

28th Annual

Downstate Conference on Child Abuse



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The Pavilion

1602 Sioux Drive
Marion, Illinois 62959

April 29 - 30, 2020



The 28th Annual
Downstate Conference on Child Abuse
PROGRAM

Conference At A Glance

***Doors will Open for Conference Check- In at 8:00 AM on both days.*

Time	Day 1 - April 29	Day 2 - April 30
8:30 - 10:00	General Session	Session D Workshops
10:00 - 10:15	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
10:15 - 11:45	Session A Workshops	Session E Workshops
11:45 - 12:45	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
12:45 - 2:15	Session B Workshops	Session F Workshops
2:15 - 2:30	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
2:30 - 4:00	Session C Workshops	Session G Workshops

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HOTEL INFORMATION:

Drury Inn Marion
2706 W DeYoung, Marion, IL 62959; Phone: 618-997-9600
Conference rate = \$96 per night until April 7, 2020

It's a paperless conference and handouts will be available online at www.downstateconference.com IF provided by the presenter.



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GENERAL SESSION: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020

GENERAL SESSION DESCRIPTION

Speaker: Tony Williams

"WHY?"

Using humor and anecdotal material while uncovering the feelings the participants have towards their careers, Tony Williams will present questions and ways to reveal how to find satisfaction in the daily routine of work. Knowing one's own "Why" will turn an occupation into a vocation. Participants will learn to:

- find the meaning and purpose behind their "Why"
- appreciate their career choice by connecting it with their "Why"
- continue to seek endorsement in their career by applying their "Why"

DAY I SESSIONS: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020

A1 Meeting Families Where They Are: Crisis Intervention and Safety Planning for Advocates - Kim Madden

Disclosures and subsequent investigations of child maltreatment often create a crisis for impacted families and expose vulnerabilities. While this dynamic can pose significant engagement challenges for advocates, it also offers an opportunity to initiate beneficial changes. This presentation will present strategies for connecting with caregivers in crisis, assessing family-specific vulnerabilities and facilitating interventions, which enhance safety and promote healing.

A2 Advanced Digital Investigations - David Vucich

This course is designed as an intermediate course to train investigators to think “outside the box”, apply what they have learned in the field and expand the scope of an investigation with digital evidence. This instructional block reinforces the importance of digital evidence and how it relates to the investigation of almost every criminal offense. It will cover an in depth perspective of reviewing digital evidence, cell towers, cell phones, and emerging technology considerations. It will include in depth reviews of file system databases and where important artifacts can be located. By the end of the course, officers should be able to discuss how to examine and interpret digital evidence obtained from cell providers and explain the differences in iOS and Android operating systems. In addition, officers will be able to preserve, secure and analyze evidence in accordance with best forensic practices so it will not be suppressed in court. Many different legal aspects of digital aspects will also be discussed.

A3 Verbal De-Escalation and Crisis Communication - Aaron Tomlinson

It's likely that you face some degree of verbal conflict on an almost daily basis—especially if you work somewhere that involves human interaction. You may provide services for emotionally charged customers, un-happy and stressed out coworkers or interact with people who may be verbally challenging or abusive. This session is designed to provide participants with both verbal and non-verbal approaches to preventing and resolving verbal conflict. In addition, you will learn techniques to recognize conflict triggers and employ strategies to constructively de-escalate verbally challenging situations.

B1 What Can I Tell My Team and What Can I Share with My Clients? Ethical Decision Making for Advocates - Kim Madden

Advocates are a key connection between families and the multi-disciplinary team throughout the investigative life of a case. This role may create ethical dilemmas regarding information sharing. This presentation will discuss potential ethical conflicts, review steps for preventing their occurrence, and present strategies for effectively managing the conflicts that materialize.

B2 *Continued... Advanced Digital Investigations* - David Vucich

DAY 1 SESSIONS: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020 (CONT...)

B3 *Continued... Verbal De-Escalation and Crisis Communication*
Aaron Tomlinson

C1 **Enhancing Family Resilience - Kim Madden**
Research tells us that the resilience we are born with is not fixed, but rather highly malleable and responsive to life circumstances, both negative and positive. This presentation will examine current science and practical advocate initiatives for helping families build resilience.

C2 *Continued... Advanced Digital Investigations - David Vucich*

C3 *Continued... Verbal De-Escalation and Crisis Communication*
Aaron Tomlinson



DAY 2 SESSIONS: THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

D1 **Chaplain at the CAC - Carrie Nettles**
Dozens of studies have found that abused and neglected children are often impacted spiritually and that addressing these spiritual injuries can have a profound impact on the medical and mental health of a child. In 2013, the Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center proposed that CACs consider incorporating a chaplain into CAC or MDT responses to child abuse. In 2016, the Julie Valentine Center in Greenville, SC, became the first CAC to hire a chaplain as a victim service specialist. This workshop will address the research that supports this work, how a CAC can incorporate a chaplaincy program, and lessons learned from JVC's first three years of implementation.

D2 **The Best Kept Secret: Mother-Daughter Sexual Abuse - Julie Brand**
Our culture denies that mothers perpetrate sexual abuse; maternal incest frequently goes undetected. This unique workshop examines the complex mother-daughter incestuous relationship, identifies therapeutic issues critical to victim recovery and offers strategies for prevention and intervention. This dynamic program is both research-based and survivor-informed. The presenter is an experienced counselor and a resilient survivor of maternal sexual abuse.

DAY 2 SESSIONS: THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020 (CONT...)

D3 Obtaining and Admitting Digital Evidence - Holly Grosshans

This workshop will cover what you need to know in order to identify and obtain digital evidence in your investigations. You will learn about the legal process to obtain different types of evidence, and how to lay the proper foundation for admitting this evidence during prosecution of your case. You will also get some tips on how to present this evidence at trial as well as how to prepare for direct and cross examination of experts in these cases.



E1 Spiritual Needs of Children - Carrie Nettles

This session will be an introduction to the spirituality of the child and particularly the spiritual needs of children who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences. Attendees will learn about the spiritual development of children and adolescents, their relational consciousness, and the existential limits they encounter as typically developing and traumatized children.

E2 *Continued...The Best Kept Secret: Mother-Daughter Sexual Abuse* Julie Brand

E3 Child Abuse Cases: Critical Courtroom Motions - Lorinda Lamken

Pre-trial motions can shape many aspects of child abuse case prosecution. Filing motions can positively affect a trial, and conversely, the failure to file motions can negatively impact already difficult cases. Motions can affect who is allowed into the courtroom when a child is testifying and provide special accommodations to facilitate a child's testimony. Motion practice can dictate the specific evidence that your jury gets to hear when determining guilt. This session will discuss how participants can assist in ensuring the prosecutor has the information needed to file motions in these cases

F1 Investigation, Trial, Conviction and Appeal: Overcoming with a Coordinated Sexual Abuse Investigation - Mike O'Neill & Crystal Uhe

FASA Crystal Uhe and Det. Sgt. Michael O'Neill will be presenting a case study of the investigation and prosecution of a 2011 Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault case that arose out of Alton, Illinois. They will begin by presenting the investigation and prosecution that occurred in the years of 2011 and 2012, followed by a subsequent appeal ending in 2017, and finally a retrial that occurred in 2018. In doing so, the speakers will address best practices for police interrogation, utilizing the CAC for successful investigation and prosecution, successful and unsuccessful pre-trial motions, trial issues, appeal, special issues involved in subsequent re-trials, expert testimony (specifically in the areas of false confessions and child testimony) and finally sentencing.

DAY 2 SESSIONS: THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020 (CONT...)

F2 A Close-Up Look at Female Sex Offenders in Positions of Trust Julie Brand

We have made progress in recognizing that some women, working in “positions of trust”—as teachers, nuns, probation officers, coaches—do sexually abuse children. This workshop examines cases of female teachers found guilty of child sexual abuse. It explores the dynamics of their teacher-student “relationships” and reveals ways that the gender of the perpetrator impacts victim disclosures, the reporting of sex crimes, arrests, public opinion, prosecution and sentencing. The presenter shares audio portions of her interview with a convicted female teacher-offender. Proactive strategies for prevention and earlier intervention will be shared.

F3 New Illinois Legislation affecting Juvenile Victims and Offenders Lorinda Lamken & Kelly Griffith

Session will provide a general legislative update of new laws in Illinois with specific attention to recent laws that have been enacted that impact child abuse victims and juvenile offenders.



G1 Continued... Investigation, Trial, Conviction and Appeal: Overcoming With a Coordinated Sexual Abuse Investigation - O'Neill & Uhe

G2 What About Our Boys? Understanding the Challenges Facing Male Victims of Sexual Abuse and Assault - Julie Brand

Male victims can experience overwhelming gender bias when disclosing sexual abuse, whether their perpetrator is male or female. This program discusses male sexual victimization, the unique challenges men face and the myths that keep male victims silent. We will discover how the “Adverse Childhood Experiences Study” (ACES) validates what many professionals have long believed about both the frequency and the resulting trauma of male sexual victimization. We will offer specific trauma informed approaches for working with male victims—from disclosure to therapy.

G3 From Sim World to The Real World: Experiential Training For Multi-Disciplinary Teams - Betsy Goulet

For over four years the Child Protection Training Academy at the University of Illinois Springfield has been partnering with DCFS to train frontline professionals, using simulation labs on the campus and in Chicago. In 2019, using three years of evaluation data, the team developed a training for multidisciplinary teams using simulation and problem-based learning. This pilot training provided additional insight about team decision-making and joint investigations. This workshop will cover the use of simulation labs for child protection investigations and the participants will experience PBL using a case scenario.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS



Julie Brand holds a Master's degree in Counseling and has enjoyed a distinguished 25-year career as a school counselor. Now, she uses her unique perspective, as both counselor and survivor, to speak about females who sexually abuse children. She combines research data, professional insights, survivors' histories and her personal experiences to enlighten audiences about the reality of mother-daughter sexual abuse. Since founding CAPER Consulting (Child Abuse Prevention, Education and Recovery) in 2006, Julie has educated and empowered audiences across the United States with her dynamic programs on mother-daughter sexual abuse, female offenders in positions of trust, male survivors and the opportunities for recovery from childhood trauma. She authored *A Mother's Touch: Surviving Mother-Daughter Sexual Abuse* (2007), participated in a Canadian documentary on maternal incest (2013) and has testified in criminal court as an expert witness on mother-daughter sexual abuse (2017). In 2017, she launched her newest workshop, "What About Our Boys? Understanding the Challenges Facing Male Victims of Sexual Abuse and Assault." In 2018, she helped CIR (Center for Innovation and Resources) develop a brochure, "Considerations for Serving Male victims of Sexual Assault and Abuse, A Resource for Service Providers," as part of the Underserved Populations Training project. She is the recipient of the NCFM (National Coalition for Men) "2019 Award of Honor" for her work in the area of child abuse and inclusion of male victims. Julie's upbeat presentations focus on the power of resiliency and healing in all of our lives.



Betsy Goulet is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the UIS Child Advocacy Studies Program (CAST) in the College of Public Affairs and Administration. For over thirty years, Dr. Goulet has worked in child protection, serving as the founding director of the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center and working as the Children's Policy Advisor to the Illinois Attorney General. She also started the State Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers in Illinois and served as the organization's first president.

Through a contract with Illinois Department of Child and Family Services, Dr. Goulet developed a new model for child protection training that emphasizes experiential learning and the use of a Residential Simulation Lab and mock courtroom on the UIS campus. She has presented nationally and internationally on the Child Protection Training Academy and has consulted with several states who are interested in replicating the model. Dr. Goulet also serves as the principle investigator for a federal SAMHSA grant in partnership with the University of Missouri St. Louis. The FORECAST grant trains CAST faculty from around the country in trauma-informed practices. Dr. Goulet's research with Dr. Ted Cross was published in an international book on Mandated Reporting in 2015 and a new book chapter on Mandated Reporting, co-authored with Dr. Cross will be released in 2020.



Kelly Michelle Griffith graduated from the University of Illinois with her bachelor degree in Psychology in 1993, and from Saint Louis University School of Law with her J.D. degree in 1996. While still in her third year of law school, she volunteered at the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office and appeared in court to prosecute traffic offenses. She was hired by Champaign County as an Assistant State's Attorney in 1996, and she spent almost nine years handling a number of cases, including serious felony cases. In 2006 she became the lead legal instructor for the University of Illinois Police

Training Institute training law enforcement officers and correctional officers around the State of Illinois. She became the General Counsel for the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault in 2014, providing legal resources and assistance to the rape crisis centers throughout Illinois so the centers could better serve sexual assault/abuse survivors. She is currently the General Counsel for the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board handling a variety of legal issues for the Board, including assisting and supervising the development of training curriculum for officers.



Holly Grosshans has prosecuted crime in the Chicago area as an Assistant State's Attorney with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for over a decade. As an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) prosecutor within the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Division of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Ms. Grosshans prosecutes legally and technically complex ICAC cases. Ms. Grosshans has specialized experience in prosecuting cases involving digital evidence and works closely with members of the Cook County ICAC Task Force as well as the Forensic Examiners at the Chicago Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory (RCFL) in order to obtain and get such evidence admitted at trial.

Grosshans cont... Ms. Grosshans has prosecuted hundreds of jury and bench trials and has litigated motions related to numerous issues including joinder, proof of other crimes, and discovery in relation to child pornography evidence. Ms. Grosshans has conducted direct and cross examinations of experts in the field of forensic examination and has served as a trainer with the FBI's Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) training program. Ms. Grosshans regularly gives presentations to prosecutors and investigators regarding obtaining and admitting digital evidence. Ms. Grosshans received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois and her Juris Doctorate from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois.



Lorinda Lamkin serves as a Special Prosecutor for the Illinois Appellate Prosecutors Office, prosecuting sexual assault and domestic violence cases throughout the state of Illinois in conflict situations or cases where a county requests specialized assistance. In addition, she actively provides training and resources to prosecutors and police officers on a regular basis. Lorinda has been a prosecutor for over 20 years, concentrating in sexual assault and abusive crimes against children and adults. Her experience includes working as an Assistant State's Attorney in St. Clair, Winnebago and Lee counties, and now as a Special Prosecutor for the Illinois Appellate Prosecutors Office. She has prosecuted cases in over 75 counties in the State of Illinois. She has coordinated various multi-disciplinary trainings on sexual assault and domestic violence and often serves as a trainer on these issues. Additionally, Lorinda has served as a faculty member at the National Advocacy Center for Prosecutors in Columbia, South Carolina, presented at the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association VAWA Seminar, presented for the National District Attorney's Association in New Orleans, San Francisco, and Baltimore, served as a faculty member and presenter at the 2013 Indiana Domestic Violence Trial Conference, and presented several times Illinois State's Attorney's Conference in Chicago, Illinois for elected officials. Lorinda received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois – Champaign, and her Juris Doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She lives in Springfield, Illinois, with her husband and three sons.



Kim Madden, M.Ed., LPC, is a trainer and child forensic interview specialist with the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Al. She has twenty-five years of forensic interviewing experience and has conducted forensic interviews in both children's advocacy center and hospital-based child medical evaluation settings. Kim has provided trauma informed therapy services, facilitated domestic violence support groups, and taught evidence-based parenting interventions in a CAC setting. She has served as a family advocate working in partnership with the Greensboro, NC Police Department's Child Response Initiative. In this capacity, she assisted in the training of police recruits, specifically focusing on the impacts of family violence and effective law enforcement responses to child maltreatment/witness to violence. She currently teaches Forensic Interviewing of Children, Advanced Forensic Interviewing, and has presented on related topics at international, national, state, and local levels. In addition to her ongoing work in the field of child forensic interviewing, Kim is a member of the NCAC's Victim Advocacy and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's Interdiction for the Protection of Children training faculties. She has provided expert witness testimony for criminal and civil court proceedings in multiple jurisdictions. Kim received her Masters of Education in Counseling from the University of Toledo and is a licensed professional counselor. She has also completed two years of additional training in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy through the North Carolina Child Treatment Program.



Carrie Walker Nettles earned a BA in Sociology from Clemson University and a M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Carrie has worked with the children's ministries of five different churches and as a child advocate with the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center in Charleston, SC. Carrie has traveled to General Theological Seminary to study with Jerome Berryman, specifically working on a theology of the child and the spirituality of the child. In 2015, Carrie returned to Greenville to complete a Clinical Pastoral Education residency with the Spiritual Care Department at Greenville Memorial Hospital where she worked across all units encountering various stages of trauma and recovery, specifically assigned to the pediatric psychiatric facility and children's hospital. Ordained by First Baptist Church in Greenville, Carrie is a candidate for endorsement with the Alliance of Baptists, and has entered the board certification process. She is a member of the Association of Professional Chaplains and the Pediatric Chaplains Network. In January of 2017, Carrie became the first staff chaplain in the nation serving a Child Advocacy Center. Together, she and her spouse, Mason, parent two children, Bret and Brigid, and herd a bunch of sheep.



Detective Sergeant Mike O'Neill has been with the Alton, IL police department for 20 years. In 2007, O'Neill joined the Criminal Investigations Division, where he is still currently assigned. During the majority of this time in the Investigations Division, O'Neill primarily investigated over 1,000 child sexual and physical abuse cases, as well as sexual crimes against adults, child pornography, and missing persons. O'Neill currently is the General Case Supervisor in the Investigations Division, which oversees all felony investigations outside of Narcotics. In addition to his day-to-day investigative duties, O'Neill is also the Southern Illinois Child Death Investigation Task Force Commander, where he has oversight over 34 Illinois counties separated into 6 districts. O'Neill is a member of the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad, and a Crisis Negotiator Team leader for ILEAS, in which he is a Certified Hostage/Crisis Negotiator. O'Neill also teaches Sexual Assault/Abuse Investigations for SILEC and Mirikitani and Associates Doctorate from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois.



Aaron Tomlinson has over 15 years of law enforcement experience coupled with 17 years of instructional experience. Aaron teaches a number of courses nationally ranging from graduate level to seminar-style instruction for both public and private sector organizations. He has served as a master instructor for the Wisconsin Department of Justice in the area of Professional Communication Skills. Aaron has conducted verbal de-escalation for over ten years and provides a hands-on applied approach to dealing with those who are verbally agitated or challenging. Currently, Aaron is the Program Development Administrator at the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College.



Crystal Uhe is a life-long resident of Madison County. She completed her Bachelor's in Science in Psychology with emphasis on Criminal Justice, Criminology and Political Science in 2004 at Southeast Missouri State University. She then attended the Saint Louis University School of Law where she obtained her J.D. in 2007 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar. She has been an Assistant State's Attorney for the Madison County State's Attorney's Office since 2007. Crystal has prosecuted various types of misdemeanor and felony cases throughout her career, including cases involving child victims and child sexual assaults. Presently, Crystal Uhe primarily prosecutes violent crimes and homicide cases and supervises the Violent Crimes Division and the Children's Justice Divisions of the Madison County State's Attorney's Office. In recognition of her work, she was awarded the 2019 Prosecutor of the Year Award by the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis. Crystal is an instructor for SILEC and Lewis and Clark Community College. She recently was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for the Madison County Child Advocacy Center.



David Vucich has been employed with the Madison County Sheriff's Office since 1997. In 2002, he began working general cases in the investigative division. In late 2005, there was an influx of cyber related crimes, which warranted the analysis of digital media in house. As a result, David created the first regional forensic lab. During his tenure in investigations, he was promoted to the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. David has arrested hundreds of sexual predators and analyzed all sorts of digital media. In addition to his work with the Sheriff's office, he has been a member of the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Secret Service Cyber Crimes Task Force.



Tony Williams resides in Springfield, IL, having moved in July of 2019 with his wife of 22 years, Jan. They have four daughters: Tiffany, Faren, Christy and Katie, ten grand children, two great-grandchildren and one on the way. Tony is the son of the late Emma and Avery Williams, Jr. He graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1970, and then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Eastern Illinois University. Tony is the owner of Custom Training Consultants, a company that offers customized training for businesses, organizations, and schools – having trained first line supervision, cultural diversity, problem solving, and other such courses. Tony was the President of the Jacksonville Noon Rotary Club 2012-13, the District Trainer for District 6460 from 2009-12, and the District Governor in the service year 2016-17. He is a member of the Paul Harris Society. Tony retired as Assistant Dean at Jacksonville High School and from the Illinois Department of Corrections as a trainer at the academy in 2002 as the Assistant Director of the Academy. He also worked throughout the Central Region as a trainer for National Institute of Corrections. Tony enjoys fishing, golfing, woodworking, playing racquetball, and just enjoying his family and life.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Every person must register individually (if you are in a group).

Fee includes entry to all workshops, breakfast, lunch, snack and certificate of attendance.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations after April 10, 2020 will be charged a \$35 cancellation fee per day, however registrations are transferable.

CREDITS: Provided at \$10 PER TYPE/PER PERSON: CEU's (\$10), MCLE's (\$10).

Payments may be submitted with the registration or on the day of the conference.

Up to Six (6) credits each day of attendance at the conference will be provided for CEU's (LCSW, LCPC, LMFT) and MCLE's.



Registration Form

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A registration form is also available on our website that can be filled out and mailed with payment to: Downstate Conference, c/o Madison County CAC, 101 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL 62095 or faxed to 618-296-5380.

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Registration Fee (Please make checks payable to Downstate Conference)

\$150 two-days if received by April 1st - \$175 thereafter.

\$100 one-day if received by April 1st - \$125 thereafter.

Please **CIRCLE** which sessions you will be attending for each time frame.

(ID #'s are found at the beginning of each session description).

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A2 B2 C2 D2 E2 F2 G2

A3 B3 C3 D3 E3 F3 G3

Please mark which day(s) you are attending and which CEU's you are purchasing:

_____ Wednesday, April 29th

_____ Thursday, April 30th

_____ MCLE's (\$10)

_____ CEU's (\$10)

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