Utah Children's Justice Symposium/ Utah Prosecution Council Domestic Violence Conference 2013

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

9:00 am – 5:30 pm — **Registration and Information**
Symposium Registration Table, 2nd Level Main Conference Center

Pre-Conference

9:00 – 11:45 am — **Medical Pre-Conference**
CJC Medical Personnel Only
Lunch Provided by PCMC – Must RSVP for Attendance

General Session

12:00 Noon
Bernese Exhibit Hall

Welcome and Opening Address:

Announcements: Tracey Tabet, CJC Program Administrator
Marilyn Jasperson, UPC Training Coordinator

12:30 – 1:30 pm
Bernese Exhibit Hall

Keynote: **What Dr. Seuss Knows About Doing THIS Job !!**
Dan Powers, ACSW, LCSW

Dr. Seuss helps us gain some insight into our daily struggles, our doubts, and the reasons why we stay in this job. We will discuss the places we go, the choices we make, and how those decisions give us the courage to move mountains. We will discover how lucky we are to do what we do. Whether you like it here or there, stress will find you anywhere. Come and enjoy an hour that will reinforce your commitment to this important work.

1:30 - 1:45 pm — Break

1:45- 3:15 pm — **Breakout Session 1**

1) **Kristina Korobov** — Warning Signs: What Can Children Tell Us From Their Graves?
In this session, we 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, 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.
(Repeated in Breakout Session 2)

2) **Miriam Maples**

What Was I Thinking?: A Framework for Ongoing Improvement of Forensic Interviewing Skills – Part 1

Research demonstrates that training alone does not necessarily have a significant impact on the actual performance of a forensic interviewer. Successfully translating knowledge into practice requires multiple opportunities for both application of the knowledge/skills and feedback regarding performance of those skills. This session will introduce professionals who conduct forensic interviews, and their supervisors, to a model of peer-review and self-evaluation that can immediately be put into practice in their communities. We will discuss barriers to effective peer review as well as problem-solving techniques to work through these issues. Using a video-recorded interview simulation, participants will have the opportunity to practice the application of this model including written interview assessment and small group activity. Learning objectives include: 1) understanding the importance of peer-review and self-evaluation, 2) obtaining a written interview assessment tool for evaluating and developing forensic interview skills as well as practicing the use of the tool, and 3) identifying/obtaining additional methods of assessment and development for forensic interviewing skills from session participants that can be utilized in different settings. (**Part 2** offered in Breakout Session 2)

3) **Toni Laskey, MD**

An MDT Approach to Investigating Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

The death of a child can be stressful for investigators and first responders, not to mention the affected family. A multi-disciplinary approach to the investigation of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death can be crucial to discovering the cause which can include abuse, neglect, unsafe sleep practices and natural causes. Understanding the role each team member has, from first responder to the prosecutor, is critical to uncovering preventable causes of death as well as child homicide. This presentation is meant for anyone who may be involved in the investigation of a child death and will include information that can be applied to the investigation of other child abuse cases and deaths in children. Learning objectives: 1) to understand the leading causes of death in children less than 1 year of age, 2) to identify key partners and their contributions to the investigation of child deaths, 3) to develop a list of important questions to ask during investigations of infant deaths that gather crucial information in a sensitive way from a family in crisis, and 4) to learn skills related to doll scene reenactments.

4) **Dan Powers**

Understanding Adult Sex Offenders

The prevalence of sex offenders in the criminal justice system has increased over the past several years. Sex offenders are a diverse mixture and do not fit into a standard profile, but rather fall into numerous categories, including the voyeur, the exhibitionist, the statutory offender, the incest offender, the pedophile, the rapist, the sexual sadist, the sexual murderer, and the sexually violent predator. Sex offenders are highly manipulative, lie and cause trauma that can last a lifetime. All professionals working with children who have experienced abuse must have a clear understanding of sex offenders, their characteristics, and how they operate to better react and respond to the trauma they cause.
(Repeated in Breakout Session 2)

5) **Carissa Phelps**

Runaway Girl: Techniques and Tools to Identify and Empower Victims of Human Trafficking

This presentation will provide tools and techniques to combat the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) using Community Protocol for Response (CPR) and Empowerment Model Training (EMT). This workshop is designed for first responders, law enforcement, CPS caseworkers, social workers, educators, health professionals, and victim advocates to identify risk factors, successfully approach victims, and build effective and immediate community responses to CSEC. Learning objectives: 1) identification and awareness of CSEC as a form of child sexual abuse, 2) an overview of current and past responses to CSEC, trauma-informed response and ongoing care, and 3) a review of best practices and practical implications.
(Repeated in Breakout Session 2)

6) **Kristin Howell**

Getting Her from “Going” to “Gone”

Police officers, advocates and prosecutors are routinely frustrated by a battered woman's difficulty terminating her abusive relationship. This session will provide specific examples and practical tips for criminal justice professionals to help get a woman from “going” to “gone.” Participants will examine ways to facilitate and prepare a woman for a safe outcome and ultimately end the abuse.
(Repeated in Breakout Session 2)

3:15 - 3:30 pm Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm **Breakout Session 2**

1) **Kristina Korobov**
Bernese Exhibit Hall
Warning Signs: What Can Children Tell Us From Their Graves?
(Repeat – See Description under Breakout Session 1)

2) **Miriam Maples**
What Was I Thinking?: A Framework for Ongoing Improvement of Forensic Interviewing Skills – Part 2 (See Description under Breakout Session 1)

3) **Donna Kelly**
Beyond "Just the Facts, Ma'am": An Interviewing Protocol for Adult Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
Trauma affects the way that people experience and later describe events. It is critical that criminal justice professionals understand basic scientific concepts about trauma so that crime victims can be interviewed in a way to maximize both the amount and accuracy of information. This session will introduce a protocol for interviewing adult victims and witnesses of adult sexual assault and domestic violence with the goal of increasing success in investigation and prosecution.

4) **Dan Powers**
Understanding Adult Sex Offenders
(Repeat – See description under Breakout Session 1)

5) **Carissa Phelps**
Runaway Girl: Human Trafficking
(Repeat – See description under Breakout Session 1)

6) **Kristin Howell**
Getting Her from "Going" to "Gone"
(Repeat – See description under Breakout Session 1)

5:00 – 5:45 pm **State Advisory Board on Children's Justice**
May 2013 Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

6:30 – 8:15 am
Matterhorn Ballroom
Breakfast
(Provided for registered Regular Symposium Participants and guests with tickets)

7:30 am – 5:30 pm **Registration and Information**
Symposium Registration Table, 2nd Level Main Conference Center

8:30 – 8:45 am
Bernese Exhibit Hall
Award Presentations: Grethe Peterson Children Justice Center Award
Utah Children's Justice Center Program MDT Award
Community Appreciation Award

Announcements: Marilyn Jasperson, UPC Training Coordinator

8:45 – 10:15 am
Bernese Exhibit Hall
Keynote: **24- Hour Domestic Violence Response Program**
Jaime Esparza and Patricia Baca
Domestic violence is a unique crime that cannot be handled effectively through traditional approaches to criminal justice. In recognition of that challenge, the District Attorney's Office in El Paso County, Texas has developed an innovative "24-hour Contact Program" that has been recognized nationwide. The keynote address will cover the nuts and bolts of the El Paso response to these difficult cases, which involves close partnerships between police, prosecutors, advocates, and service providers, creative

investigatory techniques, community outreach, a rapid and comprehensive response to victims, and an unprecedented commitment to effectively prosecuting the criminal cases that arise out of domestic violence.

10:15 – 10:30 am Break

10:30 – 12:00 noon **Breakout Session 3**

1) **Jaime Esparza / Patricia Baca**

Working Effectively with Undocumented Families

Criminal justice professionals face a number of special issues when reaching out to victims of domestic violence who are undocumented or have other residency issues. Additionally, the overwhelming majority of these victims are Latino, which implicates a variety of cultural norms that must be considered as part of an effective response. This session will focus on the obstacles and opportunities that every officer, attorney, and advocate needs to be aware of when working with some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

2) **Miriam Maples**

Help ! I'm Drowning In Hormones: Strategies for Forensic Interviews with Adolescents

Conducting forensic interviews with adolescents presents opportunities and challenges not found with younger children. Adolescents are neither children nor adults, but more often a confusing combination of both. Advances in brain research provide insight into how brain development and hormones impact adolescent behavior, emotions, and decision-making. Combining the basic principles of adolescent brain development with practical experience yields unique strategies and techniques for conducting forensic interviews with adolescents. This session will provide strategies for meeting the needs of adolescents while addressing the unique challenges forensic interviewers face as they work to gather details in a respectful manner. Learning objectives include: 1) understanding brain research as it related to adolescent behavior, 2) gaining insight into the dynamics of adolescent behavior and the dynamics of sexual abuse, and 3) learning and then practicing concrete strategies to address the challenges adolescents may present in the forensic interview.

3) **Dan Powers**

Innovative Use of MDT in the Investigation, Assessment and Intervention of Juvenile Sex Offenders

Juvenile sex offenders pose an interesting challenge to the multidisciplinary team. This workshop is intended for the broad spectrum of professionals who work with juvenile sex offenders and will explore the dynamics and challenges that these offenders bring to your caseload. We will review types of juvenile sex offenders, and suggest a consistent approach for dealing with them from investigation through appropriate on-going treatment. Dynamics of juvenile sex offenders, myths related to this group, theories of etiology, and the different roles of professionals will be reviewed and discussed. We will emphasize the importance of using a multidisciplinary approach when seeking solutions to the unique problems these cases bring to the criminal justice system, suggesting that a standardized approach to the investigation, assessment and intervention of juvenile sex offenders will promote successful resolution to the cases while also benefiting the offenders, their families and their communities.

4) **Rob Giles**

Prosecuting Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Cases with Limited Evidence

Unlike the vast majority of cases in the criminal justice system, the challenge to prosecuting a child abuse case comes from a perceived lack of evidence. This presentation will discuss methods that can be used to develop child abuse cases that have strong corroborative evidence. We will also look at effective means of presenting these challenging cases to juries.

5) **Linda Cordisco Steele**

Victim Advocacy in a Children's Justice Center

The criminal justice system was designed for adults and can be confusing and frightening for children and their families who often have a host of concerns and needs. Family/Victim Advocates are uniquely positioned to provide information and support to children and families throughout the process; but there is often limited information or structure for provision of victim advocacy services. We will concentrate on the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to successfully do this important job. This training is specifically designed for victim advocates who have responsibility for providing support to victims of child abuse and children who are witness to violence.

6) **Amy Spratling / Keeley Mendenhall**

I'm Trained in TF-CBT: Now What ?

This interactive workshop is designed for mental health clinicians who have been trained in **Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy** (TF-CBT) and who are now looking for the next steps to help them integrate this model into their clinical practice. As experienced practitioners of TF-CBT, the presenters will offer a wide range of practical suggestions to assist in the implementation of each component of the model, as well as encouraging session participants to share their own ideas and experiences. Barriers to effective implementation will also be addressed, together with ways to overcome those barriers. The workshop will include audience interaction and problem solving.

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
Bernese Exhibit Hall

Lunch (Outside the Bernese Exhibit Hall – Weather Permitting)
(Provided for registered Symposium Participants and guests with tickets)

1:45 – 3:15 pm

Breakout Session 4

1) **Julie Brand**

The Best-Kept Secret: Mother/Daughter Incest

Our culture tends to deny that mothers perpetrate sexual abuse and maternal incest frequently occurs undetected. Mother-daughter sexual abuse, especially, is under-recognized, under-researched and under-reported. This workshop describes the complex dynamics of the incestuous mother-daughter relationship. Participants will learn the subtle yet intentional violations of normal mother-child boundaries, overt and covert forms of sexual abuse, and the psychological manipulations used to control and to silence these child victims. We will explore ways to include mothers as potential perpetrators in both sexual abuse investigations and prosecutions and prevention programs. Finally, six key therapeutic issues for victim recovery will be identified and discussed as the transition from "victim" to "survivor" is essential for the individuals' recovery as well as working to prevent child sexual abuse in successive generations.

2) **Troy Little / Mike Bleak / Rachel Hill / Erika Hansen**

How to Help Victims Navigate Through the Labyrinth We Call the Criminal Justice System

A crime victim, a victim's advocate, a police detective and a prosecutor will discuss how to effectively support and assist a crime victim through the criminal justice system from investigation to conviction. The presenters will use the Iron County child abuse case involving the prosecution of Kevin Phillips as an illustration as they walk participants through the start-to-finish process.
(Repeated in Breakout Session 5)

3) **Rob Giles**

When a Child Takes It Back: Recantation in Child Abuse Cases

Recantation presents a challenge to any child abuse investigator and prosecutor. This presentation will look at the reasons why children recant allegations of child abuse. We will also discuss some effective methods for preventing recantation and how to respond when the recantation does happen.

4) **Kristina Korobov**

Accomplice Liability in Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Cases

This presentation provides participants with a framework for investigating and prosecuting child abuse and domestic violence cases in which a parent/caregiver/guardian/etc. failed to protect a victim from abuse. Using case scenarios, it examines situations in which these abuses occur, the state of the law, and practical tips to guide decision-making.

5) **Linda Cordisco Steele**

Preschoolers and the Forensic Interview

Young children are an especially vulnerable to maltreatment and neglect as they are completely dependent on their care-givers, possess limited language, and have limited experience in the world. Interviewers often feel pressure to "get something definitive" from the young child as the investigative team looks to the interview outcome to give guidance. This presentation will focus on adaptations to the typical interview structure that may make the time spent with the preschooler more productive.
(Repeated in Breakout Session 5)

6) **Dee Smith**

Domestic Violence in Gangs

This presentation will focus on the incidence of domestic violence in gangs. It will look at how the domestic violence that occurs in gangs is reported, how it is investigated, and how these cases are then

prosecuted. The session will also focus on the effects this specific type of violence has on families and how the criminal justice system might better help the victims of these crimes.
(Repeated in Breakout Session 5)

7) **Donna Kelly / Greg Butler**

Domestic Violence Lethality Assessments
Lethality assessments conducted by law enforcement first responders can save lives. This session will present the nuts and bolts of implementing Lethality Assessments in law enforcement agencies of any size. Chief Butler, Woods Cross, Utah, Police Chief, will discuss real case examples where danger was clearly averted after the Woods Cross Police Department implemented the Maryland model of Lethality Assessment.
(Repeated in Breakout Session 5)

3:15 – 3:30 pm Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm **Breakout Session 5**

1) **Julie Brand**

A Close-Up Look at Female Offenders in Positions of Trust
This workshop explores cases of female teacher-offenders who were found guilty of child sexual abuse. We will investigate the dynamics of the teacher-student relationship and discuss how the gender of the perpetrator impacts disclosure, public response, and even prosecution and sentencing. An interview with a convicted female sex offender (conducted in October 2011) offers unique insights into the crime of female teacher / male adolescent student sexual abuse. In addition, participants will identify proactive strategies for possible prevention and early intervention.

2) **Troy Little / Mike Bleak / Rachel Hill / Erika Hansen**

How to Help Victims Navigate Through the Labyrinth We Call the Criminal Justice System
(Repeat – See Description under Breakout Session 4)

3) **Linda Cordisco Steele**

Preschoolers and the Forensic Interview
(Repeat – See Description under Breakout Session 4)

4) **Lori Frasier / tba**

Abusive Head Trauma: From Diagnosis to Prosecution
Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) is a common child abuse diagnosis. AHT can occur through shaking, shaking with impact, impact only, crushing or other forms of head injury. AHT is the leading cause of death in infants from abuse and is a contributor to serious, long term health consequences. The diagnosis of AHT and the subsequent prosecution of a perpetrator of AHT have come under scrutiny in the legal setting. This workshop will present an actual case of AHT from diagnosis through prosecution. The process of diagnosis, subsequent investigation, and final prosecution will be discussed along with the so-called controversies that have arisen in the press and the courts.

5) **Rob Giles**

Fantastic Statements and False Allegations
One method that defense attorneys use to attack a child's statement of abuse is to claim that it lacks reliability because it is based on fantasy. This presentation will look at how the investigation and prosecution can deal with statements from children that contain fantastical elements.

6) **Dee Smith**

Domestic Violence in Gangs
(Repeat – See Description under Breakout Session 4)

7) **Presenters to be Announced**

Victim Advocacy: Who, What Where, When and How
This session will focus on the variety of victim advocacy roles and services that exist in the criminal justice system in the state of Utah, specifically as related to the services needed by victims of child abuse and domestic violence. Many agencies involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and domestic violence have victim advocates on staff to offer assistance to victims. Other agencies do not have staff advocates and rely on their allied agencies to provide such assistance. Given this variability, confusion can result as to which roles and services fall to which advocates, as well as which agencies are (or should be) responsible for assuring that these important services are

provided. This session will begin to consider how to better coordinate the multitude of victim advocacy roles and services in our state in an effort to best serve the victims of these horrendous crimes.

Thursday, May 16, 2013

6:30 – 8:15 am
Matterhorn Ballroom

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

7:30 am – 1:00 pm

Registration and Information
Symposium Registration Table, 2nd Level Main Conference Center

8:30 – 8:35 am
Bernese Exhibit Hall

Announcements: Tracey Tabet, CJC Program Administrator

8:35 – 10:00 am
Bernese Exhibit Hall

Keynote: **Starvation, Silence and Looking the Other Way: Finding Justice for Lauren**
Kristina Korobov, Toni Laskey MD, Eric Hoffman

This case study will profile the death of little Lauren McConniel, a young girl who was abused to death - in a variety of ways - by her step-mother, all in plain sight of her biological father and other relatives. The case study will look at the investigation and prosecution, the medical explanation and evidence used to convict, and the trial theories that held not just the primary abuser responsible, but also the accomplices who let it happen.

10:00 – 10:15 am Break

10:15 – 11:45 am **Breakout Session 6**

1) **Kristina Korobov**

Criminal Prosecution of Child Abuse: Making a Strong Case from Start to Finish
In this session, we will look at the nuts and bolts of a child abuse prosecution, including how to use witnesses and evidence to tell the story of the violence, building a strong case throughout the investigation, anticipating defenses and cross-examination strategies, and finding themes and jurors that lead to conviction.

2) **Miriam Maples / Linda Cordisco Steele**

Expanding Our Definition of "Forensic Interview": Two Models for an Extended Forensic Interview Process
For years we have understood a single-session forensic interview model as best practice. However, more recent research and our experience in the field have taught us that, for some children, more than one session can provide the opportunity children need to tell you what they know. This workshop is designed for multidisciplinary professionals who are interested in learning more about how an extended interview process might work in practice and for which children it may be appropriate. Participants will be introduced to two different models, the ***National Children's Advocacy Center's Extended Forensic Interview*** and ***CornerHouse's Multi-Session Interview Protocol***. Learning objectives include: 1) understanding ways in which an extended interview process can be helpful in meeting the unique needs of particular groups of children, 2) obtaining an introduction to two different models for performing extended forensic interviews, and 3) exploring considerations for multidisciplinary teams regarding the incorporation of an extended forensic interview process into their current practice.

3) **Lori Frasier, MD / Toni Laskey, MD**

Evaluation of Child Abuse: Things Are Not Always What They Seem To Be
There is no "gold standard" for the diagnosis of child abuse. There are clinical guidelines, physician experience, sentinel features, and gut feelings. Errors occur when expectations and biases exert more influence over judgment than objective data. Healthcare providers can be particularly vulnerable to such biases. This occurs more often when the physician is acquainted with a family or the family does not "seem" to be abusive. Using the multidisciplinary approach to the investigation of such allegations may help to counter the effects of bias, preconceptions and gaps in knowledge. This workshop will present cases in which the biases and expectations lead to a misdiagnosis of child abuse.

4) **Rob Giles**

Ethics and Technology in Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Prosecutions

Technology gives investigators and prosecutors opportunities to corroborate their cases in new and unique ways. However, it is very easy for investigators and prosecutors to run afoul of their ethical responsibilities. This presentation will discuss the areas where ethics can be compromised and how to avoid those issues.

5) **Julie Brand**

Resiliency 101: From Victim to Survivor

Some victims of childhood abuse perpetuate the cycle; others grow to be safe, nurturing adults. How can we influence which path they will choose? This workshop identifies seven key steps to becoming a resilient survivor – steps that can help a victim to overcome trauma and to develop a "survivor's perspective." Attendees will learn how to use the "language of resiliency" to identify and reinforce victims' strengths, positively impacting their self-perceptions. The presenter is both an experienced counselor and a resilient survivor of maternal sexual abuse.

6) **Donna Kelly / Heath Rogers**

Handling the High Profile Domestic Violence Case with a Reluctant Victim

She had a seemingly wonderful relationship with a successful chiropractor who was well liked in their community and her life was viewed by many to be near-perfect. But outside the public eye, this victim lived a nightmare of severe emotional and physical abuse. At first, she saw the police as her enemy and fought any intervention of the criminal justice system. Eventually, however, with the help of gentle, patient and sometimes persistent team, she changed that view and became the key to the successful felony prosecution of her abuser. This Davis County case study will be presented from the perspective of the law enforcement officer who handled the case and will include insight and practical tips from an experienced DV prosecutor with much experience working with reluctant victims.

11:45 – 12:45 pm

Adjourn and the **Distribution of Continuing Education Certificates**

Available at the Symposium Registration Table at the **conclusion** of the Symposium

Post-Conference

12:30 – 3:30 pm

CMS Update, Medical Program Update, OMS, Program Operations

(Mandatory for ALL CJC Staff Personnel – Lunch will be provided)

Thank you for attending the

2013 Children's Justice Symposium / UPC Domestic Violence Conference !!!