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Conference Agenda

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens
9:00– 9:20 a.m. Conference Opens
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Centennial A Child Maltreatment and Dependency Cases in a Nutshell

Morning Session A 9:25 am—10:40 a.m.

Peachtree Room

“Updates in Evaluation of Sexual Abuse ”

In this session we will discuss some of the recent changes in recommendations for the evaluation and care of children who have been sexually abused. From the legal standpoint we will review changes in the Georgia mandated reporting law that went into effect in 2015. From the clinical standpoint we'll review the 2015 CDC guidelines for the evaluation of sexually transmitted infections, review Dr. Joyce Adams' updated outline for the interpretation of physical findings seen on the forensic medical exam, assess the newly published Department of Justice protocol for the conduct of forensic medical exams, and talk about the role of the health care provider in the care of children who have been sexually exploited. [VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

Nancy N. Fajman, MD, MPH, received her medical degree in 1991 from Emory University School of Medicine. Since completing her Pediatrics residency in 1994 at Emory she has worked in the area of general pediatrics and child abuse evaluation. She developed and was medical director of the Child Protection Program at Egleston Children's Hospital from 1996 – 2000. Since 2000 she has worked primarily in the out-patient clinics and on the in-patient service at Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital. However, she continues to assess patients for child maltreatment at twice weekly clinics. Her areas of special interest are sexual abuse and medical student education.

Dogwood Room

“Child Fatality Investigations”

This presentation will provide an overview of some of the terminology, resources, and investigative techniques used in conducting a child fatality investigation. Investigator Jay Hayes will discuss the procedures and protocols of child-specific related death scene investigations and support participants understanding of the resources available to the investigation. Through case studies, he will also present information on how to practically understand and apply techniques used in these investigations.

Jay Hayes serves as an Investigator with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Major Case Unit. He has spent the last nine years investigating Crimes Against Children at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. He is a Field and Patrol Training Officer and has spent a total of over 25 years serving the community with law enforcement. He is a member of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) and is a credentialed Forensic Interviewer through the National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewers. Investigator Hayes serves on the Governor's Office Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force and is a member of the National Association of Computer Voice Stress Analysts. He is the former chairman of the Douglas County Child Fatality Review Committee and the Douglas County Child Abuse Protocol Committee. He is also a Certified Crime Scene Technician. In addition, he has fulfilled a lifetime of selfless service as an Eagle Scout, Mason, and United States Marine.

Morning Session A 9:25 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.

DeKalb Room

“Shifting the Paradigm: Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Prevention of Childhood Adversity Using Trauma-Informed Practices”

Early life traumatic stress, such as childhood abuse and neglect are common exposures associated with multiple risk behaviors and adverse health outcomes starting in adolescence, going into adulthood. For over 20 years, data from the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, an epidemiological study, has demonstrated the relationship between these childhood traumatic stressors with negative health sequelae throughout the lifespan. The aim of this session is to provide an overview of the ACE Study findings and present a theoretical framework for the prevention of childhood traumatic stress at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels, as well as present current efforts that apply the framework. In this session participants will learn about social, behavioral, and health outcomes associated with childhood toxic stress across the lifespan, as well as research that documents the mechanism through which childhood toxic stress can disrupt early brain.

Shanta R. Dube, PhD, started her career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1999, where she was awarded the Association for Teachers of Preventive Medicine Fellowship to be an investigator on a large-scale epidemiological study that assessed the impact of childhood stress on adult health outcomes. She is recognized both nationally and internationally for her research on the ACE Study which focused on early life stress and substance use and abuse, and mental illness in adulthood. In 2014, Shanta joined the faculty in the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics as an Associate Professor at Georgia State University. Part of her research focuses on the intersection between epidemiology and health promotion to examine the salutogenic model for wellbeing among adult survivors of childhood trauma and other populations. She has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and reports, some of which were recognized and awarded by CDC for scientific excellence.

Centennial Rooms A & B

“Cookbook for Family and Employee Engagement Activities”

People are much more willing to learn and risk when fun is involved. This is an interactive session that will teach a myriad of activities that participants can take back and use for staff, clients, or even stakeholders. These activities are easy to play and help people reflect on their work styles and how they communicate or interact with other. Participants will receive a “Cookbook” full of ice breakers and team building games to take back to their organizations. [VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

Mike Angstadt, MA, has been the Executive Director of Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc. (TCYFS) for 20 years. Twin Cedars, a private non-profit, offers a continuum of over 25 services from prevention through residential treatment with programs in Georgia and Alabama. He also established and served as Executive Director of the F.D. Roosevelt Outdoor Therapeutic Program for Georgia’s then-Department of Human Resources. He is the recipient of the 2016 Consuelo Foundation Peer Reviewer Award, in honor of his 26 years of service as a Team Leader and Peer Reviewer for COA. He holds both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in psychology from the State University of West Georgia. Mike serves on numerous boards including the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children (MAAC), Together Georgia, the Alabama Network of Child Advocacy Centers, Troup Family Connection Authority, and Georgia Youth Opportunities Initiative.

Morning Session B 10:50 a.m.—12:05 p.m.

Peachtree Room

“Prosecuting Child Molesters”

This session outlines the factors that lead to the decision to prosecute a child sexual abuse case and the law and rules of evidence that guide such prosecutions.

The first half will present various stages that typically lead to the decision to prosecute including the child’s initial disclosure of abuse, the report of such abuse (often by a “mandated reporter”), the MDT investigation, the arrest and interrogation of the suspected perpetrator, submission of the case to the grand jury for indictment, arraignment and plea negotiations, and ultimately, if no guilty plea is entered, the trial of the case. The second half will explain the legal definitions and key concepts of the crimes of child molestation and aggravated child molestation in Georgia. [VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

Alan A. Cook, JD, has been the Director of the Prosecutorial Justice Program (PJP) at the University of Georgia School of Law since 2001. Prior to joining the UGA Law faculty, Cook was the elected District Attorney for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit from 1990-2000 where he specialized in the prosecution of child sexual abuse cases. Establishing such cases as priorities in his Circuit, he personally tried 34 such cases before juries. He is the author of the *CMBrief, A Comprehensive Trial Brief for Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Cases in Georgia* and co-author of the *Inside Criminal Adjudicative Procedure, What Matters and Why?* (Wolters Kluwer, 2016) Since 2004, Cook has been a member of the faculty for the *ChildFirst, Georgia* course, a 5-day child forensic interviewing course. He also created the 3-day *Advanced ChildFirst* course which is taught at UGA Law each summer and guides child abuse professionals through the trial of a mock child sexual abuse scenario. He and his wife, Debra, enjoy traveling, college football, and their first grandchild, Claire.

Dogwood Room

“Identifying Abusive Injuries”

Identifying injuries is an integral part of the examination conducted by child abuse pediatricians. In this session, attendees will learn characteristics of abusive injuries and how to differentiate these from non-abusive injuries. The session will cover the importance of gathering history of the injury in order to make a determination regarding abuse. Lastly, learners will be able to identify anatomical characteristics which can impact the possible presence of physical manifestations following abuse.

Stephen A. Messner, MD, F.A.A.P., is the medical director of the Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. In 2001, he completed his medical school training at the Medical College of Virginia and followed that with the completion of his pediatric residency at the University of Florida. Dr. Messner stayed at the University of Florida as a faculty member in the general pediatrics division where he saw patients for not only general pediatric issues, but also for concerns of abuse and neglect. After being on faculty in Florida for 3 years, Dr. Messner joined the Child Protection Team at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta in the summer of 2007. He was appointed Medical Director in January of 2016. Dr. Messner is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a member of the Georgia AAP section on child abuse.

Morning Session B 10:50 a.m. — 12:05 p.m.

Dekalb Room

“Childhood Trauma 101”

Understanding child trauma and child traumatic stress is vital to working with children who have experienced maltreatment. This workshop will provide participants with foundational knowledge of child trauma and traumatic stress. Key terms will be defined, and presenters will discuss the types of experiences that constitute child trauma, and explore the individual’s role in responding to traumatic stress when working with children. We will also discuss the relationship between a child’s history and his or her behavior responses. The workshop will be interactive, so come prepared to participate!

Debra Ross, MSW, has been working in Social Services for over 25 years and has a variety of child welfare experience in the public and private sector. During her early professional career, Debra worked at the Department of Children and Family Services in two states where she supported efforts to reform child welfare practices, crisis intervention and provided specialized case management services. More recently, she has served as a program manager on four state contracts. She developed, presented and managed numerous workshops to help support the continuing training needs of foster/adoptive parents across the state. Because of her creative approach and innovative strategies in the field of Social Work along with years of child welfare experience Debra has been invited to present at both the Federal and State level. Debra holds a degree in Sociology from Fisk University and a Master’s in Social Work from Fordham University.

Centennial Room A

“How to Embed ‘Strengthening Families’ Into Your Organization”

Learn about the nationally recognized Strengthening Families Protective Factors being used in Georgia and in 33 states. Discover how to easily embed Strengthening Families into your organizations. Access available free training and resources and learn how to hold Parent Cafes.

Participants will learn detailed information about the Strengthening Families Framework, particularly the five Protective Factors and identify how they can apply Strengthening Families in their own organizations and/ or efforts. Participants will also learn how to hold Parent Cafes. [VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

Patricia Minish, PhD, has 43 years of experience working with children, teachers, college students, and families. She has served on numerous state-wide committees dedicated to recognizing and improving quality and professionalism in the field of Early Care and Education. Since 2009 Dr. Minish has served as Chair of Strengthening Families Georgia. As Executive Director of the Georgia Association on Young Children (GAYC) for 17 years she was responsible for oversight of services, funding, program development, and advocacy. GAYC is the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the largest national organization for early childhood education. In 2011 Dr. Minish received the Grow Kids Better Lifetime Award and in 2014 GAYC renamed their Advocate of the Year Award to the Pat Minish Advocate of the Year Award.

Morning Session B 10:50 a.m. — 12:05 p.m.

Centennial Room B

“Multigenerational Trauma: Supporting Healing within the Family System ”

Multigenerational trauma is an international problem that continues to impact children of all ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds-- including diverse family structures. Reportedly, child abuse and witnessing domestic violence affects up to 25% of children around the world. Serious and negative effects have the potential to last into adulthood if left untreated. A multicultural and systemic approach to trauma intervention must take into account the diverse family contexts in which children live. This presentation will focus specifically on the implementation of Trauma Focused- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) within families impacted by multigenerational trauma. Accordingly, TF-CBT strives to promote parent support of the child via individual parent sessions and joint parent-child sessions. This presentation will address the strengths and challenges of including caregivers with their own unresolved trauma histories in their child’s treatment, as well as proposed steps for tailoring TF-CBT to meet the families’ needs. [VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

Marissa N. Coleman, PsyD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who offers services in Spanish and English. She holds a psychologist appointment in the Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and works in private practice in Buckhead. Dr. Coleman has a plethora of international and domestic clinical and research experience. She completed her postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University School of Medicine with an emphasis on traumatic adjustment in families. Dr. Coleman graduated from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology with research honors and specialized training in family therapy and trauma-focused therapy. She is trained in multiple evidence based trauma-focused interventions including, TF-CBT, EMDR, and Narrative Psychology. Dr. Coleman presents at international conferences and media outlets including the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies and CNN Español.

Lunch 12:05 p.m.- 1:35 p.m.

The Mark Chaffin Memorial Award for Protecting Children through Research, Service, or Advocacy

Presented by Julia Neighbors, Director, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia

Accepted by Dr. John R. Lutzker, Director, of the Mark Chaffin Center for Healthy Development

This award is given in memory of a career devoted to protecting children through research, service and improving the child welfare system. Dr. Chaffin was a leader in the field of child maltreatment research with more than 80 peer-reviewed research articles. His main areas of research focused on child abuse and neglect and delinquency intervention and service systems, particularly the development and implementation of evidence-based prevention and treatment approaches within public sector service systems. He dedicated his career to helping at-risk children and families with a sense of fundamental ethics and the need to do the right thing.

Luncheon Keynote

David Finkelhor, Ph.D., is Director of Crimes against Children Research Center, Professor of Sociology, and University Professor at the University of New Hampshire.

His core areas of interest have been in child maltreatment and family violence, dating back to 1977. He is perhaps best known for his conceptual and empirical work on the problem of child sexual abuse, including prevalence surveys, his Four Pre-conditions Model of Sexual Abuse, and his Four Traumagenic Dynamics Model of sexual abuse trauma. He also helped develop the concept of "poly-victimization." In addition, he has done extensive research about child homicide, missing and abducted children, bullying, and internet victimization. In his recent work, for example, his book, *Child Victimization* (Oxford University Press, 2008), he has tried to unify and integrate knowledge about all the diverse forms of child victimization in a field he has termed Developmental Victimology. This book received the Daniel Schneider Child Welfare Book of the Year award in 2009. He has also written extensively about trends in child maltreatment. All together he is editor and author of 12 books and over 200 journal articles and book chapters. He has received grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the US Department of Justice, and a variety of other sources. In 1994, he was given the Distinguished Child Abuse Professional Award by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, in 2004 he was given the Significant Achievement Award from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, in 2005 he and his colleagues received the Child Maltreatment Article of the Year award, in 2007 he was elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology, and in 2014 he was awarded the National Scientific Impact Award from the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect.



Peachtree Room**“Broadening our Cultural Competence: Best Practices for Serving Hispanic Families:
A Discussion Panel”**

This panel discussion will bring attention to barriers and issues facing Hispanic and immigrant families in Georgia. The discussion will illuminate services available to this population and how we can help serve them. Ample time will be left for questions from the audience.

Alison Arevalo-Amador, Manager, Interpreting and Translation Services, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Alison is the current Manager of Interpreting/Translating Services at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and has developed presentations on best practices for providers and cultural sensitivity during her time with the organization. With a degree in Interpreting/Translating from California State University in Long Beach, she has worked in interpreting/translating for 10 years in the health and medical sector, from behavioral health and HIV prevention to currently pediatric care. Her passion for this field stems from her Guatemalan ancestry and upbringing and she is proud to have opportunities to advocate for the Spanish-speaking community.

I. Cristina Dumitrescu, Esq. Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of Cobb County

Cristina Dumitrescu began her practice of law in 2011 as a bilingual staff attorney at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society’s Cobb County office. Ms. Dumitrescu represents low-income individuals in a wide range of civil cases. She has developed a specialty in domestic violence and represents victims in a variety of cases such as at Temporary Protective Order hearings and family law cases. Ms. Dumitrescu has a special interest in immigrant-specific legal issues, focusing on impact litigation and community outreach within the Hispanic community. Ms. Dumitrescu was born and raised in Bucharest, Romania. Ms. Dumitrescu is fluent in Romanian, Spanish, and English. She attended Mercer University where she obtained a dual Bachelor’s degree in Cultural Anthropology and Spanish as well as a Juris Doctor degree.

Alexandra Guzman, LPC, Behavioral Health Clinician, Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Alexandra Guzman, LPC, is a Behavioral Health Clinician at the Stephanie V Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children, a service of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. She works under the Georgia Child Traumatic Stress Initiative, a SAMHSA funded collaboration between CHOA and Emory University. Ms. Guzman provides Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Parent Child Interaction Therapy, both evidence-based practices, to maltreated children experiencing trauma-related symptoms and behaviors. Alexandra has worked in different aspects of the CAC world, providing education and outreach at Kristi House in Miami, FL and serving as both a clinician and forensic interviewer at the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy here in Atlanta, before joining the team at CHOA. As a native Spanish speaker and certified TF-CBT clinician, she is able to effectively serve the Latino community that seeks services at the Center.

Belisa M. Urbina, Executive Director of Ser Familia Inc., was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In 2001 she co-founded Ser Familia, Inc. Ser Familia is the leading program in Georgia that provides coordinated multi-disciplinary family services to Latinos. Through culturally relevant and sensitive programs the organization guides teens, couples, parents and families to be strong and healthy, and of value to each other and society. Through its 15 years of history, Ser Familia has served more than 38,000 Latinos. Mrs. Urbina is a member of the Steering Committee for the Cobb 2020 initiative; Kennestone Hospital’s Regional Board of Directors’ Chairman; the REACHES Advisory Council and committee member of Mayor Kasim Reed’s “Welcoming Atlanta” initiative. In 2012 she was named by Womentics (a national organization) as one of 2012 Women of the Year. Ser Familia’s youth program won the prestigious “Heart in Hand Volunteer Group Award” from United Way in Cobb County in 2012. In 2014, she was chosen as one of the 11WhoCare® by Atlanta’s 11 Alive Channel and named one of the 35 most influential Latinos of the past 35 years in Georgia.

Afternoon Session C 1:45 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Dogwood Room

“Pediatric Abusive Burns: What You Need to Know and What You Need to Do”

Pediatric burns are rare in their occurrence, unique in their appearance, and provide challenges beyond their initial diagnosis. When the burn is intentional, an additional layer of complexity is added to these topics. This presentation will review the differentiation between accidental and intentional burns, both from a history-taking and physical exam standpoint. The initial and subsequent treatments of these burns will be reviewed, as well as our institution’s unique – treatment regimens. The required correspondence with social services and law enforcement will also be discussed. Finally, a number of cases will be presented to illustrate the unique findings and challenges of these patients.

Richard J. Cartie, M.D., Director, Pediatric Critical Care Services, Joseph M. Still Burn Centers Inc., is a graduate of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, NY. He completed a pediatric residency at East Carolina University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Greenville, NC. Dr. Cartie also completed his fellowship at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles Department of Anesthesiology, Critical Care Medicine and Georgetown University Children’s Medical Center, Division of Pediatric Critical Care and Pulmonary Medicine. He joined the team at the Joseph M. Still Burn Centers, Inc., in 2007. In addition to his clinical duties, he regularly presents at regional burn conferences and is frequently asked to be an expert witness in child abuse cases involving burns.

DeKalb Room

“Prevention: Beyond Just Programs”

While rates for physical and sexual child maltreatment have declined in recent years neglect has not, and the rates of maltreatment are too high for anyone to be “comfortable” with our efforts. While programs may have impacted some of the declines we have observed in rates of maltreatment, the reliance on programs can be problematic. For example, programs require continued financial support so that they can continue to be implemented, the programs may not get the message/service to the key target populations, the program may not be reproducible outside of a research setting as well as other factors. Using the CDC Essentials for Childhood framework, this session will explore opportunities to increase prevention impact through non-programmatic strategies across the social ecology that can help create a “context” to support and augment evidence-based programs.

Sandra P. Alexander, M.Ed., is a recognized state and national leader, strategic thinker, and innovator in child abuse prevention with over 40 years experience in public and private sector including providing training and technical assistance on child and family services spanning the full range of the social ecology from primary prevention to tertiary prevention and 18 years of nonprofit management experience. Her leadership experience includes serving as Executive Director of two Prevent Child Abuse America state chapters. For the past ten years, she has been a Subject Matter Expert in child maltreatment prevention in the Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Currently she co-leads DVP’s Essentials for Childhood initiative and the cross branch Essentials Committee. She is co-author of “Non-programmatic Approaches to Prevention” in Child Maltreatment Prevention currently in press with STM Learning.

Beverly L. Fortson, Ph.D., currently works as a behavioral scientist on the Child Maltreatment and Sexual Violence Team in the Research and Evaluation Branch of the Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) in the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) at the CDC. Her research interests are in the prevention of child maltreatment, as well as in the utility of interventions for children with trauma exposure and behavior problems. In her current position, she focuses on research examining the effectiveness of interventions in preventing child maltreatment. Prior to joining CDC, she was an assistant professor at the University of South Carolina-Aiken. She has provided clinical services to children and families for over 16 years and is a licensed clinical psychologist.

Afternoon Session C 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Centennial Room A

“Child Safety: A Sacred Responsibility of the Faith Community”

The Interfaith Children’s Movement is an organization whose mission is to educate, advocate, mobilize and connect faith-based communities together to protect children and service families. This session will help other child and family serving professionals use the structure of faith communities to raise awareness and use the voice of the collective faith community to inspire legislation to make changes that are for the good of the children. Additionally, this session will help prevention and other programs learn how to approach and begin a conversation with religious communities they are needing to reach.

[VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

Pamela Perkins Carn is the coordinator of the Interfaith Children’s Movement (ICM). In that capacity, she has responsibility for coordinating ICM programs and it’s statewide expansion. ICM is a statewide advocacy movement dedicated to the well-being of its children by engaging the interfaith community in advocating for children both at the services level and at the policy level. Pamela’s vision is that ICM will serve as a model by which effective, beneficial and lasting policy changes for children can occur in our society, and that ICM is a place from which people can dedicate themselves to establishing a future of hope and well-being for all children. Pamela’s dedicated leadership of the Interfaith Children’s Movement and her commitment to safe and healthy children were acknowledged by her receipt of the Human Rights Award by Cobb County’s League of Church Women United. For its work on juvenile justice reform, ICM was honored by The Sapelo Foundation as its 2010 recipient of the Smith Bagley Advocacy Award. In 2012, Pamela represented ICM at the White House Forum on Urban Innovation.

Centennial Room B

“Understanding How Play and Art Can Help Heal the Traumatized Child”

Play allows children the opportunity to tell about their life experiences while the Expressive Arts are a window into the child’s “worlds”. This presentation will focus on the importance of Play and the Expressive Arts in understanding the impact of trauma on a child’s overall wellbeing. The presenter will share information on how both Play and the Expressive Arts inform our understanding of children as well as help children work through traumatic events. Participants will be also be guided through actual case studies that include the artwork of traumatized children who participated in play therapy.

Tiffany McNary, PhD, LPC, NCC, CPCS, is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services at Georgia State University (GSU) in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor, a National Certified Counselor and a Certified Professional Counselors Supervisor. She earned her Doctoral degree in Counselor Education and Practice in 2009 and her Master’s degree in Expressive Arts Therapy and Counseling in 2002. Dr. McNary has dedicated her entire professional career to counseling children and families impacted by trauma. She has 15 years of clinical experience serving clients in the non-profit, hospital and private practice settings. Dr. McNary has an expertise in working with traumatized and chronically ill children through incorporating the Expressive Arts and Play Therapy into her counseling sessions.

Afternoon Session D 3:10 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Peachtree Room

“The Sexual Assault Kit: From Collection to the Courtroom”

This session will cover the protocol and procedures in collecting sexual assault evidence during forensic medical evaluations. Participants will be able to identify the process following kit collection and discuss the use of the sexual assault kit’s evidence in the prosecution of child molestation cases. From the point of collection until the evidence is tested, many policies and procedures are in place. After the presentation, attendees will be able to describe these phases and have a complete understanding of the role of the sexual assault kit in cases of sexual abuse. [VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

Roberta Mitchell, MSN, CPNP, is a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and has worked at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta for 22 years, starting as a staff nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care unit at Egleston. In 2002 she started her PNP role at the SVB Center for Safe and Healthy Children. She received her undergraduate degree in 1991 from the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and master’s degree in 2001 from Georgia State University.

Dogwood Room

“How the State is Addressing and Responding to CSEC through Community Prevention Efforts and the Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force”

The goal of this awareness presentation is to educate professionals from multiple fields on the complex issue of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (“CSEC”). It will enable attendees to learn how to define the CSEC issue as a form of human trafficking under the umbrella of child sexual abuse, and to become aware of Georgia’s current anti-trafficking laws. Attendees will learn statistics; risk-factors; how to recognize children at high-risk of victimization; various pathways of entry into “the life;” and gain knowledge on exploiters. Attendees will also be taught how to respond when exploitation is suspected through the proper identification and intervention. Lastly, attendees will hear about the opportunities currently available for training and ways to get involved in CSEC prevention in their local communities.

Michelle Anderson, MS, has a Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Georgia State University, where she focused her graduate studies specifically on human trafficking. Michelle has a diverse professional background within both the criminal justice and advocacy arenas, having previously worked within the fields of corrections, criminal investigations, victim advocacy, policy analysis, and multi-jurisdictional/multi-disciplinary task force development. As a result of the aforementioned professional experiences and educational concentrations, Michelle is well-versed in the specialized areas of child sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation of children, and statewide collaborations built within the Collective Impact Framework. Above all else, Michelle is a passionate advocate for the importance of addressing the varied and complex needs of survivors of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Tiffany Sawyer joined the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy as the Director of Prevention Services in 2006. In her capacity at the Georgia Center, Mrs. Sawyer is responsible for the statewide planning, coordination, implementation, and evaluation of the Center’s statewide sexual abuse prevention initiative with the goal of training adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Previously she worked as the Associate Director of Programs at Darkness to Light, a national non-profit for the prevention of child sexual abuse, where she assisted in the creation of the Stewards of Children training curriculum and helped to launch the program on national and international levels. She is a member of the CSEC Taskforce and serves as a core team member of the SAMHSA-MacArthur Foundation Policy Academy-Action Network Initiative. Tiffany has conducted over 300 trainings and presentations nationally and internationally throughout her career.

Afternoon Session D 3:10p.m.- 4:25 p.m.

DeKalb Room

“Forget What You Know about Prevention”

Child abuse and neglect is a significant societal problem that affects about 1 in 7 children in the last year. Numerous sectors (e.g., government, public health agencies, prevention organizations) are currently engaged in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs; however, other organizations who may not be directly involved in primary prevention have a role to play in prevention efforts. This presentation will begin with a discussion of the different types of prevention, including primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention. We will then discuss ways in which the risk factors for child abuse and neglect overlap with other forms of violence. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of how prevention is applicable in the work of anyone working with children whether child abuse and neglect is present or not.

Natalie Wilkins, PhD, is a behavioral scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) in the Division of Analysis, Research, and Practice Integration (DARPI). She joined NCIPC in 2008 and her work has focused primarily on dissemination and implementation research, program evaluation, technical assistance and capacity building at the state and local level, and knowledge translation for bridging research and practice within the context of injury and violence prevention. She has worked on numerous child maltreatment, youth violence, suicide prevention, and motor vehicle safety projects, as well as efforts to identify links between multiple forms of violence, injury, and other public health outcomes. She received a BA in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Richmond, and an MA and PhD in Community Psychology from Georgia State University.

Sandra P. Alexander, MEd, is a recognized state and national leader, strategic thinker, and innovator in child abuse prevention with over 40 years experience in public and private sector including providing training and technical assistance on child and family services spanning the full range of the social ecology from primary prevention to tertiary prevention, child abuse prevention and consultation, and 18 years of nonprofit management experience. Her leadership experience includes serving as Executive Director of two Prevent Child Abuse America state chapters. For the past ten years, she has been a Subject Matter Expert in child maltreatment prevention in the Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Currently she co-leads DVP’s Essentials for Childhood initiative, chairs the cross branch Essentials Committee and is a leader in engaging the business sector and other key partners in prevention. She is co-author of “Non-programmatic Approaches to Prevention” in Child Maltreatment Prevention currently in press with STM Learning.

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Afternoon Session D 3:10 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Centennial Room A

“Child Maltreatment and Dependency Cases in a Nutshell”

This session will track the child maltreatment case as it progresses through the juvenile court system, from the Preliminary Protective Hearing until the Final Disposition. Using hypotheticals and fictionalized cases, we will demonstrate how evidence is presented to the court and what is needed by the court to establish findings of fact and conclusions of law. This session will help participants be able to identify the required juvenile court hearings in Dependency cases; distinguish between the Preliminary phase, the Adjudicatory phase, and the Dispositional phases of juvenile court cases; and gain a working knowledge of common vocabulary utilized in juvenile court. [VIEW PRESENTATION](#)

The **Fulton County Office of the Child Attorney** is a government agency that provides quality legal representation to children ages newborn to 18 years old. The Fulton County Office of the Child Attorney is comprised of 18 attorneys, two of whom are board-certified Child Welfare Law Specialists who provide legal services to children who are found to be abused, neglected, or who are otherwise dependent upon the state to have their needs met. The office also educates the community about Juvenile Court Dependency proceedings, and the law as it pertains to juveniles. Presenting on behalf of the Fulton County Office of the Child Attorney is Anissa Patton, J.D., Child Welfare Law Specialist, Stacey Pinckney, J.D., Carla Friend, J.D., Roberta Cooper, J.D. and Margaret Riley, J.D.

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Georgia Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program, Safe to Sleep Campaign

As of 2014, Georgia averaged three infant deaths per week due to sleep-related causes. The Georgia Safe to Sleep Campaign prevents sleep-related infant deaths by educating parents and caregivers about safe sleep practices and helping families make informed decisions about infant sleep. The campaign also has a hospital-based initiative to encourage birthing hospitals to discuss safe sleep practices with new parents.

<http://dph.georgia.gov/safetosleep>

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UMCH serves children through three programs: A Family Housing program offering housing and support services for intact families; a residential Independent Living Program for young people 18 years to 21 years old; and a Foster Care program with offices in Decatur, Gainesville, and Newnan. This program is in an expansion mode and is seeking additional foster parents. Please consider serving children in this way by contacting Denise Peacock at dpeacock@umchildrenshome.org.

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Georgia Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program, Child Occupant Safety Project

The Child Occupant Safety Project is funded by Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) and housed within the Georgia Department of Public Health. It is the only state agency with a focus on child passenger safety. COSP provides education and trainings to many agencies, including hospitals, law enforcement, daycares, EMS/Fire services, etc. COSP has a focus on minority outreach and transportation for Georgia's special needs children.

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Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Georgia is housed at Georgia State University's School of Public Health in the Mark Chaffin Center for Healthy Development which is a university research center. PCA Georgia is the state chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America. PCA Georgia's mission is to work towards the healthy development of children statewide recognizing that child development is a building block for community development and economic development. The 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline is one method PCA Georgia uses to connect caregivers and professionals with resources that support families throughout Georgia. The helpline is answered by bilingual professional staff and is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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