



University of Michigan  
Medical School

Co-Sponsored by: University of Michigan Health System's  
Child Protection Team, University of Michigan Medical School  
and University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital

26th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference

# Child Abuse & Neglect

Prevention, Assessment  
and Treatment



October 22-23, 2007  
The Inn at St. John's  
Plymouth, Michigan

# Program Objectives

Our goal is to provide the best speakers and most current topics every year. Since many participants cannot travel out of state for conferences, we endeavor to bring the conference to you. We offer a range of topics presented by experts in the field for all professionals working in the area of child abuse and neglect.

We want participants to learn new things and network with colleagues in a relaxed environment. We hope the speakers are inspirational, help reinforce the great work everyone does and give everyone the support and encouragement to continue in these incredibly important but stressful jobs.

The conference will be held in a new location this year. **Join us at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Michigan.** Come enjoy the beautiful grounds and conference facility.

This conference is designed for all professionals working with children and families, including: child advocates, educators, social workers, law enforcement personnel, physicians, nurses, mental health workers, protective services and foster care workers, prevention specialists, attorneys, Children's Advocacy Center professionals and all others committed to helping communities keep children safe.

**Lundy Bancroft**, our Monday keynote speaker, is an author, trainer, counselor and activist on issues of abuse and recovery. His current work focuses particularly on men who abuse women and the impact those men have on the lives of both women and children. The effect of interpersonal violence on children is an ever growing concern. How do we intervene? Should we investigate cases of spousal abuse when the children are not physically injured? We know that 40-60% of the time when there is abuse of a woman, there is also child abuse. Can we afford not to investigate and intervene in these situations? This keynote presentation and the two workshops offered by Mr. Bancroft will have you thinking about these questions and more.

Mr. Bancroft's books include *The Batterer as Parent: Addressing the Impact on Domestic Violence on Family Dynamics*; *Why Does He Do That?* and his most recent book, *When Dad Hurts Mom: Helping Your Children Heal the Wounds of Witnessing Abuse*.

He has presented over 300 times to audiences in the United States and abroad. He is an engaging and dynamic speaker and he will draw you into this subject and leave you feeling empowered to take constructive action.

On Tuesday, we welcome **D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas**. Mr. Vanas is of Odawa Indian origin and was born in Muskegon, Michigan. He is a husband, father, internationally acclaimed motivational storyteller and success coach. He is also the author of the celebrated book, *The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery and Achievement*, which has been printed in six countries. Mr. Vanas will educate you with his timeless lessons and tools. He will also have you laughing out loud through the oral tradition of storytelling.

Back by popular demand is **Misty Larthridge**, the Program area supervisor for Domestic Violence Shelter services at the Kalamazoo YWCA. Ms. Larthridge will present a plenary on Tuesday afternoon on **Cultural Competency: Recognizing and Destroying the Barriers**. Her workshop presentation last year challenged us to think in a new way about cultural awareness. This year, we will learn about the guiding principals of cultural competency.

In addition to the keynotes and plenary session, there are 28 workshops from which to choose. By attending any of these workshops you will be able to learn and strengthen skills, obtain new perspectives, be challenged and be revitalized.

On Monday evening, the Michigan Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (MiPSAC) will hold their annual meeting and election of officers. All conference attendees are encouraged to attend to learn about MiPSAC and to become a part of the vital organization.

Protecting Michigan's children has never been more critical. We hope to see you in October.

On behalf of the planning committee,

Susan Smith, LMSW  
Course Director

# Planning Committee

**Arlene Bradford, BA**  
Assistant Director  
Office of Continuing Medical Education  
Department of Medical Education

**Michele Davenport**  
Children and Adult Training Manager  
OTSD/Child Welfare Institute  
Department of Human Services  
Detroit, Michigan

**Leena S. Dev, MD, FAAP**  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Medical Director, Child Protection Team  
University of Michigan Health System

**Linda K. DeVries, LMSW**  
Clinical Social Worker  
Child Protection Team  
University of Michigan Health System

**Zoë Lyons, BS**  
Family Advocate Specialist  
Department of Human Services  
Lansing, Michigan

**M. Jeffrey Sadler, MBA, BS**  
Children's Trust Fund Analyst  
Children's Trust Fund  
Lansing, Michigan

**Carol A. Siemon, JD**  
Training and Development Manager  
Family Services - Child Welfare  
State Court Administrative Office  
Lansing, Michigan

**Susan A. Smith, LMSW**  
Course Director  
Coordinator, Child Protection Team  
Manager, Abuse Prevention Initiative  
University of Michigan Health System

**Barbara J. Welke, MSW**  
Director  
The Children's Assessment Center  
of Berrien County  
St. Joseph, Michigan

# Faculty

## Guest Faculty

### Lundy Bancroft

Batterer Intervention Specialist  
Northhampton, Massachusetts

### Connie Black-Pond, MA, LPC, CSW

Clinical Director  
Children's Trauma Assessment Center  
Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

### Cindy Bridgman, MSW

Director, Intervention and  
Treatment at CARE House  
Oakland County  
Pontiac, Michigan

### Deborah L. Carley, JD

Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Oakland County Prosecutor's Office  
Pontiac, Michigan

### Roger Christ, MA, LPC

District Manager  
North Central Child and Family Services  
District/Wayne County  
Highland Park, Michigan

### Catherine S. Connell, LMSW, ACSW

Child Interview Specialist, FBI  
Clinton Township, Michigan

### Kimberly Corts, LMSW

Child Welfare Institute  
Lansing, Michigan

### Pat A. Crum, BA

Parent Counselor, Child Protection Team  
DeVos Children's Hospital  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

### Tracy Cyrus, LMSW

Coordinator, Child Protection Team  
DeVos Children's Hospital  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

### Shannon Gibson, MSW

Coordinator  
State of Michigan Independent Living  
Department of Human Services  
Lansing, Michigan

### Cameron Henke

Detective Lieutenant, Michigan State Police  
West Olive, Michigan

### James Henry, PhD

Director  
Children's Trauma Assessment Center  
Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

### Darcy Komejan, MA

Executive Director  
The Children's Advocacy Center  
of Ottawa County  
Holland, Michigan

### Misty Larthridge, MA

Supervisor, YWCA of Kalamazoo Shelter  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

### Andrew Longuski

Detective Sergeant, Michigan State Police  
Bay City, Michigan

### Amy Mack

Training Coordinator  
Children's Trauma Assessment Center  
Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

### Mary McKendrick

Training Coordinator  
Copper Country Mental Health Services  
Houghton, Michigan

### Shannon O'Brien, JD

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  
Oakland County Prosecutor's Office  
Pontiac, Michigan

### John N. O'Brien II, JD

Assistant United States Attorney  
United States Attorney's Office  
for the Eastern District of Michigan  
Detroit, Michigan

### Seth Persky, BA, MSW

Family Preservation Trainer/Consultant  
Office of Training and Staff Development  
Department of Human Services  
Detroit, Michigan

### Jillian Ritter, BS

EightCap, Inc. Early Head Start  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

### Susan D. Samuel, BS

Kentucky Cabinet for Families  
and Children (Retired)  
Cloudcroft, New Mexico

### N. Debra Simms, MD

Division Chief, Child Protection Team  
DeVos Children's Hospital  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

### Shannon Stotenbur-Wing, MSW

Senior Program Manager  
Michigan Public Health Institute  
Lansing, Michigan

### D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas

Native Discovery, Inc.  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

### Julie Warner, LMSW, FAODP

Supervisor, Child Welfare Services  
Isabella County  
Department of Human Services  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

### Barbara J. Welke, MSW

Director, The Children's Assessment  
Center of Berrien County  
St. Joseph, Michigan

### Valerie White, JD

Hillsdale County Chief Assistant Prosecutor  
Hillsdale, Michigan

### Michelle White, BA, MSW

Foster Care Trainer/Consultant  
Office of Training and Staff Development  
Department of Human Services  
Saginaw, Michigan

### Shyra Williams, LLMSW, CTS

Crisis Counselor  
Children's Advocacy Center  
Holland, Michigan

### Duane Michael Wilson, MSW, LMSW

Project Coordinator  
Healthy Marriage & Responsible  
Fatherhood Initiatives  
Department of Human Services  
Lansing, Michigan

## University of Michigan Faculty

### Leena S. Dev, MD, FAAP

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Medical Director  
Child Protection Team

### Kathleen Coulborn Faller, PhD, ACSW

Marion Elizabeth Blue Professor  
School of Social Work  
Director, Family Assessment Clinic

### Michelle Kees, PhD

Assistant Professor  
Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
Department of Psychiatry

### Bethany Mohr, MD, FAAP

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Associate Medical Director  
Child Protection Team

### Maria Muzik, MD

Lecturer, Women's Mental Health Clinic  
Department of Psychiatry

### Mary B. Ortega, ACSW, LCSW

Administrator, Family Assessment Clinic  
School of Social Work

### Frank E. Vandervort, JD

Assistant Professor of Law  
University of Michigan Law School

*I loved this conference. It was so helpful to those working in the field of child care.  
- 2006 Participant*

# Program Schedule - Monday, October 22 (11 credits)

## Early Registration, Sunday, October 21

6:30-8:00 pm Registration ..... *The Inn at St. John's*

## Monday Morning, October 22

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast..... *The Inn at St. John's*

8:45 Welcome and Announcements.....*Arlene Bradford, BA*

Opening Remarks..... *Leena S. Dev, MD, FAAP*

Presentation of 2007 MiPSAC Child Advocate Award.....*Collette Gushurst, MD*

9:00 **Keynote: The Batterer as Parent** .....*Lundy Bancroft*

10:15 Break

### 10:30 Workshop Session I

1. Supporting Healing and Recovery in Children Exposed to Domestic Violence .....*Lundy Bancroft*

2. Understanding Legal Ethics and Their Impact on Child Welfare Workers .....*Frank E. Vandervort, JD*

3. Child Welfare Odd Couple: Can Attorneys and Social Workers Get Along?.....*Kimberly Corts, LMSW;*  
*Valerie White, JD*

4. What's Behind Door #3?: Exploring Alternate Hypotheses in Child Sexual Abuse Investigations.....*Susan D. Samuel, BS*

5. Interviewing Internet Exploitation Victims..... *Catherine S. Connell, LMSW, ACSW*

6. Child Death Review: What the Medical Community Needs to Know..... *Bethany Mohr, MD, FAAP;*  
*Shannon Stotenbur-Wing, MSW*

12:00 Lunch

## Afternoon

### 1:00 Workshop Session II

1. Meeting the Post-Separation Needs of Abused Women and Their Children.....*Lundy Bancroft*

2. Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth in the Child Welfare System .....*Seth Persky, BA, MSW; Michelle White, BA, MSW*

3. Bumps and Bruises 101: Investigating and Documenting "Seemingly Minor" Physical Abuse.....*Susan D. Samuel, BS*

4. Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Children .....*Michelle Kees, PhD*

5. The Forensic Interviewer as Expert Witness.....*Darcy Komejan, MA; Barbara J. Welke, LMSW*

6. Medical Aspects of Child Sexual Abuse ..... *Leena S. Dev, MD, FAAP*

2:30 Break

### 2:45 Workshop Session III

1. His Brain / Her Brain - And Your Approach .....*Duane Michael Wilson, LMSW*

2. Adolescents: What Are They Thinking?..... *Pat A. Crum, BA*

3. Vicarious Trauma: Practical Information for Frontline Workers ..... *Shyra Williams, LLMSW, CTS*

4. Why Children's Protective Services Investigations Go Bad .....*Roger Christ, MA, LPC; Mary McKendrick*

5. The Online Child Sexual Exploitation Offender: Current Challenges in Protecting the Children of the Offender.....*Deborah L. Carley, JD; Shannon O'Brien, JD; John N. O'Brien II, JD*

6. Child Neglect ..... *Bethany Mohr, MD, FAAP*

4:15 Session adjourns

### 4:30 MiPSAC 12th Annual Meeting

All conference attendees are invited to this meeting. Plan to attend to learn more about the Michigan Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (MiPSAC) and what part you can play in this dynamic and important state and national organization.

Election of 2007 Officers/Board and Annual Meeting

Meeting adjourns at 6:00 pm

# Program Schedule - Tuesday, October 23

## Tuesday Morning, October 23

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast..... *The Inn at St. John's*
- 8:45 Welcome and Announcements.....*Zoë Lyons, BS*  
Opening Remarks.....*Richard Bearup*
- 9:00 **Keynote: Keeping the Fires Lit** ..... *D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas*
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **Workshop Session IV**
1. Early Head Start and Child Welfare: How Do We Make the Partnership Work? ..... *Jillian Ritter, BS; Julie Warner, LMSW, FAODP*
  2. Maternal Perinatal Depression and Its Impact on Early Child Development..... *Maria Muzik, MD*
  3. How to Get a Confession That Will Stand Up in Court - PART I.....*Cameron Henke; Andrew Longuski*
  4. Pre- and Post-Forensic Interview: What Do You Need from Caregivers and What Can You Offer Them?..... *Barbara J. Welke, LMSW*
  5. Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth in the Child Welfare System - **REPEAT** .....*Seth Persky, BA, MSW; Michelle White, BA, MSW*
  6. Developing and Implementing a Trauma-Informed Child Welfare Practice ..... *James Henry, PhD; Connie Black-Pond, MA, LPC, CSW; Amy Mack*
- 12:00 Lunch

## Afternoon

- 1:00 **Plenary Session: Cultural Competency: Recognizing and Destroying the Barriers** .....*Misty Larthridge, MA*
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 **Workshop Session V**
1. Navigating Funding Sources for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care..... *Shannon Gibson, MSW*
  2. The Doctor is "In" ..... *N. Debra Simms, MD; Tracy Cyrus, MSW*
  3. How to Get a Confession That Will Stand Up in Court - PART II.....*Cameron Henke; Andrew Longuski*
  4. Extended Assessments of Children Who May Have Been Abused: Models and Appropriate Cases.....*Kathleen Coulborn Faller, PhD, ACSW; Mary B. Ortega, ACSW, LCSW*
  5. Keys to a Successful Family Support Group ..... *Cindy Bridgman, MSW; Shyra Williams, LLMSW, CTS*
- 3:45 Course Adjourns

## Special Thanks to:

*The Michigan Chapter of the National Children's Alliance for their assistance and support for child advocacy center-related workshops and speakers.*

*The Michigan Children's Trust Fund and the Michigan Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (MiPSAC) for their sponsorship.*

*The State Court Administrative Office, Family Services - Child Welfare Services for their sponsorship.*



# Workshops - Monday, October 22

## KEYNOTE PRESENTATION, 9:00 - 10:15 AM:

### **The Batterer as Parent**

*Presenter: Lundy Bancroft*

Men who batter are psychologically harmful to children in a wide array of ways. Witnessing acts of violence in the home has far-reaching implications for children's emotional health and development. Additionally, the batterer's actions in the home can weaken family functioning by undermining the mother's authority, sowing divisions between family members, and causing children to blame themselves and their mothers for the violence. Men who batter also have far higher rates than do non-battering men of abusing children physically or sexually. Child protective personnel and all professionals who work with families need to understand the toxicity that results from domestic violence, and the futility and destructiveness of blaming mothers for the problem.

## WORKSHOP SESSION I: 10:30 - 12:00

### **1. Supporting Healing and Recovery in Children Exposed to Domestic Violence**

*Presenter: Lundy Bancroft*

Professional interventions, and assistance from other concerned members of the community, can have a large impact on the ability of children to heal emotionally and behaviorally from experiences of living with a perpetrator of domestic violence. The top two goals are to help families achieve safety and to build strong mother-child relationships. Next, children need supportive relationships with other caring adults and need assistance to process their experiences of witnessing abuse. Children's healing is linked to their empowerment so it is also important to find ways to help them develop critical thinking skills and an ability to understand that perpetrators, not victims, are responsible for abuse.

### **2. Understanding Legal Ethics and Their Impact on Child Welfare Workers**

*Presenter: Frank E. Vandervort, JD*

For many child welfare workers, their court related responsibilities are the source of great stress. Much of that stress results from not understanding why lawyers behave the way they do. In turn, most lawyer's behavior is based on the lawyer's ethical duty to the client. This workshop is aimed at helping child welfare workers understand lawyers' professional ethics — including the duty of loyalty and the duty of zealous advocacy — and how those ethics impact upon the child welfare worker. This workshop examines the differences between legal and social work ethics and provides understanding on how legal ethics impact court work.

### **3. Child Welfare Odd Couple: Can Attorneys and Social Workers Get Along?**

*Presenters: Kimberly Corts, LMSW; Valerie White*

This workshop provides an opportunity for participants to explore and discuss the different perspectives attorneys and social workers bring to the child welfare system. Group discussion items include: differences in education, training, and experiences; and the 5 R's of a positive relationship between social workers and attorneys. The workshop format consists of discussion, audio-visual aids, and a group activity using realistic situations faced by attorneys and social workers in the abuse/neglect field.

### **4. What's Behind Door #3?: Exploring Alternative Hypotheses in Child Sexual Abuse Investigations**

*Presenter: Susan D. Samuel, BS*

**Of Particular Interest to: Law Enforcement, Child Protection, Prosecution**

In child sexual abuse cases, one of the more common challenges raised by defense is the investigator's failure to consider and document alternative explanations for the stated allegations. Using "doors" as a metaphor for the alternatives, this workshop examines two real cases and calls upon participants to formulate, eliminate and then document all possible alternatives for the allegations. Audience participation is encouraged.

### **5. Interviewing Internet Exploitation Victims**

*Presenter: Catherine S. Connell, LMSW, ACSW*

This presentation looks at interviewing child/teen exploitation victims, compliant victims involving the Internet and the challenges that interviewers may encounter. It also focuses on current issues such as presenting evidence, cold cases and interviewing for both Federal and State charges.

### **6. Child Death Review: What the Medical Community Needs to Know**

*Presenter: Bethany Mohr, MD, FAAP;*

*Shannon Stotenbur-Wing, MSW*

This presentation looks at the child death review process and how the medical community contributes to the process. Participants learn things to look for when examining children suspected of being victims of child abuse and neglect. Case examples, photos, and autopsy results will be presented and discussed

## WORKSHOP SESSION II: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

### **1. Meeting the Post-Separation Needs of Abused Women and Their Children**

*Presenter: Lundy Bancroft*

Contrary to popular myth, life does not necessarily become easier or safer for battered women and their children after leaving the batterer. Many post-separation dangers arise, including stalking, continued violence, or homicide by the batterer. Additionally, it is common for batterers to seek custody of children, and routine for them to seek unsupervised contact, which is usually granted by courts despite the domestic violence history. Battered mothers need a new kind of advocacy in the post-separation context, including legal advocacy, parenting guidance to assist children's recovery, and preventive education to help her avoid becoming involved with another batterer. There is also an urgent need to reform the way in which family law courts handle custody and visitation in domestic violence cases, and for advocates to learn strategies to press for those reforms.



## 2. Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth in the Child Welfare System

**Presenters:** Seth Persky, BA, MSW; Michelle White, BA, MSW

More and more, social workers are encountering youth who identify as LGBTQ. Many service providers question whether they and their agencies have the policy, knowledge, and skill to effectively engage and provide affirming services. This workshop provides basic information on statistics and recent legal decisions which affect LGBTQ youth in care, as well as how to better engage and intervene with this population.

## 3. Bumps & Bruises 101: Investigating & Documenting “Seemingly Minor” Physical Abuse

**Presenter:** Susan D. Samuel, BS

**Of Particular Interest to:** Child Protection, Law Enforcement

“Garden variety” physical abuse, especially in small children, is sometimes the precursor to serious injury or even death. It is imperative that CPS workers learn to accurately identify and document non-accidental injury in order to correctly assess risk to the child. Often, in these types of cases, there is no coordination between CPS and law enforcement, because law enforcement has determined that the DEGREE of injury is not sufficient for a criminal charge. The worker is on her/his own. This workshop explores the difficulties workers face as they attempt to sort out accidental from the non-accidental injuries. Topics addressed include: resolving inconsistencies, collecting evidence (without CSI), using common sense, linking a specific injury to an individual caretaker, and accurate and complete documentation of the injury, statements and other evidence.

## 4. Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Children

**Presenter:** Michelle Kees, PhD

This workshop is an introduction to trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, and includes practical strategies for intervening with traumatized children and their parents. The rationale for this treatment model will be presented along with a description of the treatment procedures, including coping strategies, cognitive processing, gradual exposure and desensitization through a trauma narrative, and parent interventions.

## 5. The Forensic Interviewer as Expert Witness

**Presenter:** Darcy Komejan, MA; Barbara J. Welke, MSW

**Of Particular Interest to:** Child Advocacy Center Personnel

This workshop looks at the role of the forensic interviewer as an expert witness in court. The interviewer’s role in educating fact-finders on issues such as the disclosure process, the forensic interview process, and the dynamics of sexual abuse are examined. Discussion includes ways to prepare yourself for court and relevant literature in the field that should be familiar to expert witnesses.

*This was the best conference I have ever been to. Wide variety of presentations, relevant to our work, and very interesting. Great work! - 2006 Participant*

## 6. Medical Aspects of Child Sexual Abuse

**Presenter:** Leena S. Dev, MD, FAAP

The sexual abuse of children is an entity that should be familiar to all professionals in the area of child protection. Medical professionals should feel comfortable examining a patient with such concerns; protective service workers should be aware of the medical issues in such cases to better understand their clients; and prosecutors and law enforcement officials must be familiar with evidence collection, what the medical findings mean, and why it is not unusual to have no medical findings. This workshop discusses: the way victims of sexual abuse are often presented to medical providers; how exams are conducted; what medical reports should say and what they mean; sexually transmitted diseases and other infections; protocols for acute and late disclosures in children; and the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines for the evaluation of cases of child sexual abuse. Cases that pertain to this workshop are also presented.

## WORKSHOP SESSION III: 2:45 - 4:15 PM

### 1. His Brain/Her Brain... And Your Approach

**Presenter:** Duane Michael Wilson, LMSW

This interactive presentation is designed to promote and strengthen service provider skills in the area of male/father engagement. Through current research on male and female brain functioning, the presentation introduces biological factors that play a major role in male behavior, male learning, and male communication styles. The presentation clearly conveys an understanding that working with men can be uniquely different and often requires a very different approach. Attendees learn specific strength-based strategies and techniques that work in conjunction with the “biological factor” to improve male interaction and involvement in order to increase positive outcomes for children. Attendees also receive specific tips that are designed to promote positive working relationships, even with the most challenging male client/customer.

### 2. Adolescents: What Are They Thinking?

**Presenter:** Pat A. Crum, BA

This workshop explores current research about the development of teen brains, including new discoveries that offer insight into the choices and behaviors that can baffle adults. Implications of the research for parents, as well as for service providers and policy-makers, are explored.

### 3. Vicarious Trauma: Practical Information for Frontline Workers

**Presenter:** Shyra Williams, LLMSW, CTS

This workshop addresses the effects that working with traumatized clients can have on frontline workers. Participants utilize a self-report test to aid in identifying areas of concern. Prevention and intervention are also addressed.

**NOTE: We attempt to gear our workshops toward a multidisciplinary audience. Unless otherwise specifically noted, most presentations will interest professionals from all disciplines.**

# Workshops - Monday, October 22 (cont'd)

## 4. Why Children's Protective Services Investigations Go Bad

*Presenters: Roger Christ, MA, LPC; Mary McKendrick*

CPS staff investigate thousands of complaints in Michigan every year. Most are handled appropriately; however, some investigations go bad. A mishandled investigation can cause damage to children, their families, and their communities, as well as to the assigned staff and the entire department. This workshop looks at some of the reasons an investigation may go "bad" and offers tips on conducting a thorough and complete CPS investigation.

## 5. The Online Child Sexual Exploitation Offender: Current Challenges in Protecting the Children of the Offender

*Presenters: Deborah L. Carley, JD; Shannon O'Brien, JD;  
John O'Brien II, JD*

**Of Particular Interest to: Child Protection, Law Enforcement,  
Prosecutors**

This workshop not only discusses online predators and child sexually abusive material users, but covers the topic of protecting the online predator's own children or those accessible to him as well. Do these children need protection? How can they be protected both during the course of an investigation and afterward?

The workshop begins with an introduction and discussion by Chief Deputy Prosecutor, Deborah Carley, on how critical it is to maximize cooperation between the various involved disciplines: CPS, law enforcement, prosecution, and to a more limited extent - medical professionals.

John O'Brien and Shannon O'Brien discuss the finding of risk of harm to children accessible to the suspect, and what can be done about it. The presentation covers mandatory reporting obligations from law enforcement to DHS; CPS interim safety plans for those children; an explanation of what can be reasonably inferred from the initial evidence gathered; what can be expected from a forensic computer examination; and what the criminal and child protection case outcomes might be. Several case examples will be used for discussion.

## 6. Child Neglect

*Presenter: Bethany Mohr, MD, FAAP*

Neglect is the most pervasive form of child maltreatment and leads to the greatest number of child fatalities attributed to maltreatment. Many forms of neglect exist and identifying children who are at risk is a multidisciplinary process. This workshop focuses on the spectrum of neglect and discusses the roles of various agencies in preventing, identifying, and responding to victims of neglect. The need for continual education of families in multiple settings is also emphasized. Specific information regarding medical neglect is presented. Case presentations will serve as an overview of the material presented.



# Tuesday, October 23

## KEYNOTE PRESENTATION, 9:00 - 10:15 AM:

### Keeping the Fires Lit

*Presenter: D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas*

This powerful program will renew your sense of purpose, passion and performance as you work to build strong and healthy communities. In Native American traditions, warriors spent their lives developing their talent and abilities to become assets to the village they served. Today that village can be your family, community, clients – anyone you serve...and in order to create success within the community, we must first be able to take excellent care of ourselves and keep our fires lit. In this session, D.J. will show you effective strategies to keep yourself inspired, motivated and focused, lower your stress and keep your spirit strong as you continue to serve others. Get ready to laugh, learn and look at your life in a whole new light!

## PLENARY SESSION, 1:00 - 2:00 PM:

### Cultural Competency:

#### Recognizing and Destroying the Barriers

*Presenter: Misty Larthridge, MA*

Cultural competence is a point on a continuum that represents the policies and practices of an organization, or the values and behavior of an individual, which enable that organization or person to interact effectively in a culturally diverse environment. In this presentation, participants learn the difference between cultural competence and cultural diversity, the guiding principles of cultural competency, and its value as related to case management. Strong emphasis is on parenting in crisis and the dynamics of cultural competence with regard to addressing the needs of this population.

*Misty Larthridge was an excellent speaker who presented touchy information in a clear, concise manner.*

*- 2006 Participant*

## WORKSHOP SESSION IV: 10:30 - 12:00

### 1. Early Head Start and Child Welfare: How Do We Make the Partnership Work?

*Presenters: Jillian Ritter, BS; Julie Warner, LMSW, FAODP*

In 2002, the Children's Bureau and the Head Start Bureau began work on an important initiative. Isabella County's Head Start and Department of Human Services received a grant to fund a pilot project. Their charge was to proactively serve children in the child welfare system using the Early Head Start model. Services could be provided to children in a variety of situations: those living at home and under CPS supervision; those placed in foster care or other out-of-home arrangements; those whose parents are incarcerated or in substance abuse recovery programs; and other children from birth to three who are in some way involved with the child welfare system.

The workshop discusses how this program contributed to the knowledge base regarding best practices in serving children birth to three who have experienced the trauma of abuse and/or neglect. It also provides an opportunity to learn from the evaluation findings about ways to effectively collaborate across the Early Head Start and Child Welfare systems to better serve children and families.

## 2. Maternal Perinatal Depression and Its Impact on Early Child Development

**Presenter:** *Maria Muzik, MD*

Perinatal depression is highly prevalent and has consequences for the parent-child relationship and healthy infant emotional development. Professionals investigating and intervening in child abuse cases must learn to recognize postpartum depression and understand how it may impact suspected cases of child abuse and neglect. Professionals need skills for identification of perinatal depression in order to effectively facilitate recovery. This presentation integrates clinical expertise and state-of-the-art research in perinatal psychiatry, with case studies, video-taped vignettes, and guidelines for practical applications.

This workshop teaches participants to: identify factors associated with the onset and persistence of perinatal depression; understand the effects of perinatal depression on maternal behavior and infant and early childhood development outcomes, including withdrawal behaviors, mood disruptions and attachment disorders; and understand the variety of treatment options (e.g. medication, psychological) and their limitations. Participants also learn about empirically-based strategies for supporting women with perinatal depression in the context of home visiting.

## 3. How to Get a Confession That Will Stand Up in Court - PART I

**Presenters:** *Cameron Henke; Andrew Longuski*  
**Of Particular Interest to:** **Law Enforcement**

This workshop provides attendees with information and tools to ensure that when “persons of interest” are interviewed regarding child abuse or neglect and other crimes, there is a good chance of ending up with a confession. In addition, when that confession is obtained, it is much more likely to stand up in a court of law based on the techniques used in the interview. Those techniques are taught in this two-part workshop.

## 4. Pre- and Post-Forensic Interview: What Do You Need from Caregivers and What Can you Offer Them?

**Presenter:** *Barbara J. Welke, LMSW*

**Of Particular Interest to:** **Child Advocacy Center Personnel**

This workshop explores how to best use the limited time you have with non-offending caregivers and MDT members immediately before and after a forensic interview. Examples of what information should be obtained from caregivers is discussed, along with what the MDT can do to make the non-offending caregiver a part of the “team” during the post-interview meeting.

## 5. Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth in the Child Welfare System

**Presenters:** *Seth Persky, BA, MSW; Michelle White, BA, MSW*

This workshop is a repeat of Monday’s 1:00 pm presentation.

## 6. Developing and Implementing a Trauma-Informed Child Welfare Practice

**Presenters:** *James Henry, PhD;*

*Connie Black-Pond, MA, LPC, CSW; Amy Mack*

This workshop provides an overview of the essential elements in trauma informed child welfare practice. An introduction to complex trauma from child maltreatment is followed by an explanation of how professionals and resource parents can utilize

a trauma informed framework to intervene with children and families. How to mitigate traumatic stress by a trauma informed child welfare system response is outlined.

## WORKSHOP SESSION V: 2:15 - 3:45 PM

### 1. Navigating Funding Sources for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

**Presenter:** *Shannon Gibson, MSW*

Often youth leaving foster care are not prepared for the “real world.” This workshop helps placement providers identify funding sources and services that are available to youth from ages 14 to 21. The primary focus is Youth in Transition and Education and Training Voucher funding. Shannon Gibson works with many of the programs for youth aging out of foster care in Michigan and she shares her knowledge of how to navigate the systems.

### 2. The Doctor is “In”

**Presenters:** *N. Debra Simms, MD; Tracy Cyrus, LMSW*

This presentation highlights the Department of Human Services Medical Resource System (MRS). Part of the MRS is the development of a statewide network of physicians and medical providers who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of child maltreatment. Attendees are invited to present their concerning or puzzling cases for discussion to a panel of these physicians. The panel is also available to answer general medical questions or explain medical terms, conditions or findings.

### 3. How to Get a Confession That Will Stand Up in Court - PART II

**Presenters:** *Cameron Henke; Andrew Longuski*  
**Of Particular Interest to:** **Law Enforcement**

This workshop provides attendees with information and tools to ensure that when “persons of interest” are interviewed regarding child abuse or neglect and other crimes, there is a good chance of ending up with a confession. In addition, when that confession is obtained, it is much more likely to stand up in a court of law based on the techniques used in the interview. Those techniques are taught in this two-part workshop.

### 4. Extended Assessments of Children Who May Have Been Abused: Models and Appropriate Cases

**Presenters:** *Kathleen Coulborn Faller, PhD, ACSW;*

*Mary B. Ortega, ACSW, LCSW*

The presenters discuss research findings related to extended assessments, describe models for extended assessments, discuss criteria for cases that might be appropriate for extended assessments, and provide a video case example.

### 5. Keys to a Successful Family Support Group

**Presenters:** *Cindy Bridgman, MSW;*

*Shyra Williams, LLMSW, CTS*

Learn how to implement, promote and avoid potential pitfalls when developing support groups. Presenters discuss both “open” and “closed” groups for adults and children. Focus is placed on topics and curriculum, staffing and volunteers, as well as promotion and financial support.

# General Information

## Date and Time:

Monday and Tuesday, October 22-23, 2007  
Early Registration: Sunday, 6:30 pm, October 21, 2007  
Registration: 8:00 am, October 22-23, 2007  
Course Adjourns: Tuesday, 3:45 pm, October 23, 2007

## Location:

The Inn at St. John's  
44045 Five Mile Road  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
Phone: (734) 414-0600

## Conference Fee: \$260

Conference fee includes: continental breakfasts, lunches, refreshments, and program materials.

## Registration:

We ask you to register as soon as you are certain of attending. Copies of educational materials or lunch may not be available for applicants who are not preregistered and prepaid by October 8, 2007. Checks should be payable to the University of Michigan (US currency). MasterCard and Visa are also accepted.

## Cancellation Policy:

An administrative fee of \$50 will be deducted from cancellation refunds. Refund requests must be received in writing one week prior to the course date, no later than October 15, 2007. No refunds will be made thereafter.

## Confirmation and Further Information:

Conference registrations will be confirmed by mail. If you do not receive confirmation, or if the information is in question, call the Registrar at (800) 800-0666, or (734) 763-1400.

## Accreditation:

The University of Michigan Medical School is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Michigan Medical School designates this educational activity for a maximum of *11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credits commensurate with their extent of participation in the activity. An application has been submitted to the American Osteopathic Association and the University of Michigan Extension Service for credits. MCOLES credit for Michigan Law Enforcement officers has been approved for 11 hours. **An application has also been submitted to the National Association of Social Workers for credits. Determination of credits is pending.** Other credits by specialty may apply.

## Recording the Program:

Recording the program with tape recorders not requiring podium microphones is permitted for the registrant's personal use.

# Travel

## The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, Michigan

Located in the heart of Metropolitan Detroit's dynamic western suburbs, The Inn at St. John's offers superior access to the area's major freeways and Detroit Metropolitan Airport is just minutes away.



## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

**From The East:** Follow I-96 until it turns into M-14. Follow M-14 west to Sheldon Road exit. Turn right onto Sheldon Road. Follow Sheldon Road for about half a mile. Turn right on to Five Mile Road. Entrance to The Inn at St. John's is on the right.

**From The West:** Follow M-14 east to Sheldon Road exit. Turn right onto Sheldon Road. Follow Sheldon Road for about half a mile. Turn right onto Five Mile Road. Entrance to The Inn at St. John's is on the right.

**From The South:** Take I-275 north to M-14. Exit onto M-14 west towards Ann Arbor. Follow M-14 west to Sheldon Road exit. Turn right onto Sheldon Road. Follow Sheldon Road for about half a mile. Turn right onto Five Mile Road. Entrance to The Inn at St. John's is on the right.

**From The North:** Take I-275 south to M-14. Exit onto M-14 west towards Ann Arbor. Follow M-14 west to Sheldon Road exit. Turn right onto Sheldon Road. Follow Sheldon Road for about a half mile. Turn right onto Five Mile Road. Entrance to The Inn at St. John's is on the right.

# Lodging

The hotels designated for this course are The Inn at St. John's and the Hilton Garden Inn, both located in Plymouth. Reservations must be made by September 22, 2007. A deposit of the first night's lodging (in US currency) must be mailed to the hotel or a major credit card number provided to secure reservations. On September 23, 2007, the excess rooms will be released and hotel reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis. If reservations are made by telephone, please indicate registration with this course to qualify for the reduced conference rate on hotel rooms.

## The Inn at St. John's

44045 Five Mile Road  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
Phone: (734) 414-0600 Fax: (734) 414-0606  
<http://www.theinnatstjohns.com>

**\$129 per night\***

*10 Government rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis for \$93 per night\*.*

## Hilton Garden Inn

14600 N. Sheldon Road  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
Phone: (734) 354-0001 Fax: (734) 354-5121  
<http://www.hiltongardeninn.com>

**\$104 per night\***

*\*All room rates are subject to 6% state and local taxes.*

# Registration Form

## Child Abuse and Neglect: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment

October 22-23, 2007

**Return to:** Registrar, Office of Continuing Medical Education  
University of Michigan Medical School  
G1200 Towsley Center  
1500 E. Medical Center Drive, SPC 5201  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-5201

Phone: (734) 763-1400 or (800) 800-0666  
Fax: (734) 615-6129 E-mail: OCME@umich.edu

**Course Registration Deadline Date:** October 15, 2007  
**Hotel Reservation Deadline:** September 22, 2007

### 1. Personal Information - (Please Print)

U017224

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State or Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Requirements or Other Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of your Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ (To ensure accuracy of your record)

Agency Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Please place a check mark next to your specialty:

- |                                                        |                                              |                                                  |                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Child Protective Services Worker | <input type="radio"/> Hospital Social Worker | <input type="radio"/> Pediatrician               | <input type="radio"/> Psychologist              |
| <input type="radio"/> Clergy or Church Worker          | <input type="radio"/> Juvenile Court Judge   | <input type="radio"/> Prevention Services Worker | <input type="radio"/> Substance Abuse Counselor |
| <input type="radio"/> Family Physician                 | <input type="radio"/> Lawyer                 | <input type="radio"/> Private Therapist          | <input type="radio"/> Teacher                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Foster Care Worker               | <input type="radio"/> Law Enforcement        | <input type="radio"/> Psychiatrist               | <input type="radio"/> Other _____               |
| <input type="radio"/> General Practitioner             | <input type="radio"/> Nurse                  |                                                  |                                                 |

### 2. Workshops - (Please check one workshop in each session)

#### WORKSHOPS – SESSION I – Monday, 10:30-12:00

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Supporting Healing and Recovery in Children Exposed to Domestic Violence
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Understanding Legal Ethics and Their Impact on Child Welfare Workers
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Child Welfare Odd Couple: Can Attorneys and Social Workers Get Along?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. What's Behind Door #3?: Exploring Alternative Hypotheses in Child Sexual Abuse Investigations
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Interviewing Internet Exploitation Victims
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Child Death Review: What the Medical Community Needs to Know

#### WORKSHOPS – SESSION II – Monday, 1:00-2:30

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Meeting the Post-Separation Needs of Abused Women and Their Children
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth in the Child Welfare System
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Bumps and Bruises 101: Investigating and Documenting "Seemingly Minor" Physical Abuse
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Children
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Forensic Interviewer as Expert Witness
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Medical Aspects of Child Sexual Abuse

#### WORKSHOPS – SESSION III – Monday, 2:45-4:15

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. His Brain / Her Brain - And Your Approach
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Adolescents: What Are They Thinking?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Vicarious Trauma: Practical Information for Frontline Workers
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Why Child Protective Services Investigations Go Bad
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Online Child Sexual Exploitation Offender: Current Challenges in Protecting the Children of the Offender
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Child Neglect

#### WORKSHOPS – SESSION IV – Tuesday, 10:30-12:00

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Early Head Start and Child Welfare: How Do We Make the Partnership Work?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Maternal Perinatal Depression and Its Impact on Early Child Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. How to Get a Confession That Will Stand Up in Court - PART I
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Pre- and Post-Forensic Interview: What Do You Need from Caregivers and What Can You Offer Them?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth in the Child Welfare System - REPEAT
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Developing and Implementing a Trauma-Informed Child Welfare Practice

#### WORKSHOPS – SESSION V – Tuesday, 2:15-3:45

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Navigating Funding Sources for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Doctor is "In"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. How to Get a Confession That Will Stand Up in Court - PART II
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Extended Assessments of Children Who May Have Been Abused: Models and Appropriate Cases
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Keys to a Successful Family Support Group

### 3. Payment - Enclose check (U.S. currency) payable to the University of Michigan or complete credit card information below.

**Fees - Please indicate payment amount**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$260 Conference Fee

\_\_\_\_\_ \$160 One-Day Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday

I will be attending the Michigan Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (MiPSAC) Annual Meeting, Monday, October 22, 4:30 pm.

Credit Card Payment:  MasterCard  Visa

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

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Registration Code

Please enter the registration code located on the mailing panel here: \_\_\_\_\_

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
ANN ARBOR, MICH.  
PERMIT NO. 144



Co-Sponsored by: University of Michigan Health System's  
Child Protection Team, University of Michigan Medical School  
and University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital

26th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference



# Child Abuse & Neglect

## Prevention, Assessment and Treatment

October 22-23, 2007

The Inn at St. John's • Plymouth, Michigan

26th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference

# Child Abuse & Neglect

## Prevention, Assessment and Treatment

October 22-23, 2007

The Inn at St. John's • Plymouth, Michigan

Office of Continuing Medical Education  
University of Michigan Medical School  
1500 E. Medical Center Drive, SPC 5201  
G1200 Towsley Center  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-5201

