MACA'S 12TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

MAY 10TH, 2022
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
DOUBLETREE WESTBOROUGH

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| Thank you for attending our conference! |                                                                         |
A Call to Men’s training aims to promote healthy manhood and explain the role of men in the eradication of violence. Their unique approach educates participants, engages them in communal socialization, breaks down harmful sexist teachings that are often inadvertently perpetuated, and provides an opportunity to be part of a solution. Tony Porter’s presentation shares the importance of speaking out against gender norms and embodying healthy manhood for future generations.

Tony Porter, CEO of A Call to Men, is an author, educator and activist working to advance gender and racial justice and create a more equitable society. He is a leading voice on issues of manhood, male socialization, and preventing violence against all women and girls. He is sought after for his in-depth understanding of the collective socialization of men, healthy masculinity, and more.
Risk to CSEC: What have we learned from the child trafficking data in Massachusetts?

Room: Nugget

This workshop will give an overview of what is empirically known about risk and vulnerability for commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC), recent advancements in the field, and recent knowledge gained regarding factors that are associated with youth being repeatedly referred for CSEC concerns in Suffolk County. The presentation will discuss how this information can be used to inform identification of youth at highest risk of CSEC with the intent of mitigating bias in the identification process.

Dr. Amy Farrell, PhD is a Professor and Director in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University. Her research examines criminal justice system responses to new and emerging crimes such as hate crimes and human trafficking.

Matthew Kafafian, MS is a Doctoral student at Northeastern University where his research focuses on institutional barriers faced by law enforcement and child welfare agencies in properly identifying and serving victims of sex trafficking.
Drug Endangered Children Panel
Room: Viking

Tracy DeFusco (Director of Worcester CAC), Lisa Robinson (Director of Plymouth CAC), MA State Trooper Farrah Gray, Victoria Butler (Plymouth County Outreach) and Lauren Connors (Plymouth County Outreach) have partnered to provide a panel-style discussion on drug endangered children. The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children teaches early identification, response and appropriate intervention services for children and families affected by parental or caregiver substance misuse. This workshop will equip communities, organizations, and individuals with access to the national resource center, trainings, and technical assistance.

Cyber Safety for Professionals
Room: Chandler

As apps like TikTok continue to grow and communication in online gaming grows more frequent for children, the need for responsibility, as well as empathy and kindness has become even more paramount. This workshop will provide attendees with information & tools to understand how to replace blind decision making with informed decision making to assist youth, and other adults, not just how to survive - but how to thrive - with continuously evolving digital tools and technologies.

Richard Guerry, Founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication, has dedicated his work to educating society about responsibility, safety and accountability when using the internet, cell phones and other digital technologies. He has consulted in the development of sexting legislation in the State of New Jersey and has been featured as a digital safety advocate in numerous news outlets.
Forensic Interviews with Children Who Have Engaged in Problematic Sexual Behaviors

Room: Autumn

This workshop is designed for investigators and those involved in the forensic interview process to understand the implications of engaging a youth with Problematic Sexual Behaviors (PSB) in a forensic interview and what considerations should be taken before acting.

Renee Roman, LMSW is a practicing New York State Licensed Social Worker with over 30 years of experience. She is a co-author of the NCA approved Forensic Interviewing Best Practices curriculum and has been a trainer in PSB-CBT-A for years.

Carrie Jenkins, LPC/S has held positions as a forensic interviewer, therapist and team supervisor in Children’s Advocacy Centers. She previously co-chaired the NCA Workgroup for Youth with PSB.

Julia Grimm, LISW-CP is the co-owner of Grimm & Jenkins Training, Consultation and Counseling. She previously worked at the Dee Norton CAC as a therapist, forensic interviewer and clinical and forensic services supervisor.

Responding to Child Abuse During a Pandemic: 25 Tips for MDTs

Room: Baldwin

In this pandemic era, multidisciplinary team partners continue to face novel challenges in the delivery of services to child victims. This workshop will highlight the underlying factors that contribute to the difficulty of detecting child abuse during the pandemic, and 25 tips in response to this concern.

Rachel Johnson is a Lead Forensic Interview Specialist with Zero Abuse Project. She most recently served as the Program Director of the Minnesota Children’s Alliance and has over a decade of experience in work related to forensic interviewing, multidisciplinary teams, advocacy, child abuse, prevention education, sexual assault and family violence, both domestically and abroad.
Gina Melendez currently works as a Forensic Interviewer and CSEC Coordinator at the District Attorney's Office of Worcester County. Her career began as a Victim/Witness Advocate in Fitchburg District Court where she helped victims of various crimes.

Zoe Dos Santos, LSWA currently works as the Hampden County CSEC Coordinator at Baystate Family Advocacy Center. Previous to this role, she worked for DCF as a social worker.

Edgar Cruz is the CSEC Statewide Coordinator at Massachusetts Children's Alliance. His leadership tenure as a community organizer, educator, End Trafficking fellow, child advocate, and product lead has allowed him to put families and children first.

CAC Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Room: Chandler

Hear from CSEC Coordinators, Gina Melendez (Worcester County), Zoe Dos Santos (Hampden County) and Edgar Cruz (MA Statewide) on identifying and responding to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children within Children’s Advocacy Centers. Learn about the history of the multidisciplinary team response in Massachusetts and how we got to where we are today.

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Keeping and Caring for Our Teams: A Conversation About Trauma-Informed Supervision

Room: Nugget

This workshop describes how trauma-informed supervision is essential for agencies and supervisors to create a culture that normalizes and supports the impact for staff working with those impacted by trauma. Trauma-informed supervision can reduce and prevent vicarious trauma and turnover within an agency. While it may look different across disciplines, the implementation of trauma-informed supervision will provide support, promote wellness, and encourage staff to seek support as needed.

Deidre Hussey, PsyD is a Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Supervisor at Baystate Family Advocacy Center. Dr. Hussey is a certified TF-CBT clinician and is trained in a variety of evidence-based treatments for youth, families and adults who have been impacted by trauma and traumatic grief. She has presented at national and international conferences on trauma informed practices, secondary traumatic stress and best practices.

Engaging Frontline Professionals on Providing Services to Survivors of Female Genital Cutting

Room: Viking

Female genital mutilation or cutting (FGM/C) is a reality for many women and girls across different communities in the United States. Yet, FGM/C remains a hidden practice, often done by women to women, and girls are raised to believe they must remain silent about what they underwent. This workshop will explore FGM/C in the U.S. and discuss resources for front-line professionals who are looking to better understand and provide trauma-informed care while practicing cultural competency and sensitivity.

Mariya Taher, MSW, MFA co-founded Sahiyo, a transnational organization with the mission to empower Asian and other communities to end female genital cutting (FGC). She has worked in gender-based violence for over a decade.

Mildrine Tulysse, MSN, FNP-BC is a PediSANE Family Nurse Practitioner at the Middlesex Children’s Advocacy Center. Previous to this role, she worked at Bristol CAC.
Unknowable & Unnecessary: "They Want Me to Ask What?"

Room: Autumn

A key challenge for forensic interviewers is posing questions which prompt verbal elaboration while simultaneously adjusting for the child’s developmental and motivational capacities for information sharing: balancing the child’s limitations and needs with the investigative team’s desire for information. During these often-challenging interactions, interviewers may be prompted to seek information from the child that is unknowable and unnecessary. This interactive presentation will explain the unique qualities of unnecessary and unknowable information, examine the corresponding types of questions, and present strategies for supporting both the child and investigative team.

Andra Chamberlin, MA and Kim Madden, M.Ed., LCMHC are trainers and child forensic interview specialists with the National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC). They bring a wealth of experience and knowledge in forensic interviewing best practices both in CACs and hospital-based child medical evaluation settings.

Peer Review with an Eye Toward Corroboration

Room: Baldwin

In conducting peer review of forensic interviewers, it is important not only to critique the question types and adherence to a protocol, but also to critique whether, or not, the interviewer asked questions that would elicit information that can be corroborated by the multidisciplinary team. This workshop provides concrete information to expand the peer review process to include this critical function. The workshop also discusses the differences between mentoring, supervision, peer review and case review and will offer concrete suggestions for creating an environment for the effective and helpful exchange of feedback.

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Supporting Male Survivors of CSEC

Room: Viking

In the world of commercial exploitation of children and human trafficking, male-identifying individuals are an often overlooked population. This workshop will provide the tools for identification and response to bring underreported male victimization to the forefront by reviewing research on its prevalence, risk factors and three models of child trafficking commonly experienced by male minors.

Nathan Earl is a counter-trafficking pioneer, fierce advocate and visionary leader with a passion for co-building resilient communities immune to exploitation. Through his work as the Principal Consultant at Giant Slayer Consulting, Nathan leverages more than 20 years of lived and professional experience to help organizations and communities prevent violence against boys and male-identifying individuals, including commercialized violence.
What Does Preventing the Perpetration of Child Sexual Abuse (PSB) Look Like?

Room: Chandler

Addressing perpetration prevention is essential to truly ending sexual violence. For decades, our field has talked about how "perpetrators" are people we know and more recently, that labeling them (e.g. perpetrators) is not helpful for prevention. This workshop will dive into the importance of expanding our focus, especially around children to include those who may cause harm – not to demonize them but to help understand how we all need to play a part of prevention. Some research and innovative programs will be woven into the presentation in a way that is accessible to everyone.

Joan Tabachnick, MBA currently serves as the Executive Director of MASOC. Over the last 30 years, Joan has developed educational materials and innovative sexual violence prevention programs for national, state and local organizations. Her primary focus is on preventing the perpetration of sexually harmful behaviors, particularly in adolescents and young adults.

Cultural Humility & Racial Identity for MDT Professionals

Room: Nugget

In this workshop, participants will develop an understanding of what it means to be an antiracist practitioner in their daily roles and interactions, learn the significance of exploring their own racial identity to better engage clients and families in effective counseling, and recognize the intersectionality of clinical and policy practice in dismantling institutionally racist structures and practices that disproportionately impact communities of color.

Kathy Lopes, LICSW, MSW is a licensed clinical social worker and educator with decades of experience working in education, mental health, non-profit, and government sectors. Currently, she is the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Newton Public Schools and is a sought-after guest lecturer on topics of cultural humility, equity, anti-racism and social justice.
Conducting and Defending a Pandemic-Era Forensic Interview in Court

Room: Baldwin

The landscape of forensic interviewing and court proceedings have changed with the onset of the pandemic. This "new normal" has presented unique challenges for prosecutors utilizing tele-forensic interviews. Rachel Johnson’s workshop will provide concrete guidance on conducting tele-forensic interviews and strategies in responding to potential defense attacks.

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Navigating Confidentiality in Child Abuse Cases

Room: Autumn

This workshop will begin with a discussion of the responsibilities of the prosecutor while balancing their crucial role as a partner of the CAC multi-disciplinary team. The workshop will review the common tactic of a criminal defense attorney of filing a motion to access a victim witness’s confidential and/or privileged records. It will use case examples, to show the applicability and impact of these motions and practices on real victim witnesses. The workshop will discuss different tips for protecting victim witnesses against such motions and ensuring their privacy is maintained.

Lisa Beatty, J.D. is an Assistant District Attorney and Chief of the Family Violence/Special Victims Unit for Norfolk County DA’s Office. She currently prosecutes child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence and homicide cases, with a particular interest in prosecuting physical abuse cases involving infants and young children.

Katrina Eberly, Esq. is a Senior Attorney at the Victim Rights Law Center, providing direct representation to sexual assault victims in Western Massachusetts.

Meagen Monahan, J.D. is an Assistant District Attorney in the Appeals Unit for Norfolk County DA’s Office. She currently handles appeals and post-conviction matters, with a focus on prosecutions of child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence cases.