

CERTIFICATIONS

- **National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewers**
 - **Diplomate Child Forensic Interviewer (DCFI)** **April 2022 – Present**
The DCFI credential indicates advanced, expert level practice experience evidenced by the practitioner having completed a minimum of 500 child forensic interviews. Passed with 96%.

EDUCATION

- **Texas A&M International University**, Laredo, Texas
 - *Master of Science, Criminal Justice*
August 2022
- **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, Texas
 - *Bachelor of Science, Human Development & Family Studies*
Concentration: Early Childhood
May 2012

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Share the Signal

January 2025 – Present

Director of Mission Outreach and Partnerships

- Provides expert consultation and outreach on grooming behaviors commonly used by perpetrators of human trafficking, drawing from specialized experience with trafficking survivors. Offers subject matter expertise in identifying red flags, pre-exploitation tactics, and behavioral patterns used to entrap victims. Conducts community engagement and outreach with partner organizations and delivers comprehensive trainings to agency staff, professionals, and student groups on prevention and early intervention strategies. Role includes curriculum development, training facilitation, and advocacy on best practices in anti-trafficking education and awareness.

Acorn Consulting | Criminal Investigations Consulting, Belton, TX

October 2024 – Present

Child Abuse Criminal Investigations Consultant

- Offers expert, neutral consultation services in child abuse investigations, including multidisciplinary case file review, forensic interview analysis, investigative strategy support, and policy evaluation. Provides trauma-informed insight for law enforcement, prosecution, defense, and child protection teams across active and cold cases. Delivers custom trainings, agency support, and evidence-based guidance grounded in best practices for child welfare and justice professionals.

Ashley Lomas Expert Witness Services, Belton, Texas

August 2024 – Present

Child Abuse & Forensic Interviewing Subject Matter Expert

- Provides expert legal consultation and testimony in child abuse and forensic interviewing, specializing in nine distinct subject areas - with nearly 600 hours of advanced training for further qualification. Evaluates forensic interviews, investigative practices, and multidisciplinary team approaches, ensuring adherence to professional and ethical standards. Services include case analysis, expert testimony, training development, and policy review, offering reliable, research-based expertise for legal and child protection professionals.

Decoding Child Abuse, Temple, Texas

December 2022 – Present

Founder/CEO/Author/Presenter

- Authored 'Safety Makers: A Child's Guide to Child Abuse Investigations' children's book (in production); Provide child abuse education trainings to various organizations; Generate and distribute educational digital content through

social media; Podcast creator for ‘Decoding Child Abuse,’ a series devoted to providing child abuse education to pre-teens, teenagers, parents, and practitioners (in production).

Interviews Conducted: 2,729

Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas, Belton, Texas
Victim Services Supervisor

April 2022 – December 2022

- Oversaw Victims Services Specialists (VSS) and ensured the Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas conducted developmentally and age-appropriate forensic interviews of children who were alleged victims of sexual and/or physical abuse or witnesses to violent crimes. In addition, ensured the VSS team provided excellent support services to the child victims and their non-offending caregivers; conducted forensic interviews, ensured post-interview staffing with referring agencies were collaborative and professional; ensured case reviews and case tracking was accurate and up to date; testify in court when a subpoena is received for both criminal and civil hearings.

Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas, Belton, Texas
Program Director Duties During Vacancy

October 2021 – April 2022

- Cultivated the ‘Unstaffed Initial Staffing’ agenda for multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings, facilitated MDT meetings, updated the minutes from each meeting, and reached out to agencies, who were not in attendance, to obtain updates. Assisted the Outreach Coordinator with the planning and implementation of presentations, fundraising efforts, and aided in reaching out to various agencies for outreach opportunities.

Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas, Belton, Texas
Lead Forensic Interviewer

June 2015 – April 2022

- Conduct digitally-recorded forensic interviews with children in an effort to collect detailed information regarding allegations of abuse/neglect/violence in a non-leading and non-suggestive manner; Provide crisis intervention for abused children, adolescents and their families; Manage and respond to children’s behavior; Case Management; Participate in and attend quarterly Peer Review; Maintain and exhibit awareness and sensitivity to diverse cultures as well as emotional, developmental, and/or physical impairments; Accompany child abuse investigators to conduct off-site Forensic Interviews, when needed; Conduct Multi-Session Forensic Interviews; Serve as a liaison between the Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas and Bell County/Coryell County/Milam County Multi-Disciplinary Teams; Participate in interagency, multi-disciplinary team case reviews; Write supplements and maintain case tracking logs; Respond to after-hours requests for emergency interviews; Maintain case statistics; responsible for the training of other Forensic Interviewers; Participate in volunteer and new caseworker orientations at the Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas; Participate in and conduct community education and awareness trainings as related to child abuse and forensic interviewing topics; Testify in criminal and civil court proceedings.

Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas, Belton, Texas
Family Advocate

February 2015 – June 2015

- Responsible for providing advocacy services to families served by the MDT and Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) when sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or other trauma has been alleged. Involved in coordinating intervention services that have been recommended by MDT members, assisting families in accessing recommended services, identifying any barriers that may prevent the family from receiving services, and advocating for immediate service implementation. Be present with families at the Center to provide support, crisis intervention, and answer questions about the investigative process, court process, and available treatment opportunities. Maintain strict standards of confidentiality and exhibit awareness and sensitivity to diverse cultures as well as emotional, developmental, and/or physical impairments. Educate non-offending caregiver(s) about various forms of abuse, trauma, and the various systems that may become involved with their family. Cooperate with and provide feedback to law enforcement, Child

Protective Services (CPS), and other members of the MDT team. Also, monitor and maintain case records, attend MDT case review, and assist with training sessions for community professionals.

Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains, Lubbock, Texas
Internship

January 2012 – May 2012

- Assist with planning and organizing fundraising events, including the 2012 Super Bowl 'Big Game Blowout' and 2012 'Stand Up 4 Kids' events; Maintain confidential case files, contact/schedule volunteers, contact/follow up with sponsors and/or vendors for events, make follow-up calls to past clients; maintain confidentiality and discretion, observe Forensic Interviews; adapt to working with a variety of individuals; public speaking duties, present prevention programs presentations to groups in intermediate school and company conference-type settings.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Total Training & Peer Review Hours: 587.50 Hours

Total Training Hours Completed: 510.25 Hours

- March 31, 2015 – April 2, 2015- Austin, Texas: **Core Family Advocate Training, CACTX Topics:** Roles & Responsibilities of a Family Advocate, Dynamics of Child Abuse, Understanding Trauma, Working with Non-Offending Caregivers, Crisis Intervention, Cultural Competence, The Forensic Interview: What Family Advocates Need to Know, Medical Evaluations in Child Abuse Cases, Crime Victims' Rights and Crime Victims' Compensation, TF-CBT and PCIT: What Family Advocates Need to Know, Professional Boundaries and Ethics, Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue, and Self-Care; **Presenters:** Lauren Gaspar, LCSW; Debbie Hall, Kasey Jackson, LCSW, Barbara Jefferson, LCSW, Lindsey Jordan, LMSW, Kelly Liker, M.D., Ada McCloud, MMFT; Susan Randall; Mia Sneed, LMSW; Ayda T. Torres, LBSW; LaRu Woody, J.D., and Ebony Zavala. *24 Hours*
- June 4, 2015- Austin, Texas- **Office of the Attorney General's Comprehensive Victims Services Training, OAG Topics:** Victim Rights, Address Confidentiality Program, Presumptive Eligibility; **Presenters:** Karen Martin and Chris Ramirez. *8 Hours*
- June 8, 2015 – June 10, 2015- Austin, Texas- **Semi- Structured Narrative Process: Practical Application for Forensic Interviewers Training Core Curriculum, CACTX Topics:** Disclosure Process, Questioning Techniques/Linguistics, Stages of the Semi-Structured Narrative Process, Tips on Testifying, Wellness, Mock Interviewing; **Presenters:** Fiona Remko, LCSW; Melinda Beard. *21 Hours*
- July 27, 2015 – July 29, 2015- Austin, Texas- **Beyond the Sexual Abuse Interview – Forensic Interview Training, CACTX Topics:** Semi- Structured Narrative Process, Disclosure in Child Sexual Abuse, Factors Impacting Disclosure, Developmental Considerations, Communication, Event Narrative, Question Types, Interview Tools, Informational Needs of Team and Interviewer, When the Alleged Perpetrator is a Stranger, When the Child is a Witness, Serious Physical Abuse, Cyber Crimes and Pornography, Teen Love, Drug Endangered Children, Commonly Abused Drugs, Texas Family Code Chapter 261: CPS Definitions; **Presenters:** Fiona Remko, LCSW; Ada McCloud, MMFT; Lori Nelson; Kari Prihoda. *21.25 Hours*
- Aug. 24, 2015 – Aug. 25, 2015- Austin, Texas- **Essential Issues of Forensic Interviewing and Preparing for Court, CACTX Topics:** Memory, Trauma, Suggestibility, Preparing for Court, Laws Related to Forensic Interviewing, Mock Testimony; **Presenters:** Ada McCloud, MMFT; Cyndi Cantu; LaRu Woody, JD. *14.5 Hours*
- Sept. 23, 2015- Belton, Texas- **An Overview of Child Abuse Topics:** MDT Lunch & Learn on the services provided by SANE/SAFE Nurses; **Presenter:** Erica Ward. M.D. *1 Hour*

- Oct. 28, 2015- Belton, Texas- **Sexual Assault: Multi-Disciplinary Team** Topics: Differences between injuries and how to decide if possible abuse; Presenter: Gessica Finley. *1 Hour*
- Feb. 22- February 23, 2016- Austin, Texas- **Advanced Issues for Forensic Interviewers: Block V, CCP** Topics: Polyvictimization, Narrative Interviewing, Interview Planning, and Becoming the Expert for Your MDT; Presenters: Ada McCloud, MMFT; Andra Chamberlin, MA; Amy Russell, J.D., NCC. *12.5 Hours*
- May 4, 2016 – May 6, 2016- Belton, Texas- **Advanced Child Abuse Investigation: Supported by the Children’s Justice Act through the Texas Center for Judiciary and administered by the Texas Municipal Police Association** Topics: Multidisciplinary Teams, Laws Regarding Child Abuse & Neglect, Characteristics of Victims & Perpetrators, Interviewing & Interrogating Techniques, Coordinated Investigations, Children with Disabilities, Missing & Exploited Children, Statutes of Limitations, Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas; Presenters: John Combs- Detective with Round Rock Police Department; Grace Yeager- Program Director with Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas. *24 Hours*
- Nov. 9, 2016 –Nov. 11, 2016- Austin, TX- **Multi-Session Forensic Interview: CACTX** Topics: Considerations for a MSFI, Multi-Session Forensic Interview Process, MDT Working Protocols Considerations, The MSFI Process; Presenters: Ada McCloud, MMFT; Melinda Beard. *21 Hours*
- Dec. 1, 2016- Waco, TX- **Child S.A.F.E. Stopping Abuse, Fostering Empowerment: Advocacy Center for Crime Victims & Children** Topics: Survivor or Human Trafficking Presenters: Plenary Speaker- Julia Walsh; Interviewing Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims- Carrie Pashcall; The Traffickers Around the Corner- Krista Melton; Investigative Tips for First Responders in a Potential Human Trafficking Case- Gabrielle Massey and Charles Youngblood; Could your Sex Abuse Investigation be a Human Trafficking Case?- Kim Clarke and Hillary LaBorde. *8 Hours*
- Dec. 14, 2016- Belton, TX- **Autism Risk & Safety Management Training: CTCOG** Topics: Autism & Law Enforcement: Recognition & Response Training Session Presenter: Dennis Debbaudt. *8 Hours*
- Jan. 13, 2017- Dallas, TX- **Interviewing Child Victims with Disabilities: Dallas CAC** Topics: Interviewing Child Victims with Disabilities Presenter: Dr. Scott J. Modell, Ph.D. *8 Hours*
- Feb. 13, 2017- Feb. 14, 2017- Austin, TX- **Advanced Issues for Forensic Interviewers: Block V, CCP** Topics: The Other Side of the Coin: Understanding Perpetrators of Sexual Abuse Presenters: Ashley Weir, LCSW-BACS, ACSW; Ada McCloud, MMFT. *16 Hours*
- Feb. 21, 2017- Austin, TX- **Cultural Competency: CACTX** Topics: What it means to be diverse, inclusive and culturally competent in the non-profit environment; How and why cultural competence is important to participants on an individual level and in their work with the CAC, the MDT, and the community; How personal values, behaviors and communication styles are determined by a mixture of different cultural factors; and how to begin to work and communicate more effectively with people from other cultures. Presenter: Jeremy Solomons CACTX. *8 Hours*
- May 17- May 18, 2017- Georgetown, TX- **Champions for Justice Conference: CAC- DART 2017 Conference** Topics: “Randy & Me,” “Advancing Child Abuse Recognition & Evaluation,” “Child At Risk: How to Understand & Navigate the Pitfalls of Social Media,” “Expanding Community Collaborations to Promote Resiliency in Children Exposed to Family Violence,” “The State of Texas v. Adam Solis,” “A Victim’s Right to Safety,” “Holding Batterers Accountable,” “New & Improved Interrogation Techniques” Presenters: Kevin Mulcahy; Dr. Nancy Harper; Sgt. Javier Rodriguez; Brooke King; Krista Del Gallo; Will Ward; Stephen Allison; Rick Pando; Melissa Hightower; Angela De La Rosa; John Combs *18 Hours*
- Aug 7-Aug10, 2017- Dallas, TX- **29th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference** Topics: “Child Sexual Abuse: Understanding the Perpetrators,” “A Sister’s Pact: The Successful Prosecution of a Grandfather Despite All Odds,” “I Take It Back: When A Child Recants Allegations of Sexual Abuse,” “How to Survive Cross-Examination for Forensic Interviewers: It’s Not What You Say, It’s How You Say It,” “Blocked? Now What? Practical Tips for Interview Challenges,” “Phillip Bruinsma: I didn’t Marry You for Love,” “Randy & Me: A Prosecutor’s Story of His Childhood Sexual Abuse,” “Inside the Mack Mansion: The United States v. Jeremy Mack,” “Kenneth Stokes: Web Master and Child Molester,” “On the Road Again: A Truck Driver’s Sexual Abuse and Dominance Over His Daughter.” Presenters: Dr. Graham Hill; William Pitmon II; Carrie Paschall; Julie Kenniston, MSW, LISW; Lawrence Braunstein, J.D.; Cathy Davis; Jennifer Sherfield; Jeanne Parker; Kevin Mulcahy, J.D.; Dr. Rebecca Wiester, Ph. D.; Kelly Liberti; James Holdman Jr; Geeta Singletary, J.D.; Crystal Levonius, J.D. *32 Hours*

- Sept. 15, 2017- Belton, TX (Online) - **NCACVTC Webinar: Research to Practice: Considerations for the MDT Approach to Recantation** Topics: Recantation Presenters: Sarah Hubbard & Jerri Sites. *1 Hour*
- Oct. 4, 2017- Killeen, TX (TAMU)- **9th Annual Bridging the Gap Conference** Topics: Strangulation Discussion Panel, Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Discussion Panel, Workshop: 85th Legislative Updates Presenters: Dana Bettger, Victim Services; Misty Biddick, Executive Director Aware Central Texas; Zach Boyd, Attorney at Law; Anne Jackson, Assistant District Attorney Bell County; Sheilah Priori, HN, CA-CP SANE, CRDAMC; Lt. Candice Reyes, Killeen Police Department; Gillian Sheppard, RN, SANE, Programming Coordinator Scott & White Memorial Hospital; Andrea Sparks, Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team; Professor Scott Lorenz, Central Texas College; Detective Chris Hinkley, Harker Heights Police Department; Detective Jessica Johnson, Temple Police Department; Nelson Barnes, Assistant District Attorney Bell County; James Nichols, County Attorney Bell County. *8 Hours*
- Dec. 6, 2017- Belton, TX (Online)- **A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: Presenting Evidence in the Forensic Interview** Topics: How to appropriately present evidence in a Forensic Interview Presenter: Rachel Happel, MS, LPC, FBI Forensic Interviewer. *2 Hours*
- Feb. 3- Feb. 4, 2018- Austin, TX (DPS HQ)- **Interdiction for the Protection of Children** Topics: Interdiction & Concern for children; Offenders; IPC: Legal Issues; Victim Services; Case Studies & Indicators; Fusion Center; CPS Interactions; Children's Advocacy Center; Practical Applications. Presenters: Dr. Mike Burke, Clinical Psychologist; Captain Derek Prestrige, IPC Trainer- Department of Public Safety; Christi Traver, Victims Services Coordinator with Department of Public Safety; Sergeant Greg Reyro with Department of Public Safety; Lexi Quinney, Special Programs Supervisor with Fusion Center; Kristin Cantu, Special Investigator with Department of Family & Protective Services; Ashley Lomas, Lead Forensic Interview with the Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas; Captain Derek Prestridge, IPC Trainer- Department of Public Safety. *16 Hours*
- March 21, 2018- Belton, TX (Online)- **Child Sex Trafficking & Gangs** Topics: Child Exploitation and its correlation with gangs Presenter: Daniel Steele, Criminal Investigator with the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office- Centennial, CO. *1.5 Hours*
- Sept. 6, 2018- Waco, TX- **Child S.A.F.E Conference** Topics: Epistemology and Implicit Bias in Child Abuse Investigations; Interviewing Juvenile Sex Trafficking Victims; Road Less Traveled: Bottom Girl to State Witness. Presenters: Sgt. Lundquist, Waco PD CAC; Janetta Michaels, FBI Forensic Interviewer; Julia Walsh, Survivor Leader & Supervisor Advocacy Coordinator UnBound Ft. Worth; Kim Clark DFPS Special Investigator. *4.5 Hours*
- Feb. 27, 2019- Belton, TX (Online)- **Trauma and Mental Health Considerations in a Child Sex Trafficking Response** Topics: Trauma and Mental Health considerations while working with child sex trafficking victims. Presenters: Bradley Russ, Director NCJTC; Jeffrey S. Gersh, Deputy Associate Administrator, Special Victims and Violent Offenders Division Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. *1.5 Hours*
- June 18- June 19, 2019- Salt Lake City, UT- **APSAC Forensic Interviewing Institute** Topics: Enhancing Fundamental Skills for Experienced Forensic Interviewers, Working Through Barriers in Forensic Interviews, Forensic Interviewer Forum Presenters: Patti Toth, JD; Kate Homan, MS; Julie Kenniston, MSW; Rita Farrell, BS. *12 Hours*
- July 23- July 24, 2019- CTCOG Belton, TX- **Preparing Central Texas' Response to Child Sex Trafficking** Topics: Protect & Recognize, Recover & Restore, Bring Justice, Julia's Story- A Survivor's Story, Adverse Childhood Experiences and the Impact on Trafficking- What Law Enforcement Needs to Know, Victim-Sensitive Interviewing for Law Enforcement Presenters: Todd Latiolais; John Nehme; Torey Tipton; Becky Austen; Ken Shields; Miranda Calhoun; Chuck Paul; Anne Jackson, J.D.; Stephanie Newell J.D.; Mary Kucera, J.D.; Kim Clark; Julia Walsh; Amber Quaranta-Leech, LPC-S; Misty Biddick; Dawn Owens; Laramie Gorbitt *16 Hours*

- Nov. 12-13, 2019- Dallas CAC Dallas, TX- **Presenting Evidence in Forensic Interviews** Topics: Presenting all types of evidence in Forensic Interviews with children Presenters: Julie Kenniston, M.S.W., L.I.S.W.; Ale Levi, LCSW *12 Hours*
- Dec. 4, 2019- Belton, TX (Online)- **What Every New Child Abuse Interviewer Should Know and How Experienced Interviewers Can Help Them** Topic: How to help new Forensic Interviewers Presenter: Scott Snider, LCSW *1.5 Hours*
- Dec. 17, 2019- Belton, TX (Online)- **A World of Difference: Exploring Intercultural Difference** Topic: Intercultural communication Presenters: Philip Thompson, Ph. D; Bessie Lawton; Anita Foreman *1 Hour*
- April 9, 2020- Belton TX (Online)- **Tele-Forensic Interviewing** Presenter: Lindsey Dula with The Alliance for Children *3 Hours*
- April 20, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Autism Awareness for First Responders** Topic: Autism Overview, Autism Behaviors, Autism Wandering Statistics, First Responder Checklist, First Responder Resource Sheet, First Responder Tips, First Responder Notification Form, Search & Rescue Guidelines For Missing Persons With Special Needs (NCMEC) Presenter: Lori McIlwain, Co-Founder & Board Chair: National Autism Association. *1.25 Hours*
- April 20, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Human Trafficking: Identifying & Responding to Victims in the Healthcare Setting** Topic: Presenting strategies to equip healthcare professionals to identify and appropriately assist trafficked persons with victim-centered, trauma-informed care and services. Presenter: Holly Gibbs, Director: Human Trafficking Response Program- Dignity Health. *1.5 Hours*
- May 7, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **When does poor parenting cross over into psychological maltreatment?** Presenter: Dr. Marla Brassard. *1 Hour*
- May 7, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Online Protections for Children and Families When Social Distancing** Presenter: Lt. Joe Laramie, Lt. John Pizzuro, SAC Anthony Maez *1.5 Hours*
- May 14, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Child Interviewing 2020: Update on Research and Practice** Presenter: Dr. Thomas Lyon. *2 Hours*
- June 4, 2020- Webinar- **When Faith Hurts: Recognizing & Responding to the Spiritual Impact of Child Abuse** Presenter: Victor Vieth, JD, MA *1.5 Hours*
- June 5, 2020- Webinar- **Safety Planning for Victims of Child Abuse** Presenters: Julia Jurena & Pauline Renick *1.5 Hours*
- June 5, 2020- Webinar- **Strategies for Supporting Resilience and Healing in Victims of Child Maltreatment** Presenter: Amanda Gopal, LCSW *1.5 Hours*
- June 5, 2020- Webinar- **What Do You Do with Evidence** Presenter: Julia Jurena & Pauline Renick *1.5 Hours*
- June 9, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Interviewing Victims of Child Sex Trafficking (Module 1)** Presenter: Julie Kenniston FVTC. *1 Hour*
- June 11, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Interviewing Victims of Child Sex Trafficking (Module 2)** Presenter: Julie Kenniston FVTC. *1 Hour*
- June 11, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Support During COVID-19: Managing Stress and Maintaining Community During Crisis** Presenter: Françoise Mathieu *1.5 Hours*
- June 17, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Strength Through Collaboration: How Prosecutors & Forensic Interviewers Can Work Together to Build a Successful Case** Presenters: Miriam Falk, JD & Elizabeth Ghilardi, MSW, LCSW. *1.5 Hours*
- June 19, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Characteristics of Online Offenders** Presenters: Dr. Stephen Brake & Dr. Jim Tanner. *2 Hours*
- June 19, 2020- Webinar- **Following the Evidence in a Child Sex Trafficking Forensic Interview** *2 Hours*

- June 22, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Technology Facilitated Child Abuse Investigations** Presenter: Det. Jeff Rich, Plano PD *1 Hour*
- June 22, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Preparing for Commercial Sexual Trafficking Forensic Interviews** Presenter: Julie Kenniston *1 Hour*
- June 22-24, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **Victims of Child Sexual Exploitation (Modules 1-4)** Presenter: Dr. Sharon Cooper & Julie Kenniston *4 Hours*
- June 24, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **How to Be Smart on Facebook** Topics: Social media safety. Presenter: Jeffrey S. Gersh, Deputy Associate Administrator, Special Victims and Violent Offenders Division Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. *1 Hour*
- June 23-24, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **NCJTC- CST: Suspicion to Disclosure** Presenters: Julie Kenniston, Ali Alstott, Daniel Steele *6 Hours*
- June 24, 2020- Webinar- **Law Enforcement and Community Response to Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation in Indian Country** Presenter: *1 Hour*
- June 25, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **NCJTC- Child Abuse Investigations: Legal Perspective** Presenter: Judy A. Johnston, JD. *1 Hour*
- June 26, 2020- Webinar- **Child Sex Trafficking: Innovative Programs** Presenter: *1 Hour*
- July 2, 2020- Belton, TX (Online)- **AMBER ALERT: Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases** Presenters: *6 Hours*
- July 20, 2020- NW3C Webinar- **What Some Body is Saying through BODY LANGUAGE** Presenter: John Pizzuro *1.5 Hours*
- July 20- July 21, 2020- NW3C Webinar- **Teen Sexting** Presenter: Kateri Gasper, Queens County ADA *1.5 Hours*
- July 21, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Understanding Trauma Bonds Between Traffickers and Their Victims** Presenter: Amanda Gopal *1.5 Hours*
- July 22, 2020- NW3C Webinar- **The Tables Have Turned: Igniting the Power of Survivors in Abuse Investigation and Prosecution** Presenter: Robert Peters, Senior Cyber and Economic Attorney; Amber Higgins, Education Initiatives Liaison, SHIELD Task Force *1.5 Hours*
- July 23, 2020- NW3C Webinar- **Overcoming Defenses in Child Exploitation Cases** Presenter: Kateri Gasper, Queens County ADA *1.5 Hours*
- July 23, 2020- Dallas CAC Webinar- **The State Vs. Trey Cartwright: Lessons Learned in a Complex Trafficking Investigation** Presenter: Sgt. Jason Lundquist Waco PD Crimes Against Children Unit *1.5 Hours*
- Aug. 14, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Conducting Community Inventories to Support Victims of Human Trafficking** Presenter: Bill Kearney, Co-owner WBKEARNEY & Associates *1.5 Hours*
- Aug. 14, 2020- NCJTC: **AMBER Alert Best Practices- Law Enforcement Field Guide** Presenter: Charles “Chuck” Fleeger, Interim Chief- College Station Police Department *1.5 Hours*
- Sept. 1, 2020- NW3C Webinar- **Surviving & Thriving in the Court Room** Presenter: John Pizzuro *1.5 Hours*
- Sept. 11, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Working with Victims with Intellectual Disabilities- A Case Study** Presenter: Mary-Ann Burkhardt, JD *1 Hour*
- Sept. 29, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Intro to Drug Endangered Children Awareness: Identifying Drug Endangered Children- A Collaborative Approach** Presenter: Stacey Read, BA, MSW, National DEC; Eric Nation, National DEC *1 Hour*
- Oct. 9, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Women Who Molest Children: Offender Typologies** Presenter: Chief Bill Carson, Maryland Heights Police Department *1.5 Hours*
- Oct. 9, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Facility Dogs: Community Policing and Tribal Court Partners** Presenter: Judge Kim McGinnis, Chief Judge Pueblo of Pojoaque; SRO Jeff Jorgenson, Menasha Police Department *1 Hour*
- Oct. 26, 2020- Webinar- **Lighthouse Training Webinar on Human Trafficking Database Protocol** Presenter: Becky Austen, Director Allies Against Slavery *1.5 Hours*
- Oct. 26, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Initial Response to Child Deaths** Presenter: Sgt. Jim Sears *1 Hour*

- Oct. 26, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Motivational Interviewing 101** Presenter: Dr. Anjali Nandi, PhD, MAC, LAC *1.5 Hours*
- Oct. 27, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Policy and Procedures: Introduction to Policy Development (Part 1)** Presenter: Michelle Rivard-Parks, Associate Director- University of North Dakota School of Law Tribal Judicial Institute *1.5 Hours*
- Oct. 29, 2020- NCJTC Webinar- **Social Emotional Skill Development** Presenter: Dr. Anjali Nandi, PhD, MAC, LAC *1.5 Hours*
- Oct. 30, 2020- NW3C Webinar- **Of Eggplants and Umbrellas: The Legal and Investigative Implications of Emojis** Presenters: Matthew Osteen, NW3C; Robert Peters, Zero Abuse Project; Alicia Loy, NW3C *2 Hours*
- Nov. 30, 2020- NW3C Webinar- **Traumatic Cases and Events: How to Become Resilient and Move Forward** Presenter: John Pizzuro *1.5 Hours*
- Dec. 1, 2020- Belton, TX- **Presenting Evidence** Presenter: Janetta Michaels, FBI Child and Adolescent Forensic Interviewer *1.5 Hours*
- December 2, 2020- Belton, TX (Webinar)- **Child Pornography Collecting and the Relation to Contact Offending** Presenter: Lt. Joe Laramie, ret. *1 Hour*
- December 2, 2020- Belton, TX (Webinar)- **Forced Criminality of Child Sex Trafficking Cases** Presenter: Dominique Roe-Sepowitz; Elynne Greene, Manager of Victim Services in Human Trafficking- LV Metropolitan Police Dept. *1.5 Hours*
- March 15, 2021- Belton, TX (Online)- **Autism, Trauma, and Attachment** Presenter: Samantha Coleman, ChildSafe Director of Prevention & Community Awareness. *1.5 Hours*
- July 29, 2021- July 30, 2021- Pittsburg, TX- **Effective Multidisciplinary Teams: Grooming, Delayed Disclosure & Investigation, Prosecution, Principles & Practices** Presenters: Daniel Clark, J.D.: Bonneville County Prosecutor; Haylee Peacock, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Special Agent; Thomas Tueller, LCSW, Owner/Clinical Director of Tueller Counseling Services *14 Hours*
- December 15, 2021- Belton, TX (Webinar)- **Security Awareness Annual Training (2022)** *.5 Hours*
- January 20, 2022- Belton, TX (Webinar)- **Psychology of Diversity and Unconscious Bias** Presenter: Andrew Luttrell, Ph.D. *2.5 Hours*
- February 2, 2022- Belton, TX (Webinar)- **Breadth, Depth, & Program Development** Presenter: Alisyn Diaz, CACTX *2.5 Hours*
- April 22, 2022- Belton, TX (Zoom Training)- **NCMEC: NetSmartz & KidSmartz Facilitator training** Presenter: Belinda Swan, MPAff *4 Hours*
- Aug. 8- Aug. 11, 2022- Dallas, TX- **34th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference** Topics: “What We Wished You Asked: Advice from a Prosecutor to a Forensic Interviewer,” “Billy Williams: A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing,” “Forensic Interview Approaches for Technology-Facilitated Crimes,” “Corroborating Evidence and the Forensic Interview,” “Essential Leadership Tools for Child Advocacy Centers,” “When the Suspect is a Child: MDT Response to Youth with Problematic Sexual Behaviors,” “Low Priority CyberTips/High Priority Offenders: The Devil is in the Details,” “Spiritual Manipulation in Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation,” “Forensic Interviewer at Trial,” “Dynamics of Family-Facilitated Child Sex Trafficking: What You Need to Know,” “Child Abuse Survivor to Child Abuse Detective: Recycling the Pain of Abuse,” “What to Find, Request, and Corroborate: Idea Sharing between a Prosecutor and Investigator,” “Stopping Josh Duggar: Faith, Forensics, and Felonies” Presenters: Katherine Nolden-Bell County District Attorney’s Office; Timothy Rountree, Mesquite Police Department; Jacob Zachariah, Dallas County District Attorney’s Office; David Peifer, Delco Criminal Investigative Division; Julie Kenniston, National Criminal Justice Training Center; Rita Farrell, Zero Abuse Project; Gene Klein, Project Harmony Child Advocacy Center; Robert Peters, Zero Abuse Project; Rita Ferrell, Zero Abuse Project; Michael Fontenot, Dallas Police Department ICAC; James Goetz, Dallas Police Department ICAC; Sharon Cooper, Developmental & Forensic Pediatrics, P.A.; Kim Skidmore, Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center; Jennifer Sawyer, Dallas County District Attorney’s Office; Ada McCloud, Texas DFPS Human Trafficking Division; Timothy Rountree, Mesquite Police Department; Katherine Nolden- Bell County District Attorney’s Office; Robert Peters, Zero Abuse Project; Kathleen Nolan, Zero Abuse Project. *17.25 Hours*

- Sept. 22, 2022- Belton, TX (Webinar)- **Advanced Strategies for Dealing with Challenging Staff Members** Topic: Leadership skills on how to handle staff members who can become difficult in the workplace Presenter: Ed Sherman, Psy D., Sherman Consulting. *1 Hour*
- Aug. 7- Aug. 11, 2023- Harker Heights, TX- **Love Out Loud, LLC Registered Behavioral Technician Cohort Training & Competency Exam** (Passed), Topics: Registered Behavioral Technician practices in coordination with ABA Board Standards, as well as practical competency examination prior to board certification application. Presenter: BCBA Amanda Pedersen, Love Out Loud, LLC. *40 Hours*
- Aug. 15-Aug. 17, 2023- Belton, TX- **Child Abuse Prevention #2105** Topics: Updated Penal Code, Child Physical Abuse, Child Neglect, Child Sexual Abuse, Interviewing Suspects in a Child Abuse Investigation. Presenter: Detective Amanda Holtzclaw, Killeen Police Department. *24 Hours*

PEER REVIEW

Total Hours Peer Review Training: 77.25 Hours

- Oct. 23, 2015- San Marcos, Texas- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Recantation; Literature Discussed: Katz, C. (January 01, 2014). "Please believe me; I am the biggest liar that exists": Characterizing Children's recantations during forensic investigations. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 43, 160-166., Hurst, T. (2010). "Prevention of recantations of child sexual abuse allegations." *Center Piece*. Volume 2 Issue 11. *5.25 hours*
- Jan. 22, 2016- Burnet, Texas- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Interviewing Reluctant Children; Literature Discussed: Newlin et al., (September 2015). *Child Forensic Interviewing: Best Practices*. *Juvenile Justice Bulletin*. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/248749.pdf>; Lamb, Michael E., & Katz, Carmit. (2014). Allegation rates in forensic child abuse investigations: Comparing the Revised and Standard NICHD Protocols. *American Psychological Association*. *6 Hours*
- July 15, 2016- Belton, TX- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Interviewing Children with Symptoms of Trauma; Literature Discussed: Kassam-Adams, N., Palmieri, P. A., Rork, K., Delahanty, D. L., Kenardy, J. Kohser, K. L., Landolt, M. A., ... McGrath, C. (August 01, 2012). Acute Stress Symptoms in Children: Results From an International Data Archive. *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*, 51, 8, 812-820. Child Stress Disorders Checklist, Children who have Experienced Extreme Trauma. *6 Hours*
- October 21, 2016- New Braunfels, TX- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Question Types; Literature Discussed: Andrews, S. J., Ahern, E. C., Stolzenberg, S. N., & Lyon, T. D. (January 22, 2016). The Productivity of Wh- Prompts when Children Testify. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. *6 Hours*
- April 21, 2017- Georgetown, TX- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Juvenile Offenders; Literature Discussed: Finkelhor, D., Ormrod, R., Chaffin, M., & United States. (2009). *Juveniles who commit sex offenses against minors*. Washington, DC: U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. *6 Hours*
- October 20, 2017- Waco, TX- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Recantation; Literature Discussed: Malloy, Lindsay C., et al. "Familial Influences on Recantation in Substantiated Child Sexual Abuse Cases." *Child Maltreatment*, vol. 21, no. 3, Aug. 2016, pp. 256-261. *6 Hours*
- April 20, 2018- San Marcos, TX- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Interviewing children with disabilities; Literature Discussed: Wyman, J. D., Lavoie, J., & Talwar, V. (February 02, 2018). Best Practices for Interviewing Children with Intellectual Disabilities in Maltreatment Cases. *Exceptionality*, 1-18. *6 Hours*
- October 19, 2018- Waco, TX- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Prepare & Predict; Literature Discussed: *National Children's Advocacy Center (2013). Position paper on the introduction of evidence in forensic interviews of children*. Huntsville, AL: Author. *6 Hours*
- July 12, 2019- New Braunfels, TX- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Child Witnesses to Homicide and Other Violence; Literature Discussed: Christianson, S. A., Azad, A., Leander, L., & Selenius, H. (2013). *Child Witnesses to Homicidal Violence*. *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*, 20(3), 366-383. *6 Hours*

- August 2, 2019- Belton, TX- **Internal Peer Review** Topic: FI Best Practices; Literature Discussed: Newlin et al., (September 2015). Child Forensic Interviewing: Best Practices. Juvenile Justice Bulletin. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/248749.pdf>; Lamb, Michael E., & Katz, Carmit. (2014). 6 Hours
- January 24, 2020- Austin, TX- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Improper Student-Teacher Relationships; Literature Discussed: Knoll, J. (2010). Teacher Sexual Misconduct: Grooming Patterns and Female Offenders. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 19, 371–386. doi: 10.1080/10538712.2010.495047 6 Hours
- February 22, 2021- Belton, TX- **Internal Peer Review** Topic: Parental Coaching; Literature Discussed: Talwar, V., Hubbard, K., Saykaly, C., Lee, K., Lindsay, R., & Bala, N. (2018). Does parental coaching affect children's false reports? Comparing verbal markers of deception. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 36(1), 84–97. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2331>. 6 Hours
- July 2, 2021- Virtual- **Region 4 Forensic Interviewer Peer Review** Topic: Female Perpetrators; Literature Discussed: McLeod, D. A. (January 1, 2015). Female Offenders in Child Sexual Abuse Cases: A National Picture. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 24, 1, 97-114. 6 Hours

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Oct. 15, 2015- Killeen, Texas- **Bridging the Gap Conference by the CTFVTF at Central Texas College** Topic Presented: Beyond the Trauma: The Process of Healing Childhood Sexual Abuse and Seeking Justice; Presented on the roll and importance of a Children's Advocacy Center, and more specifically the roll of the Family Advocate in the Multi-Disciplinary Team.
- Nov. 28, 2016- Belton, TX: UMHB Dr. Susan Hutchinson's Family & Child Welfare course- **Forensic Interviewing** Topics: Forensic Interviewing and Its Role in a Child Abuse Investigation.
- Jan. 24, 2018- Belton, TX: Bell County MDT Lunch & Learn- **Recantation: Recognizing the Risk Factors** Topics: Recognizing risk factors for child abuse recantation and the investigation of recants.
- Feb. 4, 2018- Austin, TX: Interdiction for the Protection of Children- **Children's Advocacy Center** Topics: About the Children's Advocacy Center ad How to Assist Law Enforcement.
- Feb. 13, 2018- Temple, TX- Temple Police Department: Intermediate Child Abuse- **The Art of Forensic Interviewing** Topics: Forensic Interviewing and its relation to the MDT model.
- May 23, 2018- Killeen, TX- Killeen Police Department: Patrol Staffing- **The Art of Forensic Interviewing** Topics: Forensic Interviewing and best practices in relation to Patrol Officer contact with child victims.
- May 24, 2018- Killeen, TX- Killeen Police Department: Patrol Staffing- **The Art of Forensic Interviewing** Topics: Forensic Interviewing and best practices in relation to Patrol Officer contact with child victims.
- May 24, 2018- Killeen, TX- Killeen Police Department: Patrol Staffing- **The Art of Forensic Interviewing** Topics: Forensic Interviewing and best practices in relation to Patrol Officer contact with child victims.
- May 2, 2019- Texans Fostering Community Enrichment- **Forensic Interview Case Study** Topic: Forensic Interview conducted in case study & MDT approach with respect to a child in foster care & adopted.
- Oct. 7, 2022- Belton, TX- UMHB Social Work Class Topic: CAC Services and processes within child abuse investigations
- March 10, 2023- Fort Hood, TX- Fort Hood CID Topic: The Art of Forensic Interviewing
- April 18, 2023- Belton, TX- Belton Rotary Club Topic: Child Sex Trafficking

QUALIFIED SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

- **Grooming Behaviors**
- **Forensic Interviewing**
- **Delayed Disclosure**
- **Recantation**
- **Unsupportive Caregivers**
- **Victims with Special Needs**

- **Repeated Interviewing Post Recantation**
- **Using Extrinsic Evidence in an Interview**
- **Polyvictimization**