

SESSION INFORMATION

September 12<sup>th</sup>

OVERCOMING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS IN FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

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Presenter: Kelly Bunt, LCSW

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Presenter: Jennifer Canter MD, MPH, FAAP

KEYNOTE:

"DO YOU, CAN YOU, WILL YOU SEE ME?" THE INSIDIOUS EFFECTS OF SYSTEMS TRAUMA

Presenter: David A. Crenshaw, Ph.D., ABPP

Dutchess County Child Advocacy Center's 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM TRAINING

Investigating Child Abuse

September 12-13, 2019

at the NEW Dutchess County Sheriff's Office 108 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie NY 12601

9am – 5pm • Lunch Included

The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) is an approach to child abuse investigations in which agencies charged with the investigation, prosecution and treatment of alleged child abuse victims form a partnership to provide a coordinated response. Please join us at this year's training which includes educational sessions from a variety of professionals who are eager to share information, resources and their specialized expertise.

Participant Registration Form is attached. Feel free to contact the Dutchess County Child Advocacy Center Director, Jennell Higgs, by email at jhiggs@thecpca.org or by phone at 845-249-4881 with any questions. Registration closes Monday, September 9th.



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# MEET OUR PRESENTERS

## **Overcoming Difficult Situations in Forensic Interviews, Interviewing Reluctant Children, and Assessing Children's Statements**

*Presented by Rita Farrell, Lead Forensic Interview Specialist – Zero Abuse Project*

Rita Farrell serves as the Lead Forensic Interview Specialist of the Zero Abuse Project. Rita manages the ChildFirst® Forensic Interview Training Program, ChildFirst® Arkansas state program, and the development of advanced training courses and programs for forensic interviewers. Rita is a certified law enforcement instructor and provides training and technical assistance for child protection professionals.

Rita currently conducts forensic interviews and has interviewed more than 1,500 children. She serves as an expert witness on child sexual abuse, authored many peer reviewed articles specific to forensic interviewing and has trained nationally since 2005 on issues relating to child maltreatment and forensic interviewing. Rita graduated from Ball State University with a degree in secondary education and was the founding executive director of Chaucie's Place, a Child Advocacy Center in Hamilton County, Indiana. As a national trainer, Rita continues to champion the cause of child advocacy and the field of forensic interviewing.



## **Does the past predict the future? How to Measure Risk of Sexual Re-Offense**

*Presented by Kelly Bunt, LCSW*

Kelly Bunt, LCSW, has worked in the field of sexual abuse prevention for 14 years, the majority of her career being spent dedicated to the enhancement of community safety through her work in the management of sexual offenders. She has been an active clinician and administrator in that field for 11 years. Currently, Kelly is a private practitioner specializing in the provision of treatment services for individuals who have sexually offended who live in and around the Dutchess County area. Prior to starting her own private practice, Kelly was the Clinical Supervisor of the Relapse Intervention for Sex Crimes (RISC) program of Family Services, where she oversaw the day to day functioning of the program, provided clinical assessment and treatment services to the program's clients and worked closely with staff to create the now RISC curriculum for the offender program, non-offending partners and family members program, and the supporters program. Additionally, Kelly established and fostered ongoing communication with collaborative partners involved in the supervision of sex offenders, as part of an overall sex offense management program designed to insure the safety of the community. In 2014, Kelly Bunt and the RISC program were awarded for their work by the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (CASADA) and received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, presented by U.S. Congressman Chris Gibson, New York State Senate Proclamation, presented by New York State Senator Terry Gipson and Recognition by Dutchess County Legislature, presented by Robert Rolison, Chairman. Kelly's professional presentations have included presentations at the New York State Child Abuse Prevention Conference, held in Albany, on sex offender management, as well as Massachusetts' ATSA Annual State Chapter Conference on the innovative Supporter's program that she and her staff developed. In her work as a private practitioner, Kelly continues to implement best practice treatment standards and protocol; she also works closely with collaborative partners involved in the supervision of sex offenders. She sits on the Executive Council of Dutchess County's Criminal Justice Council, is the Chair of the Victims Committee (a sub-committee of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council) and is a member of the Dutchess County Sex Offender Management Group.



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## **An Evidence Based Approach to Child Sexual and Physical Abuse**

*Presented by Jennifer Canter MD, MPH, FAAP*

Dr. Jennifer Canter is a board-certified pediatrician and sub-specialist in Child Abuse Pediatrics. She's led the Child Abuse Pediatrics programs at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at WMCHHealth, Westchester Institute for Human Development and New York Medical College since 2002. She is a full Professor of Pediatrics at New York Medical College, Chief of the Section of Child Abuse Pediatrics at Westchester Medical Center (WMCHHealth) and her research has been widely published in the field of child sexual and physical abuse. Dr. Canter is actively involved in the review and analysis of unexpected deaths within New York State with a focus on prevention and education having developed statewide prevention programs in the areas of abusive head trauma and safe infant sleep. She works with various state and county agencies to improve investigations and management of potential abuse across multiple disciplines. She's testified as an expert in hundreds of civil and criminal proceedings across the country in the areas of sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, long-term care needs after catastrophic injury and child fatalities and has been Dutchess County's forensic medical program director for the past five years.



## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

### **"Do You, Can You, Will You See Me?" The Insidious Effects of Systems Trauma**

*Presented by David A. Crenshaw, Ph.D., ABPP*

David A. Crenshaw, Ph.D., ABPP is Clinical Director of the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. He received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1969 from Washington University in St. Louis. He is a Board-Certified Clinical Psychologist (American Board of Professional Psychology, ABPP). Dr. Crenshaw is a Fellow in the American Academy of Clinical Psychology. He was also awarded a Fellow in the American Psychological Association (APA) and a Fellow in the APA Division of Child and Adolescent Psychology. Dr. Crenshaw is a licensed psychologist in NYS and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor by the Association for Play Therapy. He has taught graduate courses in play therapy and child/adolescent counseling at Johns Hopkins University, Columbia University, and Marist College. In 2012, HVPA honored him with its first ever, Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2018, he was awarded a 2nd Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York Association for Play Therapy. He is the author, co-author, editor, or co-editor of 15 books and over 50 journal articles and book chapters on topics of child and adolescent therapy, child trauma and abuse.



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# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

## September 12th

### **OVERCOMING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS IN FORENSIC INTERVIEWS**

*Presented by Rita Farrell, Lead FI Specialist*

The training provides both lecture and group discussion. Participants will learn how to overcome difficult situations during forensic interviews and handling those tough questions. Upon entering the workshop, participants will have a chance to write down difficult situations they have encountered, and the presenter and participants will work to find solutions and practical tools that can be used in the future. Participants will have an opportunity to watch interview clips of difficult situations.

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will learn how to overcome difficult situations in forensic interviews.
2. Participants will discuss situations they have encountered and find solutions and practical tools to use.
3. Participants will view and discuss videos of forensic interviews and difficult situations.

### **INTERVIEWING RELUCTANT CHILDREN**

*Presented by Rita Farrell, Lead FI Specialist*

The workshop offers concrete guidance for forensic interviewers or investigators called on to interview a child who is reluctant or fearful of making a disclosure. The workshop will include research and best practices when interviewing reluctant children. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss concrete solutions that can be used with reluctant children and watch interview video clips.

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will learn how to interview reluctant children.
2. Participants will discuss research and concrete solutions to remove reluctance and other barriers to disclosure.
3. Participants will view and discuss videos of forensic interviews involving reluctant children.

### **ASSESSING CHILDREN'S STATEMENTS**

*Presented by Rita Farrell, Lead FI Specialist*

This training includes techniques child abuse investigators and legal professionals can use to evaluate the child's interview based upon his or her statements, behaviors and emotions. While no single factor or characteristic is indicative of abuse, interviewers can utilize several factors within the interview itself to assess the reliability and credibility of a child's report. Such information may be used to explain the results of an interview in court or may be used to guide the team members in establishing corroborative factors to support the child's interview statements.

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will learn techniques to evaluate the child's statements, behavior and emotions.
2. Participants will discuss several factors to consider when assessing the reliability of a child's statement.
3. Participants will discuss corroborative factors to consider and participate in group scenario discussions.



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## September 12<sup>th</sup> continued

### **DOES THE PAST PREDICT THE FUTURE? HOW TO MEASURE RISK OF SEXUAL RE-OFFENSE**

*Presented by Kelly Bunt, LCSW*

This presentation will address empirically, and clinically derived risk assessment instruments designed to predict risk of sexual re-offense. Participants will learn which risk assessments are most commonly used to predict sexual re-offense for adult and adolescent offenders, what are the factors relevant to assessing risk of sexual re-offense, and how to interpret risk assessment results to aid in decision-making for intervention.

## September 13<sup>th</sup>

### **AN EVIDENCE BASED APPROACH TO CHILD SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE**

*Presented by Jennifer Canter MD, MPH, FAAP*

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the differential diagnosis for various forms of sexual and physical abuse.
2. Understand the evidence base supporting the elements of a physical and sexual abuse medical workup
3. Understand the systems involved in investigations of potential child abuse and the role of each discipline.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

#### **“Do You, Can You, Will You See Me?” The Insidious Effects of Systems Trauma**

*Presented by David A. Crenshaw, Ph.D., ABPP*

Our clients and consumers contend more often than we would hope that we don't see them--really see them as they truly are. The blinders and biases that prevent us as helpers from truly seeing those we intend to help will be explored along with the concept that is appearing more frequently in the scientific literature of systems trauma. Systems trauma occurs when the systems designed to help vulnerable people fail due many breakdowns, pressures on the helping systems, overworked and exhausted providers, and in some cases microaggressions. The latter are particularly insidious because by definition they occur often by well-meaning people outside of their awareness. The work of Derald Wing Sue at Columbia on microaggressions will be featured.



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# Dutchess County Child Advocacy Center

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Multi-Disciplinary Team Training

### Participant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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### Please check the sessions you plan on attending

- 9/12/19
- OVERCOMING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS IN FORENSIC INTERVIEWS
  - INTERVIEWING RELUCTANT CHILDREN
  - ASSESSING CHILDREN'S STATEMENTS
  - DOES THE PAST PREDICT THE FUTURE? HOW TO MEASURE RISK OF SEXUAL RE-OFFENSE
- 9/13/19
- AN EVIDENCE BASED APPROACH TO CHILD SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE
  - KEYNOTE: "DO YOU, CAN YOU, WILL YOU SEE ME?" THE INSIDIOUS EFFECTS OF SYSTEMS TRAUMA

*\* The two-day training has been made possible with funding from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and NYS Office of Victim Services*

*\*There is no registration fee. Registration includes conference admission and materials.*

*\*Lunch WILL be provided by K&D Deli and Shelly's Deli*

**Please send completed registration form to  
CAC Director, Jennell Higgs, no later than September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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