

25th Annual La Crosse Child Maltreatment Conference Agenda

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Wednesday, April 27th, 2022

8:00 am	Welcome <i>Arne Graff, M.D., Mayo Clinic</i>
8:15 – 10:15 am	Expanding the Role of Asphyxiation Crimes Against Children <i>Kelsey McKay, JD</i> Asphyxiation abuses and homicides often lack obvious external signs and the lack of research and awareness in the pediatric population often misguides the criminal, legal and medical system. As a result, practitioners miss opportunities to identify and investigate serious cases ranging from physical abuse, sexual violence, and homicide. This training will discuss the various types of asphyxiation abuse and homicide in children and how various systems often miss opportunities to identify, investigate, treat, and prosecute these cases. Going beyond the obvious, attendees will learn the basics of anatomy as it relates to the various forms of asphyxiation and. Better understanding of respiration will highlight the signs and symptoms that may be present after this type of attack. Moreover, increased awareness of how perpetrators use asphyxiation to avoid detection will provide the audience with the knowledge to better identify misdirected homicides. The training will introduce the various dynamics and motivations that drive perpetrators to use this form of violence. With proper training and protocol, practitioners have started to better identify this often missed and sometimes lethal crime, finally giving this crime and the victims a voice.
10:15 – 10:30 am	Morning Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Expanding the Role of Asphyxiation Crimes Against Children (Cont.) <i>Kelsey McKay, JD</i>
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Ken Kolb Award and Presentation <i>Investigator Crystal Nordby (RET)</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own
1:00 – 2:30 pm	The Sexualization of Asphyxiation <i>Kelsey McKay, JD</i> Perpetrators of child abuse use various types of asphyxiation to achieve different goals ranging from obtaining compliance, enforcing punishment or to commit sexual assault. Asphyxiation used during sexual abuse can achieve numerous objectives including gaining access or compliance, avoiding

	accountability & providing sexual gratification. Particular attention should be given to investigations and prosecutions where a perpetrator gains sexual gratification by the act of asphyxiation. This lecture highlights different reasons ways asphyxiation provides sexual gratification and how practitioners can capture evidence of these motivations to improve investigations to increase the chances of conviction. Improving practitioners' ability to identify these offenders during an investigation creates a valuable opportunity to detect offenders who often avoid accountability and better protect against the future threat of these serial sexual predators who escalate over time.
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Afternoon Break
2:45 – 4:00 pm	Understanding the Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guidelines Lynn Cook, MSW, APSW For many years, the state of Wisconsin has utilized multiple region-specific models of forensic interviewing. Safe Harbor previously utilized the Cognitive Graphic Model, Children's Hospital Forensic Interviewers were trained in Stepwise, and other areas of the state used RATAc or Finding Words and Child First. In 2015, a collaborative effort was made between the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and Safe Harbor to transition to a consensus model for Forensic Interviewing. These entities along with a national expert created the Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guidelines and a new training module was introduced across the state. While still closely based on the APSAC Guidelines for forensic interviewing, this approach incorporates internationally supported and evidence-based techniques such as narrative event practice to enhance memory recall, accuracy, and informativeness of children. The intent was to create something state specific and flexible that could be updated as new research emerges to inform our methods and practice. This presentation will discuss the history of forensic interviews in the state of Wisconsin, differences and similarities between this model and other approaches, and relevant research that informs our constantly evolving methods of conducting forensic interviews.
4:00 pm	Closing

Thursday April 28th, 2022

8:00 – 8:15 am	Welcome
8:15 am – 12:00 pm	Maltreatment in Infant and Early Childhood Annette Copa, MSW, LCSW, IMH-E IV Children birth to age 6 are disproportionality exposed to trauma as opposed to older children and underrepresented in the literature. Traumatic experiences can disrupt developmental trajectories and affect the family and greater care-giving systems. Learn how babies and very young children's reactions may present differently than traditionally expected. Learn special considerations and protective factors to include evidence-based interventions to mitigate risk.

	<p>Psychological Needs of Children Exposed to Family Violence <i>Sarah Trane, PhD, ABPP, LP</i> The second half of the morning will focus on the psychological needs of children who are exposed to family violence, both situations where allegations are founded or unfounded. As professionals we need to recognize these situations merit attention and children can benefit from psychological and behavioral interventions from all caregivers. A rich developmental research history exists from which to utilize evidence-based interventions for families to reduce the impact of coercive interactions.</p>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own
1:00 – 2:30 pm	<p>Breakout Session 1 Working with Transgender Youth Who Have Experienced Abuse <i>Nicole Rose, LICSW</i> Provide culturally sensitive care to transgender youth, learn about commonly used language, understanding and assessing risk factors for transgender youth, asking about name/pronouns, and how to identify yourself as an ally.</p> <p>‘It’s a Custody Case’: Accurately Evaluating Child Sexual Abuse Disclosures Amidst Child Custody Disputes <i>Lynn Cook, MSW, APSW</i> In the world of child maltreatment, some of our most complicated cases are those simultaneously immersed in divorce and custody issues. These cases involve the most pressure for investigators and decision makers because the risk of getting it wrong can mean either that the child’s abuser has ongoing access to them or that a parent loses all or some of their rights. These cases are especially complicated when dealing with allegations of sexual abuse, which rarely present with other evidence outside of the statements of the child. This presentation will delve into research in the area of child abuse and disputed custody. We will discuss common misconceptions and overgeneralizations when evaluating sexual abuse in this context. We will cover important concepts in child development, linguistics, and memory so that participants are better prepared to gather information and evaluate the statements of children. By the end of this session, it is our goal that attendees will be aware of the constellation of issues to explore and how to explore them so that sound decisions can be made regarding child safety and placement.</p>
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 – 4:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session 2 Canine Comfort in Advocacy: The Joy of a Facility Dog in Child Maltreatment Services <i>Amber Depuydt-Goodlock, LCSW</i> Dogs and comfort animals provide invaluable assistance to those who serve child victims. Gain knowledge on the benefits of a facility dog when providing services to children, from the forensic interview process through the criminal justice system and mental health counseling. You will get to meet Canine Companions facility dogs and hear firsthand the methods of use with child victims, as well as resources to apply on behalf of your agency/organization.</p> <p>“Sometimes It Only Takes One Question...”</p>

	<p><i>Investigators Crystal Nordby (RET) & Mike Jaszczak (RET)</i></p> <p>He led her down a path of abuse she suffered in silence. Years later when a stranger was arrested states away she was asked “Have you ever met with anyone in person that you met online?” That question led everyone down a path they never saw coming.</p>
4:00 pm	Conference Closing