an Emergency Medical Technician and held positions with Gold Cross Ambulance, Primary Children's Emergency Room, and Life Flight. Sariah attended the University of Utah and received Bachelor of Science degrees in Behavioral Science and Criminology.

Frasier, Lori D., MD

Professor of Pediatrics, University of Utah School of Medicine
Medical Director, Medical Assessment Team, Primary Children's Center for Safe and Healthy Families

Dr. Lori Frasier attended the University of Utah College of Medicine and completed a pediatric residency at the University of Washington. She was fellow at the Harborview Sexual Assault Center under Dr. Carole Jenny, from 1988-90. Dr Frasier was on faculty of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa, from 1990-1995 establishing the sexual abuse evaluation clinic there, and participating in evaluations of physical abuse and neglect. From 1995-2002 she was on the faculty of the Department of Child Health at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Director of the Child Protection program there, and from 1994-2002 was the Medical Director of the Missouri SAFE-CARE Network a network of medical providers trained to provide medical evaluations to abused and neglected children. She is currently the Medical Director of the Medical Assessment Team at the Center for Safe and Healthy Families, Primary Children's Medical Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, and a Professor in the Dept. of Pediatrics at the University of Utah School of Medicine. She has published many articles and chapters in the field of child abuse and has lectured locally and nationally. She is the immediate past Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Section on Child Abuse and Neglect of the American Academy of Pediatrics and on the board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). Dr. Frasier has been appointed to the American Board of Pediatrics, first sub board in Child Abuse Pediatrics.

Heck, Mathias

Vice-President, Board of Directors, National Children's Alliance

Mathias (Mat) H. Heck, Jr., born and raised in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, attended Marquette University and Georgetown University Law Center. He is a career Prosecutor, having worked as an Assistant Prosecutor after law school, and later being elected Prosecuting Attorney in 1992. In November 2008, he ran unopposed for his fifth 4-year term as the elected Prosecuting Attorney of Montgomery County, Ohio. Mr. Heck is a member of many professional associations and involved in numerous civic organizations. He is the past President and immediate past Chairman of the Board of the National District Attorneys Association, serves as the representative of the National District Attorneys Association to the Criminal Justice Council and House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, Secretary and member of the Board of Regents of the National College of District Attorneys, Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Children's Alliance, Chair of the Executive Steering Committee of Dayton's CARE House Child Advocacy Center, and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Committee Vice Chair. He is admitted to practice in all courts in Ohio, the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Hogan, Doug

Tooele County Attorney

Doug Hogan was born and raised in Tooele County, Utah and is a graduate of the University of Utah and the McGeorge School of Law (UOP) in Sacramento, California. Doug worked in private practice for six years prior to being elected as the Tooele County Attorney in 2006. While in private practice Doug served as the "defense bar" representative on the Tooele County CJC Advisory Board and continues to serve on that Board as the County Attorney. Doug is an active participant with the Statewide Association of Prosecutors (SWAP) as well as the Utah County & District Attorney Association (UCDAA).

Huizar, Teresa

Executive Director, National Children's Alliance
BS, Psychology, Evangel University
Master in Public Policy, University of Denver

Teresa Huizar brings unparalleled skill and expertise to every aspect of National Children's Alliance. Ms. Huizar has worked with the children's advocacy center movement in various capacities since 1993. During the intervening 16 years, she has served as the Executive Director of two children's advocacy centers in Colorado, the Coordinator of the Colorado Children's Alliance, the Director of Fund Distribution for United Way of Weld County Colorado, and the Project Director for the Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center. She has presented on numerous occasions for everything from local to regional to national training sessions and conferences, and served on no fewer than five different Boards of Directors and four committees of NCA before becoming the Executive Director in 2008. She has assisted in successfully passing legislation and creating policy initiatives on the local, state and national levels. She has published reports and technical assistance manuals on organizational development for children's advocacy centers, a cost-benefit analysis of the children's advocacy center model and a gap analysis of service coverage for children's advocacy centers in both the western region and the United States.

Kellogg, Nancy, D., MD, FAAP

Professor of Pediatrics, Child Abuse Expert, University of Texas – San Antonio
Medical Director, Alamo Children's Advocacy Center

Nancy Kellogg completed her MD, pediatrics residency, and pediatrics internship at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio, where she is now a tenured professor of pediatrics. She is the medical director of the Alamo Children's Advocacy Center and a consultant and trainer for the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services and the San Antonio Police Department. Dr. Kellogg is also part of the medical staff at Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center and University Hospital. Dr. Kellogg is a 2003 recipient of the Presidential Award for Clinical Excellence from the University of Texas Health Science Center, a 2000 nominee for the governor's office "Texas Woman of the Year" in Health Services, and, since 1999, a member of the honorary Ray Helfer Society. Approximately 200 physicians and nurses have received intensive child abuse training under her direction, and she has developed a formal weeklong curriculum through the current Children's Justice Act Grant to Texas. She is also a prolific writer (graduated magna cum laude from Dartmouth College with a BA in English) and developer of sexual abuse multimedia training materials. Dr. Kellogg has authored over 70 publications.

Kenniston, Julie

Director of Training and Education, Butler County Children Services, Ohio
Interim Executive Director, Center for Family Solutions (developing CJC), Butler County, Ohio

As a former child protective service social worker, Julie Kenniston trains national and internationally in the area of child forensic interviewing. Ms. Kenniston has interviewed over 3,000 children and their parents. In addition to her training with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Childhood Trust (Cincinnati, Ohio), the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and Finding Words Ohio, she is also an expert in child development and language development.

Korobov, Kristina

Acting Director of the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women
Prosecutor, Trainer and Instructor – National District Attorneys' Association

Prosecutor Kristina Korobov has been prosecuting for almost 10 years and she works with prosecutors and investigators across the country and in the military to insure that they have the resources and training that they need to effectively prosecute cases involving domestic and sexual violence. Korobov joins *Speak Up!* to discuss the difficulties and successes faced by prosecutors when protecting individuals, especially women, against violence, and how the public can promote non-violent communities.

Lamb, Nancy

Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, 1st Judicial District, Elizabeth City, NC

Little, Troy

Maurer, Katherine

LMSW, PhD Candidate, Silver School of Social Work, NYU

Katherine Maurer, LMSW, is a PhD candidate at NYU's Silver School of Social Work. She is a research scientist in the school's McSilver Institute for Poverty, Policy, and Research. Her research focuses on the study of the neurophysiological impact of persistent poverty and violence. She received her MSW from Hunter College in 2003. Ms. Maurer has worked as a clinical social worker in supportive housing and outpatient mental health and has a certificate in trauma psychotherapy from the Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy, NYC. She is a Vipassana meditation practitioner.

May, James

Detective and Forensic Investigator, Tooele City Police Department, Utah

James May is a Detective and Forensic Investigator for the Tooele City Police Department. He began his career in law enforcement in April 1993, working for Sandy City Police Department. Since that time he has worked with several other law enforcement agencies, signing on with Tooele City PD in November 2005. James has expertise in evidence handling, including retrieving, maintaining, and preserving evidence vital to criminal investigations. He is also trained in a variety of forensic disciplines, most notably Crime Scene Investigations and Infant Death Investigations. In January of 2004, James' work was recognized by the Center for Disease Control and was asked to co-author their book entitled "Sudden, Unexplained Infant Death Investigation." James also serves as an instructor of

various courses involving forensic investigations. James served as a board member for the Utah Division of International Association for Identification from 1998 to 2009. James is also presently serving on the Editorial Board for The Journal of Forensic Identification.

Myers, John E. B.

Distinguished Professor and Scholar, Professor of Law
BS and JD, University of Utah

John E. B. Myers is a Professor of Law at McGeorge law School, in Sacramento, California. He is an expert in child sexual abuse prosecution, investigation and child forensic interviewing. He has traveled both in the US and abroad presenting to judges, attorneys, law enforcement, social workers, medical and mental health professionals regarding issues related to child abuse. Professor Myers is the author of eight books and more than one hundred articles on child abuse. More than 150 courts, including the United States Supreme Court and the California State Supreme Court, have cited his writings. Prior to his move to McGeorge Law School, Professor Myers practices law in Utah.

Rawlings, Troy

Davis County Attorney

Troy Rawlings bring experience in both criminal defense and prosecution to his position as Davis County Attorney. Born in Preston, Idaho, Troy spent his childhood in Kansas and moved to Bountiful, Utah for High School. He attended college at the University of Utah then spent three years in Alabama for law school. In his role as a prosecutor, Troy is aware of the challenges and rewards associated with this kind of work. The most important qualities of a good prosecutor, according to Troy, are "a sincere desire to do justice and get the right person with the proper charge and consequence based on all circumstances, being fair minded and not afraid to make a tough decision you feel appropriate, even if it will upset someone, upholding the Constitution and treating it, and the people you deal with, with dignity, and, finally, doing what is right, not just what may be legal."

Ryan, George

Investigator, District Attorney's Office, 1st Judicial District, Elizabeth City, NC

George Ryan has been a law enforcement officer for over twenty-five years. He has been an investigator with the District Attorney's Office (Elizabeth City, NC) since 1991. Prior to his tenure with the State of North Carolina, Mr. Ryan worked with the United States Department of Justice and the Gates County Sheriff's Department. Since working with the District Attorney's Office, Mr. Ryan has become involved in the advocacy of child abuse victims. He assists with training at Kids First, Inc., a child advocacy center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina and assists in the planning and serves as an instructor for the annual Fall Collaboration on the Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse held in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina each year. George is past president of the North Carolina Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (NCPSAC). He is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of children. George has provided training for the past 15 years at local and national child abuse conferences throughout the United States. He serves as a trainer for the Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center and travels throughout a 17 state region conducting training in and promoting the advocacy of the multi-disciplinary method. George is also a trainer for the National Children's Advocacy Center. In recent years George has trained members of our armed forces. He provides them with the skills necessary to promote child corroboration, forensic interviewing and investigative methods necessary to conduct productive child sexual abuse cases.

Sax, Robin

Former LS County, CA Deputy District Attorney
Director, Child/Family Protection and Education for the Amber Alert Registry
Instructor, LAPD, LA County Sheriff's Department, UCLA and California State University – LA

Robin Sax is a former Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney who specialized in prosecuting sex crimes against children. For over fifteen years Robin prosecuted some of the most despicable defendants who committed the most heinous crimes. As one of the prosecuting attorneys for the Child Sexual Assault division of the Los Angeles County Sex Crimes Unit, Robin worked with a multi-disciplinary team at UCLA's Rape Treatment Center/The Stuart House. While working with law enforcement, victims' advocates, social workers, and members of the Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, she investigated and prosecuted hundreds of child sexual assault cases. Robin has written six books that draw upon her vast experience as a sex-crimes prosecutor, legal commentator, child advocate and parenting expert. For over a decade, Robin has been an in-demand public speaker on the topics of child sexual assault, family violence, domestic abuse, stalking, Internet safety, and the criminal justice system.

Schwebach, Adam

Searle, Gary

Chief Deputy, Tooele County Attorney's Office

Mr. Searle is the Chief Deputy Tooele County Attorney. He has been with the Tooele County Attorney's office since February 1998 and has been the Chief Deputy since 2007. Mr. Searle obtained his Bachelors Degree from the University of Utah in 1993 and his law degree from the University of Denver in 1996. His current responsibilities include prosecuting all major felonies in conjunction with Mr. Doug Hogan, Tooele County Attorney. Prior to attending the University of Utah he served 4 years in the United States Navy.

Searle, Ned

Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Ned was instrumental in the creation of the Utah Sexual Violence Council and continues to serve as a council member. He served as chair of the Sexual Violence Council for 2000-03 and currently serves as Co-chair. Ned participated in the creation of the Intimate Partner Violence Death Review Team (2000-01) and continues to participate on the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee (2002-10). He has served on the Utah Domestic Violence Council since 2000.

Toth, Patti

Child Abuse Program Manager, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission

Manager, APSAC's Child Forensic Interview Clinics

Lawyer, Trainer and Expert Consultant regarding Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse

Ms. Toth began her career in 1980 as a Washington State Prosecutor where she prosecuted child abuse and sexual assault cases. For 7 years, she was the 1st Director of APRI's National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse and then later worked as a federal prosecutor in the Child Exploitation Section of the US Department of Justice. Ms. Toth currently provides forensic interview training to law enforcement, child protective service workers and other professions who deal with child sexual abuse. She developed Washington State's CPOD Guidelines for First Responders to Child Fatalities and Serious Physical Injury and was the 2008 recipient of the J. Pat Finley Child Protection Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sex Abuse Services Network of Utah

Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic

Utah Sexual Violence Council