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13th Annual

La Crosse Child Maltreatment Conference



May 17-19, 2010

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About the Conference

The La Crosse Child Maltreatment Conference is a national conference for professionals involved in the identification, intervention and treatment of children and their families when child abuse/neglect is reported.

Conference attendees will increase their practice skills and intervention effectiveness for maltreated children across community systems. Network with national experts and share your knowledge and experiences.

Our goal is to encourage professionals and agencies to respond to the changing needs of maltreated children using the latest research findings and best practice guidelines to effectively meet the challenges of today's society.

Conference fee is \$240.00, which includes tuition, meals and refreshments, as well as conference materials. Single day fee is \$150. Discounts are available for group registrations. See conference website for more details.

Continuing Education Credits

Nursing Franciscan Skemp Mayo Health System is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. 14.25 contact hours being offered

Physicians Franciscan Skemp Healthcare is accredited by the Wisconsin Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Legal and Social Work continuing education credits have also been applied for.

Location & Accommodations

La Crosse, WI is a historic, vibrant city of 50,000 people nestled between bluffs and the Mississippi River. Educational, recreational and cultural opportunities flourish. Spring is a beautiful season in which to enjoy all that La Crosse has to offer – hiking, fishing, shopping, theater productions, museums and more.

Rooms have been reserved for La Crosse Child Maltreatment Conference attendees at a number of local hotels. Rooms are available Sunday, May 16, 2010 – Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Please contact the hotels individually for rate information and to reserve your room, indicating that you are attending the Child Maltreatment Conference. Make your reservations early - rooms will be held only until April 16. For a complete list of hotels, please visit our conference website listed below.

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Breakout Session Topics

Abusive head trauma in child abuse cases
Interviewing the Child Sexual Abuse Perpetrator
Cross-examination of expert witnesses in abusive head trauma cases
Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act ICWA
Substance abuse and child maltreatment
The role of a GAL in child protection cases
Is your community ready: Is the child advocacy center model right for you
Trial strategies in child protection cases
Child neglect: the worst thing parents can do to children
Child fatality review teams
Abusive Burns in Children
FAS/FAE and child protection issues

Pornography: the impact on children, youth and our work
The medical evaluation in pediatric sexual abuse
Identification and intervention in intra-familial sexual abuse
Advancing sexual and relational health
Best practices in child forensic interviews:
interview instructions and truth – lie discussions
Best practices in child forensic interviews: assessing children's statements
Army Family Advocacy Program investigation and intervention
Sibling sexual abuse intervention and treatment issues
Developmental Repair
Medical Child Abuse (formerly known as Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy)
Mandated reporters and the RIFCR process
Child abuse primer: physical and sexual abuse findings

Keynote Presentations

Monday, May 17

Abusive Head Trauma:

This session will provide an update on abusive head trauma focusing on diagnosis and current legal controversies.

Presenter: Robert Block, MD

Everything You Need to Know About the Investigation and Prosecution of Abusive Head Trauma

Cases: This session addresses the best ways to prove an abusive head trauma case in court using computer graphics and animations to prove critical points, effective investigation techniques that yield a better case for court and explains why prosecutors should resist attempts by the defense to turn a case into a battle of experts over the validity of any particular mechanism of injury.

Presenters: Robert Parrish, JD and Detective Mike Johnson

Case Scenario: Abusive Head Trauma: The panel will review two case scenarios to help the audience understand how interdisciplinary collaboration helps develop an evidence based diagnosis, treatment and prosecution approach to suspected abusive head injury cases.

Panel Members: Robert Block, MD, Robert Parrish, JD, Detective Mike Johnson, Janet Holter, MSW, Moderator: Dan Broughton, MD

Tuesday, May 18

Early Brain Development, Environment and Trauma: This session will address how early relational traumas compromise early normative brain development in ways that leave children vulnerable to developmental difficulties and how community support can provide needed protection even when early traumas cause children to become vulnerable.

Presenter: Anne Gearity, PhD, LICSW

Children Exposed to Violence: How do their Experiences Impact Investigation and Treatment: This session addresses the necessary considerations of interviewing children who may have witnessed a traumatic event, provides information critical to understanding how children report about violence and guides professionals on how to elicit critical information from children while supporting their emotional needs.

Presenter: Amy Russell, JD

Environmental Influences on Sexual Abuse, Exploitation and Harm: This session defines normalization of sexual harm, provides multiple examples of the problem and its impact and will offer new ways to think about what can be done to prevent the harm.

Presenter: Cordelia Anderson, MA

Wednesday, May 19

Table Talk: A Conversation About the Future of Child Advocacy Centers and the Child Protection

Movement as a Whole: This session reviews the history of children's advocacy centers and the research supporting the development of a multi-disciplinary response to allegations of child abuse. Recommendations to support CACs and MDTs in responding to emerging challenges will be offered.

Presenter: Victor Vieth, JD

Vicarious Trauma and Child Abuse Professionals: This session will address the effects of working with and responding to children who have witnessed and experienced violence and people whose loved ones have been violated in the most intimate ways, as well as methods to reduce the risks of vicarious trauma and burnout.

Presenter: Amy Russell, JD

Peyton's Story: The Passage of the Child Witness Protection Act: Told through the eyes of her father, this powerful session recounts the trauma endured by a young child at the hands of a perpetrator only to be cruelly treated by the legal system designed to protect her. Peyton's story led to the passage of the Child Witness Protection Act—a law now in place in Missouri which gives every child who testifies seven essential rights.

Presenters: Brian Shelton and Victor Vieth, JD