

Utah Children's Justice Symposium Agenda 2021

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

All live sessions will be recorded and available On-Demand within 24-hours unless otherwise noted.

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Dan Powers

What Dr. Seuss Knows About Doing THIS Job! Wellness/Survival and the MDT Approach to Child Abuse!

Dr. Seuss helps us gain some insight to our daily struggles, doubts and the reasons we stay in this job. We will discuss the places you go, the choices you make and how they give us the courage to move mountains. You will discover how lucky you are to do what you do. Whether you like them here or there, stress will find you anywhere. Come enjoy an hour or two even if you're old or even if you're new.

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Dan Powers

Working with Non-Offending Parents in Child Sexual Abuse Cases

This workshop is intended for interviewers, police officers, CPS workers, probation officers, attorneys, judges, social workers, therapists, and anyone else dealing with abused children and their non-offending parents. It will review types of non-offending parents and suggest a consistent approach in dealing with them from investigation through on-going treatment. Your actions can "make or break it" for the next professional dealing with the parent. We will discuss the range of emotions professionals may feel as well as the "do's and don'ts" of dealing with non-offending parents, emphasizing the need for a collaborative, consistent approach when dealing with them.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Alex Hatch

"It's just a bruise": Sentinel Injuries and Their Significance

This presentation is geared toward a multidisciplinary audience. The focus will be on sentinel injuries-what they are, how they are encountered, and their significance in child health and welfare. Those who attend should leave more confident in their ability to define sentinel injuries, appropriately identify sentinel injuries, and facilitate a coordinated response in evaluating a sentinel injury. The session will be case based.

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Amber Choruby-Whiteley

Considerations for Working with LGBTQ Survivors of Abuse: Empowering queer individuals to survive their abuse and thrive in life

This presentation will focus on the LGBTQ+ community to provide insight into the different identities with considerations for working with clients from each identity. The session will discuss some of the specific intersections of healing from abuse and having a queer identity, and ways to work with members of the LGBTQ+ community in affirming and trauma-informed ways. As there is often confusion about different terms, the presentation will also provide information about LGBTQ+ terminology.

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Chad Hahn and James Bigelow

Sierra Newbold Case Study

On June 26th, 2012 Sierra Newbold was taken from her bedroom by Terry Black (a stranger who was not known to the family). Shortly after being taken, Sierra was raped, beaten, and murdered. This case study will go over lessons learned from the initial missing child call to the apprehension and ultimate conviction of Terry Black in October of 2018.

Thursday, May 20, 2021

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Lawrence Braunstein

How Not to Help the Defense Attorney in Child Sexual Abuse Cases OR How to Make Friends with the Fox in the Hen House (When You are the Hen)

Part 1: This session, presented by a defense attorney (and former prosecutor), will acquaint law enforcement, prosecutors, medical practitioners, mental health practitioners, child protection caseworkers and victim assistance agency personnel with the intimate workings of the defense in child sexual abuse cases: the preparation of a defense case, investigative techniques, pretrial motion practice and discovery, examinations before trial, jury selection, defense trial strategy, demonstrative evidence, trial exhibits, cross examination techniques, and courtroom psychology.

By having a broad overview of both pretrial and trial procedures, and how the defense will approach its preparation during each phase of the litigation, the expert and lay (fact) witness will be better prepared in understanding its individual role in the proceedings, and better prepared to maximize its participation in the overall litigation.

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Part 2: Continued from the 8:30 am – 11:00 am session

12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Tony Graf

From Report to Court – A Case Study in Swift Justice for Child Sex Crimes

In January 2019, a 12-year-old girl breaks down in the middle of class and discloses to her teacher that she was sexually assaulted by her mom’s boyfriend. From the initial report, to sentencing the defendant to prison for up to life, investigation and prosecution of the entire case took five months. This session will examine the involvement of the schoolteacher, school resource officer, police detective, CJC, and prosecutor in the case and how the case evolved. Finally, the session will identify best practices by each of the parties to help ensure swift justice in investigating and prosecuting child sex crime cases.

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Carrie Rogers-Whitehead and Laurieann Thorpe

Preventing Abuse Digitally and Physically

Laurieann Thorpe, Executive Director of *Prevent Child Abuse Utah* and Carrie Rogers-Whitehead, CEO of *Digital Respons-Ability* will share strategies and advice on how to prevent child abuse in the physical and/or digital world. They will also share what is being done in the state of Utah, and how stakeholders can get involved. Participants will leave with resources and tips to help keep kids safe on and offline.

3:00 pm—4:00 pm

Michelle Busch-Upwall and Ekolu Delos-Santos

COVID 19: How It’s Changed the Face of Child Exploitation

This presentation will show how Covid 19 has changed child exploitation. This will include the impact it has had on more children being at home alone while parents are at work and the increase in social media use. This will also include case studies from the Covid 19 impact.

Friday, May 21, 2021

8:30 am—10:00 am

Bob Hamer

NAMBLA: A Case History

Veteran undercover FBI agent Bob Hamer spent three years infiltrating NAMBLA, the North American Man/Boy Love Association. Bob will detail his three-year infiltration and the Bureau's efforts to convict eight members of the group's inner circle.

10:30 am—11:30 am

Kathy Franchek-Roa

Trauma Bonding in its Relationship to Human Trafficking

Trauma-coerced attachment (also known as 'trauma bonding') is the development of a powerful, emotional attachment to one's abuser. Ever since DG Dutton, in 1981, coined the term 'traumatic bonding' to describe the emotional connection that domestic violence victims sometimes have with their abusers, much has been learned about this form of attachment. Similar dynamics between victims' attachments to their abusers are seen in many controlling, abusive relationships including human trafficking. This presentation will provide the audience with the ability to describe the coercive methods that traffickers use to control their victims; apply this knowledge when interacting with people who have been victims of abuse, violence and/or exploitation; and propose prevention strategies to decrease this form of abuse in vulnerable populations.

12:00 pm—1:45 pm

The 5 Browns: Digging Through the Darkness Documentary Screening

ONLY AVAILABLE LIVE, this session will not be recorded.

Siblings and Juilliard-trained pianists, The 5 Browns were on top of the world after three #1 records and appearances on 60 Minutes, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and more. But beneath the surface of their success loomed a terrible secret: their father, who managed their careers, was responsible for years of sexual abuse against the three sisters. Long before #MeToo, and well aware that their story would devastate their family and possibly the group, the young women bravely spoke out. The 5 Browns: Digging Through the Darkness follows the siblings' search for healing through the transformative power of music.

Q & A Breakout Session with Deondra Brown will follow.

2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Deondra Brown

Q & A Session on The 5 Browns: Digging Through the Darkness Documentary

ONLY AVAILABLE LIVE, this session will not be recorded.

Deondra Brown will address audience questions following the screening of the documentary. Moderated by Heather Stewart.

On-Demand Sessions

Alex Hatch and Stacie Mecham

Medical Evaluation for Acute Sexual Assault: Broadening Capabilities at Utah's CJs

The medical evaluation of the child after reported sexual assault and abuse is influenced by multiple elements including the age, gender, and physical development of the child victim, the type of contact that has occurred, and the timing of that contact. The medical capabilities at the CJs have recently broadened to improve the quality of medical care that the child victim can receive on-site. This session will highlight the medical care available for sexual assault and abuse victims at the CJC including these recent advances and emphasize the importance of clear coordination of involved parties and timely evaluation when sexual assault and abuse have been reported.

Alisa Lee

Demystifying the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978: What You Need to Know When Working with Indian Children

This presentation will give context for understanding the impetus behind the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) and the basis for the federal trust relationship that exists between Tribes and the federal government. The procedural safeguards and special protections of ICWA will be discussed as well as the new federal regulations that guide Utah's implementation of ICWA. Best practice strategies for working with Indian children, families and Tribes will also be discussed.

Alissa Black

Boundaries and Ethics for Victim Advocates

This presentation is designed for advocates who are required to attend training for their credentialing and to deliver best practices when working with victims and non-offending family members. Attendees will hear information pertaining to helping advocates better understand the model standards for victim services and assist them to maintain professional standards of conduct.

Brian Thorn and Kara Byrne

The Child Traumatic Stress Care Process Model in Utah's CJs

This session will provide an overview of the Child Traumatic Stress Care process model including background, implementation, and creating systems of care. The presenters will share some descriptive data describing the pilot of the care process model in Utah's CACs.

Christina Sally

On the Road with Thomas H. Hackler

Thomas Hackler is a life-long predator, fraudster, and con who perpetrated on more than 25 boys from around the nation. Hackler is currently serving a prison sentence for his crimes. Learn about the inner workings of a man who preyed on vulnerable boys, encouraged them to stay silent, and caused them to experience extreme psychological trauma, including victim suicide ideation.

Christy Kane

Electronics and the Developing Brain - What is really going on... Balance in the Electronic World...

In this interactive presentation Christy Kane PhD, CMHC helps her audience understand how electronics are impacting their lives and the brains and lives of kids. Using evidence-based research Dr. Kane provides critical information regarding neurological electric devices issues while providing positive solutions. Helping audiences answer the question: Are we smarter than our smart phones?

Craig Walters

Stabilization & Mobile Response (SMR)

Mobile Crisis response and early prevention program for children/youth under the age of 21 experiencing mental, behavioral, and developmental challenges. SMR's goal is to keep children/youth in their homes, schools, and communities when safely possible. SMR strives to reduce the involvement of police departments and the misuse of emergency departments when children/youth experience behavioral, mental, and/or developmental challenges. This program is free, voluntary, and is family-driven and youth guided. The pilot phase of this project has concluded and is now being rolled out to new areas and partnerships.

Dan Powers

Taking the High Road: Ethical Challenges and Working with a Team

There are many benefits of working in a multidisciplinary team, but it also brings ethical challenges as a result of conflicting values and roles. This workshop will examine ethical issues as they apply to members of multidisciplinary teams.

Ethical decision making refers to the process of evaluating and choosing among alternatives in a manner consistent with ethical principles. Ethical principles are the fundamental ground rules of decision making, not just factors to consider. Any decision made in a case has ethical implications for the team and reflects the decision maker's sensitivity and commitment to the team concept. These decisions can be evaluated in terms of adherence to six pillars of character—trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship as well as the core ethical principles including — self-determination, do good, do no harm do the right thing and follow through. Each member of a team that is affected by a decision will deal with the consequences of that decision. This concept reinforces our professional obligation to make all reasonable efforts to anticipate possible consequences and take reasonable steps to avoid unjustified harm to others.

Ethical decision making extends beyond the team to the client. Issues such as informed consent, confidentiality, record keeping, and client relationships need to be examined by individual team members and the team as a whole. Clients' rights which are uniquely related to the multidisciplinary team approach will be examined.

At the conclusion of the session, a decision-making model will be reviewed. This model will outline useful steps for team members to follow, allowing a consistent approach to dealing with the ethical dilemmas faced by a multidisciplinary team.

Lauren Hunt and Mike Young

Civil Remedies for Sexual Assault Victims

This presentation will explain the available civil law options for victims of sexual assault and abuse, including the differences in the *civil* and *criminal* processes. It will also focus on how a civil suit can be an additional avenue for victim empowerment when run concurrently with a criminal case *or* how it can be an important option when a criminal case isn't possible.

Lawrence Braunstein

Trial Practice for Law Enforcement: How to Avoid Getting Handcuffed by the Defense Attorney

Testifying in court is usually not an endeavor which law enforcement officers look forward to. This class, presented by a defense attorney (and former prosecutor), will deal with issues and topics that arise during trial such as interrogation (alright, interview) techniques, Miranda, and one-party consent telephone calls. What to say and how to say it during direct and cross examination will also be discussed.

Lawrence Braunstein

When Teachers, Clergy and Other Authority Figures Abuse

Child abuse by authority figures, (e.g., teachers, clergy) presents its own very specific psychological dynamics. This type of abuse also requires special skills with respect to dealing with the victim of this type of abuse. This session will address the issues involved in investigating, prosecuting, and defending these types of allegations in both criminal and civil litigation.