



# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Tier Multidisciplinary Team Trauma Education Summit

Tuesday, October 13, 2015  
Holiday Valley Resort and Conference Center  
Ellicottville, New York

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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| 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.   | Check-In & Resource Fair  |
| 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.   | Welcome Ceremony  |
| 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.   | Keynote Address – Captain Joseph Rampolla                       |
| 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.  | Concurrent Sessions I   |
| 11:15 – 12:45 p.m. | Lunch – Sheriff Timothy Whitcomb & Special Agent Kelly Richards |
| 1:00- 2:30 p.m.    | Concurrent Sessions II  |
| 2:45 – 3:30 p.m.   | Plenary Session – Dr. Amanda Nickerson                          |
| 3:30 p.m.          | Performance – Washington West Elementary School Students        |

## **SUMMIT CHECK-IN AND RESOURCE FAIR / 7:00AM – 8:00AM**

The opening of the summit will begin with a resource fair featuring an array of resources available to assist professionals from all disciplines in their roles.

## **WELCOME CEREMONY / 8:00AM – 8:30AM**

Summit workshop sessions are led by nationally recognized professionals, trainers and peer presenters. Please join us as we kick-off a day of exploring ways we can better serve child victims of abuse and their families.

## **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION / 8:30AM – 9:30AM**

### **UNDERSTANDING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO PREVENT VICTIMIZATION**

*Captain Joseph Rampolla, Park Ridge Police Department, Park Ridge, NJ*

As our society becomes reliant on technology, children become more adept at using it. A technology learning gap continues to widen between kids and adults. This presentation will focus on this learning gap and how understanding emerging technologies is important in your professional and personal lives for the sake of our children. This presentation looks at powerful cyber influences on young minds and the positive and negative impact it can have. Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to understanding what influences young minds or how rapidly the technology landscape changes.

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS I / 9:45AM – 11:15AM**

### **UNDERSTANDING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO PREVENT VICTIMIZATION – PART II**

*Captain Joseph Rampolla, Park Ridge Police Department, Creator, Augmented Reality Dirt pod-cast and blog.*

This workshop will be a continuation of the keynote and focus on how technologies can expose children and adults to victimization. Mobile-apps, geo-location data, data leakage, social networking sites, and subscription services can reveal too much information for miscreants. Social Networking sites can create a digital leash that reveals your every step. We will expose digital issues that cannot be seen with the naked eye and how to better understand this hidden world right under our noses. We will explore some high profile national cases of victimization and how they impacted schools and communities. We also will talk about cutting edge apps that are used to influence and bully children and adults. This is a must see presentation regardless of your technical knowledge or skills.

## **CURRENT TRENDS IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

*Captain Robert Blovsky, City of Olean Police Department; Erica Sebastian, Prevention Specialist, Council on Addiction and Recovery Services, Inc.; Ann Weaver, Community Education, Allegany County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc.*

This workshop will provide an overview of the types of drugs and the patterns of use that are currently prevalent in the Cattaraugus County and Allegany County communities. This overview will include the criminal justice, prevention and treatment perspectives. Presenters will give guidance on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of substance use, focusing primarily on school and other youth environment settings. Examples of substances and related paraphernalia will be provided to give participants an up close look at current trends. The workshop will include suggestions regarding how to respond to situations in which a person is under the influence of substances. Participants will be provided with a list of resources to assist with drug identification, law enforcement and referrals.

## **LESS IS MORE: A TRAUMA INFORMED RESPONSE FOR PROFESSIONALS MANDATED TO REPORT SUSPICIONS OF CHILD ABUSE**

*Deb Conklin, Supervisor, Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services; Dr. Pamela Salzmann, Olean Medical Group and Karen Hill, Director, Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center.*

This training is intended for all mandated reporters who interact with child protective services and law enforcement. Child abuse is disturbing, complex and, in cases of child sexual abuse, extremely difficult to investigate. How professionals react and respond to a suspected child-abuse allegation will have a direct impact on the child's recovery from the traumatic act and on the integrity of the subsequent investigation. This presentation will provide skills that support the safety and well-being of the child.

## **ENGAGING CAREGIVERS TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN'S SUCCESS**

*Jane F. Silovsky, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center/Department of Pediatrics.*

The key to helping children impacted by trauma and children with problematic sexual behavior (PSB) is to engage and collaborate with their caregivers, the adults in the children's lives who can influence their daily life. This workshop will address common barriers to caregiver engagement and provide strategies to address those barriers and enhance engagement.

## **LUNCHEON & PLENARY PRESENTATION / 11:15AM – 12:45PM**

### **PLENARY INTRODUCTION**

*Cattaraugus County Sheriff Timothy Whitcomb*

### **PROJECT iGUARDIAN**

*Kelly Richards, Special Agent, Homeland Security Investigations*

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) partnered with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's (NCMEC) NetSmartz and Internet Crimes Against Children to develop Project iGuardian. The program aims to educate children, parents, and teachers about online safety and how to stay safe from online sexual predators. HSI recognizes the importance of education and community awareness regarding the dangers of online activity. HSI is committed to combatting the sexual exploitation of children. As such investigations of child exploitation are among HSI'S primary investigative priorities.

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS II / 1:00PM – 2:30PM**

### **SAFE TOUCHES: A PERSONAL SAFETY TRAINING FOR CHILDREN OFFERS PROMISING RESULTS IN A MULTI-RACIAL SAMPLE**

*Jacqueline L. Holloway, PhD, Director of Research and Evaluation and Kathryn Lotsos, LCSW, Director of Clinical Services, The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NYSPCC).*

This workshop will present *Safe Touches*, a child sexual abuse prevention program directed at children in grades K-3. Children learn about body safety, private parts of the body and the difference between safe and not safe touches and assertive language skills through use of puppets in role-play scenarios. *Safe Touches for Parents* is an interactive program offering practical strategies for engaging children around personal body safety, while *Safe Touches for Teachers* offers an overview of child sexual abuse, signs, symptoms and behaviors a child may exhibit in the classroom. Teachers learn how to talk with children using the minimal facts interviewing technique, about appropriate reporting procedures and how to talk to parents after a disclosure has been made. The curriculum has been adapted for grades four through 12th, including a developmentally appropriate format, discussion, videos and small group exercises. Results from a rigorous evaluation of the *Safe Touches* program delivered to second and third graders will be also be discussed.

### **UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF ADOLESCENT RISK AND VULNERABILITY: PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR SCHOOL, CLINICIANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE**

*Andrew Yeager, MA, CSP, CSAC, School Psychologist, Park Ridge New Jersey School District.*

In order to effectively address high-risk behaviors such as bullying, substance abuse, relationship abuse, sexual exploitation, self-harm, violence and suicide, we must begin with an understanding of the bio-psychosocial factors that influence decision-making and risk-taking in all children. Many unhealthy behaviors are essentially attempts to meet otherwise normal—and even healthy—adolescent needs and goals, but are unfortunately carried out inappropriately and at the expense of oneself or others.

This workshop will review those common needs and goals and provide strategies to help children and teens meet these needs and goals in healthier ways. We will explore the factors that influence decision-making and risk-taking and examine the role of the developing teenage brain, particularly in terms of its impact on the ability to control impulses, foresee consequences, postpone gratification and accurately perceive others' intentions and experiences. These bio-psychosocial factors will be used as guidelines to develop clinical, legal, and school-based interventions. Strategies will be provided for community prevention, classroom education, incident assessment and counseling-based interventions.

### **A MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESPONSE TO COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION INVESTIGATIONS AND TREATMENT**

*Gena Diacomanolis, Senior Director, Jane Barker Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center & Detective Joseph Wonsor, Special Victims Division, The New York City Police Department.*

This workshop focuses on understanding commercial sexual exploitation of children as a form of child sexual abuse. How multidisciplinary teams can assess all children for exposure to commercial sexual exploitation and how multidisciplinary teams can identify current and potential future victims of this type of abuse. The workshop also provides an overview of investigations of and treatment for victims of commercial sexual exploitation through the multidisciplinary team and child advocacy center process, including forensic interview, mental health, case management and case review considerations.

## **A MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESPONSE TO YOUTH WITH PROBLEMATIC SEXUAL BEHAVIORS**

*Jane F. Silovsky, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center/Department of Pediatrics; Thomas Andriola, Chief of Policy and Implementation, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and members of the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team.*

Greater than one-third of sexual offenses against child victims are committed by other youth. When a youth engages in sexual behaviors that pose a risk to the safety or well-being of themselves or other children, effective intervention is critical in stopping the abuse. This presentation provides an overview of a local and statewide initiative that has been underway since October 2014 to develop and implement a comprehensive community-based system utilizing best practices for identifying, conducting safety assessments, interventions and treatment for youth with sexual behavior problems (SBP), their child victim(s) and caregivers from discovery through successful completion of treatment.

### **PLENARY SESSION / 2:45PM – 3:30PM**

#### **WHEN CRISIS STRIKES: EFFECTIVE ELEMENTS OF THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESPONSE**

*Amanda Nickerson, PhD, Associate Professor and Director, Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention.*

Crises, including natural disasters, assaultive violence and suicide can have a far-reaching impact on schools and communities. This presentation will highlight the need for prevention and preparedness efforts that balance physical and psychological safety, enhance internal and external resiliency, take a multi-hazard approach, and involve collaboration among agencies. Key elements of crisis response and recovery, such as conducting psychological triage to examine risk for trauma and providing interventions based on the level of risk, will be reviewed. The PREPaRE Crisis Prevention and Intervention Training Curriculum will be highlighted.

### **CLOSING CEREMONY / 3:30PM**

#### **CAN'T BULLY ME NOW: MUSICAL PERFORMANCE FEATURING WASHINGTON WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**