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We would like you to join us at the fourth international conference **2012 Joining Together: Taking Action Against Child Abuse** hosted by the Canadian Society for the Investigation of Child Abuse (CSICA) to be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada from May 6-9, 2012.

The conference brings together numerous professionals working in the area of child maltreatment including police officers, social workers, Crown Prosecutors, medical professionals, researchers, clinicians, and victim service workers.

The conference provides an opportunity to learn about the latest research and best practices in forensic and clinical approaches to child maltreatment. The wide array of keynote and plenary speakers and presenters ensures that a multitude of themes are covered, such as forensic interviewing, domestic violence, drug-endangered children, offender interrogation, Internet child exploitation, cultural sensitivity, abuses of faith, and case studies.

We are excited to be offering for the first time a full day pre-conference workshop offered by Thomas D. Lyon entitled, "Interviewing Children: The Science and the Art."

We think you will find both the conference and pre-conference inspiring and thought-provoking!

We hope you can attend!



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PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP PRESENTER

Thomas D. Lyon, JD, PhD is the Judge Edward J. and Ruey L. Guirado Chair in Law and Psychology at the University of Southern California. His research interests include child abuse and



neglect, child witnesses, and domestic violence. He is the past-president of the American Psychological Association's Section on Child Maltreatment (Division 37) and a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. His work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the United States

Department of Justice, the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, the California Endowment, and the Haynes Foundation.

Victor Malarek, has been a journalist for four decades and is currently the senior investigative reporter on CTV's award winning investigative current affairs show, *W5*. From 2000 to 2003, Malarek was the investigations editor for the Canadian national newspaper *The Globe and Mail* and from 1990 to 2000, he was a co-host of CBC's current affairs show, *The Fifth Estate*. During his 20 years in



television, he has worked on more than 150 documentaries. In 1971 he broke a front-page story that set the stage for his move into the world of investigative journalism with an ever-fervent commitment to social issues and human rights. The story involved three teenage boys who hanged themselves with skate laces in a sorely mismanaged Montreal juvenile detention centre over the

Christmas holidays. Malarek has reported from across Canada, the United States, and the European Union, as well as Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iran, Kurdistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South-East Asia, and Central and South America. His books include *The Johns: Sex for Sale and*

the Men Who Buy It (2009); *The Natashas: The New Global Sex Trade* (2003); *Gut Instinct: The Making of an Investigative Reporter* (1996); *Merchants of Misery* (1989); *Haven's Gate: Canada's Immigration Fiasco* (1987) and *Hey Malarek!* (1984). *Hey Malarek!* is being re-released in the spring of 2012 and will be available at the conference. In 1989, it was made into a feature movie and in 1992 the book was the basis of 16 one-hour dramatic episodes on CBC TV entitled *Urban Angel*. Among his many awards, Malarek's work has garnered many awards including an unprecedented four Michener Awards for "meritorious public service journalism" presented by the Governor General of Canada. In 1997, he won a Gemini Award as Canada's top broadcast journalist.

Cindy Blackstock, PhD is the Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada



(www.fncaringsociety.com) and Associate Professor at the University of Alberta. She is a member of the Gitksan Nation and has worked in the field of child and family services for over 20 years. An author of over 50 publications, her key interests include exploring and addressing the causes of disadvantage for Aboriginal children and families by promoting equitable

and culturally based interventions. She holds fellowships with the Ashoka Foundation and the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation.

Peter Collins, MCA, MD, FRCPC is the Forensic Psychiatrist with the Criminal Behaviour Analysis Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police and the Consulting Forensic Psychiatrist to the Profiling Unit of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Behavioural Sciences Unit of the Calgary Police Service. He obtained his Masters in Applied Criminology from the University of Ottawa, his Medical Degree from McMaster University and completed his postgraduate medical training in psychiatry at the University of Toronto. His clinical appointment is with the Law and Mental Health Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

and he is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Collins is also an Associate Clinical Professor with the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosci-



ences at McMaster University and has an adjunct appointment to the College of Technology at Purdue University. In 1997, He was elected a member of the International Criminal Investigative Analysis Fellowship. In 2000, he was appointed a member of the Interpol Specialist Group on Crimes against Children. He is a Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve

and has served on two deployments in Southern Afghanistan. Collins is an expert on violent crime and has worked with, and instructed, numerous criminal justice agencies in Canada, the United States, Central America, South America, Europe, Africa, South-West Asia, Micronesia and Australia including the FBI, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Interpol, and Europol.

Aruna Papp, MA, ADR, MEd is a survivor of honour-based violence and forced marriage. For the past 30 years she has worked



with South Asian families dealing with domestic violence and has founded three agencies that assist immigrant families. Papp is an Associate Researcher with the Frontier Centre for Public Policy. She has written extensively on the issue of domestic violence in the South Asian community and is the author of *Culturally Driven Violence against Women* and *Seven of Us Survived*. Her

book *Unworthy Creature: A Daughter's Memoir of Honour, Shame and Love* will be released by McClelland & Stewart in February 2012.

Kellie, AS, and Kathie Henderson (supported by Shelly Vasey). Kellie has a degree from Barton County Community College in Kansas and is presently attending Fort Hays University in Kansas, pursuing a degree in social work. Kathie is attending Ozark Christian College in Missouri and is majoring in counseling. Kathie

has been experiencing a greater sense of personal freedom after forgiving her abusers. Kellie and Kathie were featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show to share with others their decade of abuse from their



father and two brothers, as well as being featured in a series of articles from the Wichita Eagle entitled, "Promise Not to Tell" and in Splurge Magazine to support the Children's Advocacy Center. Their supporter is Shelly Vasey,


who along with her husband Jim, are weekend foster parents to the Hendersons. Shelly attended Ozark Christian College and presently works for Andover Central Middle School as a paraprofessional involved with youth experiencing academic challenges.

Michael Ungar, PhD is a Killam Professor of Social Work at Dalhousie University where he directs the Resilience Research Centre focusing on resilience among children, youth and families and how they together survive adversity in culturally diverse ways. He has published over 75 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on this topic and is the author of 11 books, including *The Social Worker*, his first novel. Among his books for professionals



are *The Social Ecology of Resilience: A Handbook for Theory and Practice*, *Counseling in Challenging Contexts: Working with Individuals and Families Across Clinical and Community Settings*; and *Strengths-Based Counseling with At-risk Youth* to name a few. In addition to his research and writing, Ungar maintains a family therapy practice in association with Phoenix Youth Programs,

a prevention program for street youth and their families, and was the recipient of the Canadian Association of Social Workers Distinguished Service Award for Nova Scotia in 2010. His work has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers around the world, and he regularly appears on radio and television. Currently, he is Co-Chair of the Nova Scotia Mental Health Strategy Advisory Committee. His blog, Nurturing Resilience, can be read on Psychology Today's website.



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IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE, CONCURRENT SPEAKERS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Phil Arkow, BA is the Coordinator of the National Link Coalition and a Consultant for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Animals and Society Institute. He directed Link Programs at the American Humane Association, the nation's oldest federation of child and animal protection organizations. He chairs the Latham Foundation's Animal Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Project. Arkow was one of the founders of the National Link Coalition, the National Animal Control Association, the Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey, and the Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies. He trains internationally on a variety of topics for animal shelters, child protection agencies, domestic violence programs, adult protective services, law enforcement, judges and veterinarians. He is an adjunct faculty member at Harcum College and Camden County College where he teaches certificate courses in Animal-Assisted Therapy. A former newspaper reporter and foundation communications officer, Arkow is a prolific writer. He has authored and edited innumerable articles, chapters, and nine key reference books on the human-animal bond, violence prevention, humane education, animal-assisted therapy, and animal shelter management. He has also served with the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Delta Society, and the American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians.

Mary T. Ainslie, LLB, has been practicing criminal law since 1995 as a Crown counsel with the BC Attorney General's Criminal Justice Branch. She is primarily an appellate advocate who argues regularly in the BC Court of Appeal and occasionally in the Supreme Court of Canada. In this capacity she has argued for the constitutionality of testimonial accommodations for children. The Criminal Justice Branch has designated her a "Resource Counsel" available to provide advice to trial prosecutors throughout British Columbia on matters relating to child witnesses. In the last few years she has organized the following conferences for trial prosecutors: "The Prosecution of Sexual Offences Against Children," "Talking with Children" and "Hearsay, Experts and Vulnerable Witnesses." Ainslie graduated from UBC's Faculty of Law in 1991 and after a year clerking with judges of the BC Supreme Court, was called to the British Columbia bar in 1993.

Todd Barron (Cst) is with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) and has 20 years of service. Currently, Barron is the primary polygraph examiner for the RNC. He is responsible for training members of the criminal investigation division and new police recruits on the PEACE model of interviewing, developing new interviewing courses, and providing advice on interviewing protocols for ongoing investigations. He is a member of the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group (IIIRG), the Canadian Association of Police Polygraphists (CAPP), and has received training on the PEACE model of interviewing (advanced suspect interviewing) in the United Kingdom. Barron's research interests pertain to the development of professional and ethical interviewing standards.

Klaus M. Beier, MD, PhD has been the director of the Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine at the Humboldt University of Berlin since its inception in 1996. Beier received his MD (1986) and PhD (1988) at the Free University of Berlin and subsequently worked in the Department of Sexology at the University of Kiel, Northern Germany (1988 – 1996). His main focus in research at that time was forensic sexology, in particular follow-up studies of previously expertly evaluated sexual offenders. His latest research focuses on the prevention of child sexual abuse, specifically encouraging self-identified undetected pedophiles and hebephiles to seek professional help in order to avoid committing child sexual abuse or internet sexual exploitation (www.dont-offend.org).

Diane Benoit, MD, FRCPC is Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto, project director in the Research Institute at the Hospital for Sick Children, and staff psychiatrist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario. Her research, educational and clinical activities focus on child-caregiver attachment relationships; the impact of violence, abuse and neglect on children; trauma-focused and attachment-focused assessments and interventions; and caregivers' perceptions and subjective experience of their children and relationship with them. Benoit has published in peer-reviewed, scientific publications and other publications, and has made numerous presentations related to these various topics across North America and abroad.

Janelle Bird, BA, BBA (Cpl.) is a member of the RCMP in Manitoba with 20 years of service. Bird has been assigned to the Manitoba RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit since July 2005 and has experience in child abuse investigation with the Major Crime Unit and detachment policing. She is originally from Nova Scotia.

Bina Border, BA, BA, LLB (JD) articulated and practiced criminal and child welfare defence law with Van Harten O’Gorman Foster from 1997 to 2006. She then joined the Crown Prosecutor’s office until 2010 when she returned to the original firm now known as Foster Lovinelli Border Beyak. Her undergraduate degrees are in political science (1991) and religious studies (1994).

Andra K. Chamberlin, MA is a trainer and forensic interviewer for the National Children’s Advocacy Center and specializes in teaching legally–defensible child forensic interviewing. She has over 23 years of experience working in the child abuse field with 15 years conducting video-recorded forensic interviews of children, and years of experience testifying as an expert witness in criminal courts. Chamberlin developed and taught forensic interviewing for 11 years at the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas. She has presented at national and international conferences and trains forensic interview specialists, prosecutors, law enforcement, therapists, client advocates, social workers, and Children’s Advocacy Center staff. Chamberlin was part of the community organization that established the Children’s Advocacy Center in Midland, TX where she served as the program director/lead forensic interviewer for 14 years. During her tenure as CAC Program Director, she facilitated case review meetings for multiple child protection teams.


Peter Choate, PhD has presented at prior CSICA conferences and others including the American Psychotherapy Association and the American College of Forensic Examiners. He is a trainer for a variety of organizations and a lecturer in social work at Mount Royal University. He has been qualified as an expert witness in the Provincial Court of Alberta (Family and Youth Division) in Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton as well as in the Court of Queen’s Bench in Calgary and Medicine Hat.

Jean M. Clinton, BMus, MD, FRCPC(C) is Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neuroscience at McMaster, division of Child Psychiatry. She is on staff at McMaster Children’s Hospital and is an Associate in the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster. She is also an Associate in the Department of

Child Psychiatry, University of Toronto and Sick Children’s Hospital. Clinton is an Associate Member of the Offord Centre for Child Studies. She has been a consultant to child welfare and children’s mental health programs for 25 years. Currently she is a consultant with Telepsychiatry at Sick Children’s hospital in Toronto. For 20 years she has been a consultant to early years and child care programs in Hamilton. Clinton is a member of the National Advisory Committee for the “Welcome to Kindergarten Program” with The Learning Partnership and has served as an expert advisor for “Invest In Kids Parenting Initiative”. She was a founding Board member and Fellow of Fraser Mustard’s Council for Early Child Development. Her skills as a knowledge translator are frequently called upon, and she gives presentations, both nationally and internationally. Clinton has authored papers on early child development and poverty, infant neglect, children’s mental health, resilience, and on adolescent brain development.

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Ailsa Craig, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, and founder of the Make it Better Newfoundland project for LGBTQ youth, peer



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advocacy and resource provision. An LGBTQ activist for 20 years, she is also a Fulbright scholar and sociologist of culture, gender, sexuality and inequality.

Howard Dubowitz, MD, MS is a Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Center for Families at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore. He is president of the Helfer Society, an international group of physicians working in the field of child maltreatment. Dubowitz serves on the Council of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and on the Board of Prevent Child Abuse America. He is a clinician, researcher, and educator, and he is active in the policy arena. His main interests are in child neglect and prevention. Dubowitz edited *Neglected Children: Research, Practice and Policy* and co-edited *The Handbook for Child Protection Practice and International Aspects of Child Abuse and Neglect*. He has over 150 publications.

Donovan Dvorak, LLB joined the Manitoba Prosecution Services after graduating from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law in 1994. Dvorak is now the Senior Supervising Crown Prosecutor for the Dauphin Judicial District, and is the Crown Prosecutor responsible for the prosecution of a high profile case of child murder.

Karen Farst, MD, MPH is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a child abuse pediatrician with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Center for Children at Risk and works with the team for Children at Risk and Emergency Department at Arkansas Children's Hospital. After training in internal medicine and pediatrics, she was in private practice for three years before completing a fellowship in child abuse pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Farst joined the faculty of the Center for Children at Risk in 2004, and is board certified in general, and child abuse, pediatrics.

Lisa Aronson Fontes, PhD has dedicated two decades to making the mental health, social service, and criminal justice systems more responsive to culturally diverse people. She is the author of *Interviewing Clients Across Cultures: A Practitioner's Guide* and *Child Abuse and Culture: Working with Diverse Families*. She has written numerous journal articles and chapters on cultural issues in child maltreatment, violence against women, cross-cultural research, and ethics. She teaches at the University Without Walls

at the University of Massachusetts. She has worked as a family, individual, and group psychotherapist, and has conducted research in Santiago, Chile, and with Puerto Ricans, African Americans, and European Americans in the United States. Fontes is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. She is a popular conference speaker and workshop facilitator and completed a Fulbright Foundation Grant in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2007. Fontes volunteered for three years with Somali refugees in Springfield, MA.

Debra Harland, MSW, RSW is a social worker in private practice in Calgary specializing in the assessment of parents for child protection matters. She appears frequently in the Provincial Court of Alberta (Family and Youth Division) as an expert witness in child protection matters.

Ludmila B. Herbst, BA, MA, LLB is a partner at Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP, a law firm in Vancouver, BC, practicing in the fields of corporate-commercial litigation and arbitration, administrative law, and public law. Herbst has represented clients in a variety of constitutional cases, including various cases concerning freedom of expression on behalf of media clients, such as The Vancouver Sun. Recently Herbst was counsel on the Polygamy Constitutional Reference in BC together with George Macintosh, QC, who was appointed as Amicus Curiae to advance the position that the Criminal Code prohibition on polygamy is unconstitutional. Herbst has lectured for the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC and other organizations, and authored numerous publications. Herbst was named by "Lexpert" as one of "Canada's Leading Lawyers Under 40" in 2010. She is also recognized in the "2011 Best Lawyers Directory" as a leading corporate and commercial litigator."

James Holler Jr., served as Chief of Police for sixteen years for the Liberty Township Police Department in Adams County, PA, retiring on December 1, 2007 to consult in the area of child abuse. Holler became an Internet Crimes Against Children Investigator heading the first task force in Adams County in 2005. He conducted proactive internet investigations making multiple arrests for possession of child pornography and undercover chat-related arrests for soliciting sex from a minor. Holler is a nationally known speaker specializing in child abuse investigations and is a consultant for the

Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI, the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Training Program, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work, and the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville, AL.

Brian Hutchinson is the National Post's western columnist, based in Vancouver. He joined the newspaper in 2001 after serving as senior writer at Saturday Night, Canadian Business, and Report On Business magazines. He is the author of *Fools' Gold: The Making of a Global Market Fraud* and *Betting the House: Winners, Losers and the Politics of Canada's Gambling Obsession*.

Kirsten Kramar, PhD is an Associate Professor and Chair (January 1, 2012) of the Department of Sociology at the University of Winnipeg. Her PhD is in Criminology from the Centre of Criminology at the University of Toronto. Her research on infanticide at the Office of the Chief Coroner in Toronto, ON led to the review of the forensic science testimony from Dr. Charles Smith used to wrongfully prosecute and convict numerous mothers and caregivers for murder, manslaughter, or infanticide. Those autopsy reviews resulted in the Public Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology (Goudge Inquiry) and the eventual acknowledgement of one of the greatest miscarriages of justice ever to occur in Canada. Eventually 13 women and men were released and awarded financial compensation as a result of the investigations authorized by the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario. Kramar's book *Unwilling Mothers, Unwanted Babies* (2005), UBC Press, examined criminal justice responses to infanticide over the course of the 20th century in Canada. She is currently working on a project that examines infant homicide prosecution strategies in various Canadian provinces since 2000.

Kalvin Kristjanson (Cpl.) is a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) with ten years service. Currently he is a member of the Dauphin Major Crime Unit and was the case manager of a high profile child murder investigation.


Amanda Latiff, BA is a manager with Calgary and Area Child and Family Services Authority and has 40 years of child protection experience. She worked for many years as a front line child welfare investigator, case manager, rural caseworker, court worker, and trainer. Presently, as a manager of the Alberta Vulnerable Infant Response Team (AVIRT), she oversees the mandated child protection role. Having the opportunity to collaborate with public health and police professionals in this team is a career highlight.

Dan Link, BA is the Sergeant for the Child At Risk Response Team and the Alberta Vulnerable Infant Response Team (AVIRT) of the Calgary Police Service Child Abuse Unit. As the supervisor of five constables working in the police component of these integrated teams, he is partnered with management and child protection workers from Calgary Child and Family Services and Alberta Health Services. The team's mandate is to investigate cases involving newborns, children and youth at risk. Link's 24 years of police experience includes street patrol, community liaison, Child At Risk Response Team (CARRT), the Domestic Conflict Unit, and Major Crimes Investigations including child abuse, sex crimes, robbery and internal affairs.

Thomas D. Lyon, JD, PhD is the Judge Edward J. and Ruey L. Guirado Chair in Law and Psychology at the University of Southern California. His research interests include child abuse and neglect, child witnesses, and domestic violence. He is the past-president of the American Psychological Association's Section on Child Maltreatment (Division 37) and a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. His work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the United States Department of Justice, the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, the California Endowment, and the Haynes Foundation.

Evan Matshes, BSc, MD, FRCPC, FCAP, D-ABP is Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology at the University of Calgary, and an Autopsy Pathologist for Calgary Laboratory Services. He is the former Assistant Chief Medical Examiner for the Province of Alberta (Calgary). In the spring of 2012, Matshes will assume the position as the Director of Pediatric Forensic Pathology for the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque, NM. He has extensive experience investigating sudden and unexpected deaths as a medical examiner/ forensic pathologist. He also provides independent reviews and consultation services for complex pediatric injuries and deaths for medical examiner departments, law enforcement and others in Canada and the United States, and performs pediatric forensic autopsies for the country of Bermuda. Matshes holds specialty certification in Anatomic Pathology as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (FRCPC) by examination, and from the American Board of Pathology (Fellow in the College of American Pathologists; FCAP) by examination. He holds specialty certification in Forensic Pathology as a Diplomate of the American Board of Pathology (D-ABP) by examination. Matshes

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undertook training in (clinical) pediatrics where he received the Dr. J. W. Gerrard Prize in Pediatrics, an award given to the most distinguished graduating medical student in pediatrics. During his training in Anatomic Pathology, he undertook subspecialty training in Pediatric Pathology at the Alberta Children's Hospital, and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He was selected as the 2007 Harvard Medical School Visiting Scholar in Pediatric Pathology, and trained at the Boston Children's Hospital.

Amber McKenzie, BA is a graduate student in the Marital and Family Therapy Program at Loma Linda University. She is completing an internship that focuses on the assessment of parents, as well as associated therapeutic interventions. She also works with parents and siblings of drug and alcohol-addicted adolescents.

Susan Patenaude BEd, MEd Psych (dip) completed her undergraduate and graduate degree in Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta. She is currently the Provincial Coordinator for the Alberta Network for Safe and Healthy Children based in the Stollery Children's Hospital. Patenaude has worked extensively in the area of family violence, doing intakes and providing partner services for Changing Ways. She co-created and co-facilitated the series, What About Us. In prior years she has managed and/or delivered programs for Community Initiatives Against Family Violence (CIAFV), Pilgrims Hospice, WIN House, the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers, and The Support Network. Patenaude also served as an interviewer for the Healing Journey Research Project conducted through the University of Calgary. She is co-chair of the upcoming National Child Abuse Symposium.

Donna Pence, BS was selected to be the first female Special Agent with the Tennessee Bureau in 1976 after two years in the Metropolitan Nashville Park Police. During her 25 years with the Bureau she worked undercover, special crimes, and field investigations. She organized the Bureau's first missing children's efforts, and was designated as the Bureau's child abuse investigation specialist. During her tenure she was the Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Unit and the Training and Recruitment Unit. Upon her retirement, she moved to San Diego, CA where she joined the Academy of Professional Excellence, a project of San

Diego State University as a trainer and curriculum specialist. She is the Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the California Network of Child Advocacy Centers, a board member of the California Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, a member of the San Diego Child Fatality Review Committee and the San Diego United Way Visioning Council on Child Abuse. Pence has authored or co-authored numerous articles, book chapters, as well as the book, *Team Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse: The Uneasy Alliance*, with Charles A. Wilson. Pence was the lead writer on APSAC's Investigative Interviewing of Children Guidelines. She is currently working on a chapter entitled, "Forensic Investigation of Child Abuse" for the third edition of the APSAC Child Maltreatment Handbook. She has conducted training for multidisciplinary audiences in 37 states and six countries on child and adult interviewing and investigative issues around child maltreatment.

Tara Robinson is the Executive Director of the Calgary Child Advocacy Centre. As a journalist, anchor and reporter for 20 years, Robinson knows how to identify the important stories, when to ask the tough questions, and how to get results. During her time as a crime reporter, Robinson was exposed to the effects of predatory behaviour on our community. She interviewed child molesters, serial rapists, and murderers. She also reported on the impact of people victimizing others, and the trauma inflicted on children. She knew the impact of child abuse was significant, so when the opportunity arose to become involved in the Calgary's Child Advocacy Centre, starting from the ground up, she knew she had found her calling. Robinson recognizes the values of relationships and partnerships, and has leveraged those communication skills to bring together CACs partner agencies, board members, and volunteers to create a leading-edge child abuse prevention and treatment centre in Canada.

Shane Savinkoff (Det.) has 15 years of policing experience with four years as a member of the RCMP and ten years with the Abbotsford Police Department where he is currently assigned to the Digital Forensic Lab of the Major Crime Unit as a Certified Computer Forensic Examiner. He has 27 years of computer experience and education, six of which have been in the Mobile Device/Computer Forensics field.

Chris Newlin, MS, LPC is the Executive Director of the National Children's Advocacy Center where he is responsible for providing leadership and management of the NCAC and participating in national and international training and leadership activities regarding the protection of children. The NCAC was the first Child Advocacy Center in the United States, and continues to provide prevention and intervention services for child abuse in Huntsville/Madison County, and also houses the NCAC National Training Center, the Southern Regional CAC, and the Child Abuse Library Online (CALiO). In these capacities, Newlin oversees a staff of 48 professionals and currently serves on the National Children's Alliance/Regional Children's Advocacy Center Management Team, National Children's Alliance Board of Directors, and Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers Board of Directors. He was the 2010 recipient of the Hendrix College Odyssey Medal for Service to the World.

Tanya Smith, RN, MN, NP-P is a Nurse Practitioner in pediatrics and has been with the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Program at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto for 17 years. As a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Smith provides medical evaluation to child and youth victims of sexual abuse/assault. Smith provides training to members of the multidisciplinary team across the country. She has been qualified as an expert witness in the provincial and superior courts. She is cross-appointed at the Faculty of Nursing, the University of Toronto and lectures in the Nurse Practitioner/Pediatric Program.

Brent Snook, PhD is an Associate Professor in Psychology at Memorial University of Newfoundland. He holds a PhD in Psychology from the University of Liverpool, UK. His research includes decision-making, forensic psychology, investigative and interviewing practices, and pseudoscience in the criminal justice system. Snook's work has led him to collaborate with academics and law enforcement officers around the world. His current body of work involves how people understand their legal rights and testing the effectiveness of the PEACE model of interviewing.

Olga Trujillo, JD is an attorney and former US Department of Justice employee who is also a survivor and the author of *The Sum of My Parts: A Survivor's Story of Dissociative Identity Disorder*. Trujillo writes a regular blog for Psychology Today. She has undertaken a journey to understand the impact that violence has had on her life — from the sexual violence she suffered as a

child to the rapes she endured as an adult. Through her presentation she unravels the impact of the abuse and the connections between the coping skills she learned early in life and her vulnerability to rape and sexual violence as an adult. Her experience is inexplicably horrible but her survival is unbelievably hopeful. She details the results of her journey so far and ties her resiliency to the people in her life that helped her, protected her and saved her life. Through her experience as a survivor and an attorney, she offers insight into what it means to be a survivor and how we can all help survivors of child abuse.

Leslie Tutty, PhD is a full professor with the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary where she teaches courses in clinical social work methods and research. Over the past 20 years, her research has focused on services for family violence, including a number of evaluations of prevention programs, shelter and post-shelter programs for abused women, support groups for abused women, treatment for adult and child victims of sexual abuse and groups for men who abuse their partners. Since 1999, Tutty has served as the Academic Research Coordinator of RESOLVE Alberta, a tri-provincial research institute on family violence.

Jimmy Widdifield Jr., MA is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a Developmental Pediatric Counselor at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Center on Child Abuse and Neglect. His clinical interests include children with sexual behavior problems, adolescents with inappropriate or illegal sexual behavior, evidence-based interventions for trauma-exposed children, and the impact of parental substance abuse on children.

Marilyn Young, RN, BN is the Program Manager for Prenatal and Postpartum Programs in Public Health, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Zone. In this capacity she is responsible for program and policy development, quality improvement and staff education — urban and rural. She is responsible for the operational management of the public health nurses who are members of the Alberta Vulnerable Infant Response Team (AVIRT). Young's 30+ years of nursing experience include working with families in acute care and community settings as a staff nurse, instructor, and manager. She is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. She has worked on projects involving multi-sectoral participation, believing that a collaborative approach is critical to supporting families.

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| 9:00 | – | 16:00 | Pre-conference workshop with Thomas D. Lyon |
| 17:00 | – | 20:00 | Welcome and networking reception |
| Monday, May 7 | | | |
| 7:30 | – | 8:30 | Registration desk is open |
| 7:30 | – | 8:30 | Coffee and light refreshments |
| 8:30 | – | 9:30 | Keynote address |
| 9:30 | – | 10:00 | Morning break |
| 10:00 | – | 12:00 | Concurrent sessions |
| 12:00 | – | 13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00 | – | 14:00 | Plenary address |
| 14:00 | – | 15:15 | Concurrent sessions |
| 15:15 | – | 15:30 | Afternoon break |
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PRECONFERENCE FULL DAY WORKSHOP

INTERVIEWING CHILDREN: THE SCIENCE AND THE ART.

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Presenter: Thomas D. Lyon, JD, PhD



Preconference workshop is an additional \$125.00

6 CATEGORY-A CREDITS WILL BE AWARDED TO SOCIAL WORKERS ATTENDING THE PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION ON INTERVIEWING CHILDREN: THE SCIENCE AND THE ART

15 CATEGORY-A CREDITS WILL BE AWARDED TO SOCIAL WORKERS ATTENDING THE FULL CONFERENCE

workshop summaries



MONDAY, MAY 7

8:30 – 9:30

KEYNOTE: Keep on Fighting

Victor Malarek's presentation will highlight his trek through the child welfare system in Quebec, his battle to overcome the challenges of the past, and his four decades as an investigative reporter fighting for neglected children, battered women and abused seniors.

Presenter: Victor Malarek

10:00 – 12:00

1A Moving Beyond Yes/No: How to Get More with Less

In this session, research and interview clips illustrate the pitfalls in asking children yes/no questions, and suggests alternatives that are more productive and less leading. Issues will be discussed, such as children's emotional reactions to abuse, proof of penetration and sexual intent, and questions about prior disclosure.

Presenter: Thomas D. Lyon, JD, PhD

1B Children with Sexual Behavior Problems: Current Findings and Implications for Practice

This workshop will provide an overview of the current research on sexual behavior problems in children, including typical sexual development and identification of sexual behavior problems (SBP), factors contributing to the development and maintenance of SBP, as well as research

based guidelines for identifying SBP. Children with SBP are heterogeneous and distinct from adolescent and adult sexual offenders. Research on typology and long-term outcome will be discussed. The latest treatment outcome research, including a recently published meta-analysis, will be presented to facilitate clinical decision-making and planning. An overview of the practice components found in efficacious treatments will be provided.

Presenter: Jimmy Widdifield Jr., MA

1C Proactive Strategies to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Including the Use of Child Abusive Images: The German Dunkelfeld Project

This presentation describes the German prevention approach which aims at improving proactive strategies to protect children from sexual exploitation by online offences, such as the consumption or distribution of child abusive images (child pornography) and hands-on-contact child sexual abuse. Strategies include research on individuals at risk to commit first or persistent sexual offenses against children, at the same time offering preventive assessment and treatment. As it is acknowledged that many offenders remain undetected by legal authorities in the "Dunkelfeld" (literally "dark field") and are not included in official statistics, this program focuses on those who: a) admit a longstanding sexual interest in prepubescent and/or pubescent children, so-called pedophiles and, and b) are self-motivated by the distress experienced due to their inclination. There are two groups concerning previous offences: 1) those seeking help to prevent initial online sexual and/or offline offending behavior against children (potential offenders) and 2) those who have already used child abusive images and/or committed hands-on child sexual abuse but are unknown to the legal authorities (real offenders in the "dunkelfeld"). It will be argued that these groups are reachable in order to improve prevention of child sexual exploitation.

Presenter: Klaus M. Beier, MD, PhD

1D Assessing Parents Involved in Drug Manufacturing Cases

Children living in or around drug manufacturing environments may be exposed to a variety of social, community and environmental risk factors that are not considered in traditional parenting capacity assessments. The authors, using direct clinical involvement in such cases, have developed a protocol to be used that expands from well accepted assessment approaches such as those recommended by Pezzot-Pearce and Pearce (2004) and Budd, Clark and Connell (2011). The protocol reviews issues related to the specific drugs being manufactured, the ways in which it occurs, review of risks related to the lifestyle, criminal connections and the impacts upon the children that include normalization of a drug environment and the degree to which the parents are actively involved in use.

Presenters: Peter Choate, PhD, Debra Harland, MSW, RSW, Amber McKenzie, BA, Masters of Family Therapy candidate

1E Internet Child Exploitation

Internet child exploitation investigations can involve many facets of criminal behavior. Offenders' preferences are often displayed through the recovery of evidence by forensic examination and analysis. The recovery of an offender's collection and online communication can be reflected in an offender's offline behavior and/or intentions. Two cases from Manitoba will be presented; a travelling sex offender from Winnipeg arrested in the United States, and the other a repeat offender from rural Manitoba, whose exhibitionist behavior reflected his online fantasies. The significance of the evidence in relation to an offender's behavior will be illustrated.

Presenter: Cpl. Janelle Bird, BA, BBA

13:00 – 14:00

PLENARY: Reconciliation: Not Saying Sorry Twice

The factors driving First Nations children into child welfare care at record rates are largely systemic. Child welfare's

codification of systemic issues as family deficits contributes to the longstanding over-representation of First Nations children in care. This presentation identifies the systemic factors and outlines how every person can make a difference for First Nations children even if you have no money and no more than two minutes.

Presenter: Cindy Blackstock, PhD

14:00 – 15:15

2A Vengeance for the Innocents: Understanding the Role of Forensic Advocacy in Wrongful Convictions and Prosecutions

This session will focus on the relationship between advocacy for the victim through expert testimony in the courts and wrongful prosecutions and convictions for infant homicide. Historically, coroners and medical examiners positioned themselves as advocates for victims through their motto, "We speak for the dead to protect the living" and were able to elevate the status of forensic science and the coroner as indispensable to police investigation of criminally-suspicious deaths. In Ontario, the "vengeance for the innocents" in the 1990s, led to one of the most tragic and costly miscarriages of justice in Canadian history.

Presenter: Kirsten Kramar, PhD

2B Behind the Mask of a Child Rapist – "Hope's Journey"

This workshop will follow the traumatic events of the life of a young child who, at an early age, was molested and raped by caregivers. Information will be provided to participants on the considerations and strategies needed to investigate the crime and to provide the on-going services for the child victim.

Presenter: James Holler, Jr.

2C Polygamy Constitutional Reference in BC

This session describes the purpose of and process used in the Polygamy Constitutional Reference that was heard in BC Supreme Court in 2010-2011 and will summarize the judgment issued in that case on November 23, 2011 and the status of any appeals. The arguments advanced by Amicus Curiae and certain interveners in support of the position that the Criminal Code prohibition on polygamy is unconstitutional will be outlined, including the position that the prohibition on polygamy might make investigating and stopping abuse more difficult, and that polygamy has not been established to “cause” child abuse.

Presenter: Ludmila B. Herbst, BA, MA, LLB

2D Interviewing Culturally Diverse Children and Families about Child Maltreatment

The discussion of suspected maltreatment with children and families can be difficult. Interviews can become more complicated when the interviewer and interviewee come from different cultural groups. This workshop provides concrete examples and advice for conducting child abuse interviews in ways that welcome diverse families, and elicit the most accurate information possible. This workshop is relevant for all professionals in the field of child abuse. Examples will be provided from diverse cultures.

Presenter: Lisa Aronson Fontes, PhD

2E Failure to Thrive and Child Neglect

Failure to thrive refers to children who grow poorly. This is often related to psychosocial problems and may be a manifestation of neglect. The workshop offers an approach to the problem of poor growth and its relation to neglect.

Presenter: Howard Dubowitz, MD, MS

3A The Alberta Vulnerable Infant Response Team (AVIRT): A Collaborative Approach to Supporting At-Risk Infants and their Families

In the past five years, Calgary has seen an unprecedented growth in the birth rate that has resulted in a corresponding increase in reports to Calgary and Area Child and Family Services Authority (CFSA) regarding newborns age 0-3 months. In response to changing demographic and risk factors, the former Honorable Yvonne Fritz, Minister of Alberta Children and Youth Services, requested that the CFSA and key stakeholders develop a new model of response to prevent harm and maximize safety for at-risk newborns. AVIRT is comprised of child protection assessors from CFSA, public health nurses with Alberta Health Region, and a constable from Calgary Police Service who work collaboratively with community stakeholders to provide immediate and comprehensive risk assessment, decision-making and safety planning for infants. Anticipated practice improvements include earlier identification of at-risk newborns by community stakeholders; a timely response by a specialized team, timely and comprehensive information sharing; a collective responsibility across systems, utilizing joint expertise; and increased community consultation, awareness and education.

Presenters: Amanda Latiff, BA; Dan Link, BA, Marilyn Young, RN, BN

3B Criminal Investigations and Computer Forensics

Digital evidence is found in nearly every type of crime committed today. Shane Savinkoff will discuss and demonstrate how the forensic examination of digital evidence is used to advance investigations by exploring at least one case study. Savinkoff will also touch on challenges and opportunities in the field of computer forensics.

Presenter: Det. Shane Savinkoff

3C Beyond Bountiful: Are We Prosecuting Polygamy, or Protecting It?

Canada's anti-polygamy laws are problematic, last tested in court in 1937. Authorities in BC have been reluctant to apply them at Bountiful because of legal opinion that says the ban is an unjustifiable infringement on civil liberties. The Attorney-General of British Columbia (AGBC) has twice received formal legal advice that a polygamy prosecution at Bountiful would fail. Regardless, in 2009 the AGBC laid polygamy charges against two Bountiful leaders, James Oler and Winston Blackmore, who have over 30 wives and more than 100 children between them. The charges were quashed on technical grounds. Rather than attempt another prosecution, the AGBC referred the ban's constitutionality to BC Supreme Court, and to Chief Justice Robert Bauman, who makes a finding at the end of the hearing process.

Presenter: Brian Hutchinson

3D Inside the Courtroom: Preparing and Presenting Children's Evidence

Crown prosecutors want the best evidence possible from child witnesses, while doing their best to protect the child from trauma caused by the court process. Mary T. Ainslie will discuss legal and practical considerations relating to testimonial accommodations that are available to meet these objectives, as well as considering ways to overcome hurdles that can impact the court's ability to get the best evidence from a child witness.

Presenter: Mary T. Ainslie, LLB

3E Fatal Child Neglect

Over two-thirds of fatalities attributed to child maltreatment in the US involve neglect. This workshop will offer an approach to assessing and addressing fatalities where neglect is a concern.

Presenter: Howard Dubowitz, MD, MS

TUESDAY, MAY 8

8:30 – 9:30

PLENARY: Pedophilia and Online Offending

Peter Collins will discuss the psychology of the offender and the relationship between pedophilia and child pornography.

Presenter: Peter Collins, MCA, MD, FRCPC

10:00 – 12:00

4A Impact of Violence, Abuse, and Neglect on Children

This presentation will review pertinent aspects of theory and findings from research pertaining to the impact of exposure to violence, abuse, and neglect on children's brain development and behaviour, and to apply the theoretical knowledge and research evidence to everyday work. Video and audio-recorded vignettes of interactions between caregivers and children are used to illustrate the various concepts discussed. The critical role of first responders in reducing the negative impact of exposure to violence on children is discussed.

Presenter: Diane Benoit, MD, FRCPC

4B Pedophilia and Cross-Associated Paraphilias

Peter Collins will discuss the relationship between pedophilia and associated sexual deviances often seen in individuals who are erotically attracted to children.

Presenter: Peter Collins, MCA, MD, FRCPC

4C The Impact of Child Abuse: A Personal Journey Revealed

Olga Trujillo will share her personal journey that is characterized by childhood trauma and repeated victimization. Participants will gain insight into why survivors often appear different than expected and will receive strategies to work with survivors of child abuse. The investigation is critical to holding offenders accountable and investigative recommendations will be discussed.

Presenter: Olga Trujillo, JD

4D Toxic Stress and the Developing Brain

New evidence demonstrates the environment can influence brain development and is most influential when children are living with neglect, violence, or high and chronic stress. The scars of abuse can last a lifetime, affecting health, relationships, and productivity.

Presenter: Jean M. Clinton, BMus, MD, FRCP(C)

4E Building and Sustaining a Successful Team

Learn how to build, sustain and energize multidisciplinary investigative teams responsible for responding to child abuse allegations. This institute will address foundational components of successful teams, dealing with staff turnover, keeping your team energized and effective, increasing team cohesion, and challenges. Communities have struggled to find balanced and professional team protocols for the investigation of allegations of child maltreatment. Professionals who are involved in these investigations recognize the need for collaboration to maximize skillful interviewing, eliminate duplication of efforts, promote proper and expedient evidence collection and reduce the secondary trauma to the child associated with the investigative process. Donna Pence will use examples from her experience developing, working with and mentoring teams in both urban and rural communities.

Presenter: Donna Pence, BS

PLENARY: Interviewing Children Who Witness Violent Crime

The aim of this presentation is to distinguish between honour-based violence, domestic violence and intimate partner violence in immigrant communities. A child's ability to communicate effectively can be hindered by the degree of trauma experienced by the child, the child's age and development, and the interviewer's knowledge about conducting effective child interviews. This presentation will provide participants with an understanding of the impact of grief and trauma on children and will identify challenges for investigators, interviewers, and prosecutors gathering information.

Presenter: Aruna Papp, MA, ADR, MEd

5A Consensual But Unlawful

This workshop will aid participants in identifying developmental characteristics of adolescents in relation to risk-taking behaviors. Practical solutions to de-escalate negative emotional responses displayed by teens will be addressed, and participants will examine how adolescent interviews may differ from interviews with young children. The objective of the session is to prepare interviewers for the specific challenges of talking with adolescents who engage in consensual but unlawful sexual behavior.

Presenter: Andra K. Chamberlin, MA

5B From Vulnerability to Strength: Addressing Homophobia and Heterosexism in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Service Provision

Issues of sexual and gender diversity are woven throughout our lives and LGBTQ youth can be vulnerable to abuse in particular ways — from peers, teachers, parents, and others. This session will discuss some of the forms of vulnerability that come to

the fore when attention is paid to issues of sexual and gender diversity, and will outline strategies and initiatives for moving toward more inclusive service provision and abuse prevention.

Presenter: Ailsa Craig, PhD

5C Rethinking the Triad of Shaken Baby Syndrome

Shaken Baby Syndrome remains a controversial diagnosis. Accumulating evidence demonstrates that the individual elements of the “triad” (subdural hemorrhage, retinal hemorrhages, anoxic brain injury) can have broad causation. Thus, it is incumbent upon the pediatrician and forensic pathologist to thoroughly assess infants and children who present signs of apparent abuse. Fundamental to child advocacy and protection is the requirement to correctly identify cases of abused children, and to eliminate misdiagnoses of outlier cases that may mimic the triad of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Presenter: Evan Matshes, BSc, MD, FRCPC, FCAP, D-ABP

5D Recent Research Affecting Children’s Advocacy Centers — Are We Working? Are We Needed?

Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) have become the standard of response for child sexual abuse allegations in most United States’ communities over the past 25 years. More recently, there has been an increase in the research that evaluates the impact of the CAC model. This research will be reviewed, along with a focus on research addressing the social impact of child sexual abuse, especially its impact on our world’s health and economy. This workshop will be informative to CAC Directors who are seeking to enhance their talking points related to CAC program need and fundraising.

Presenter: Chris Newlin, MS, LPC

5E PEACE Model of Investigative Interviewing: Interviewing Child Abuse Suspects

This presentation will introduce attendees to the PEACE model of investigative interviewing. The underlying philosophy of conducting professional and ethical interviews with suspects and accused persons of child abuse will be present-

ed. Among other interviewing skills, we will discuss how to apply the conversation management model (uncooperative interviewees). Issues covered in this presentation include a review of a 5-phase model of ethical interviewing, effective note-taking, fundamental interviewing concepts (e.g., rapport building and active listening), practical issues of interviewing, false confessions, Canadian case law, effective questioning skills, tactical use of evidence, and communication skills.

Presenters: Brent Snook, PhD and Todd Barron

15:30 – 16:30

6A Interviewing Children Who Witness Violent Crime

Persons charged with the task of communicating with children who have witnessed homicide or violent crimes can be hindered by the degree of trauma experienced by the child, the child’s age and development, as well as a lack of knowledge on how to conduct interviews in a forensically sound manner. This presentation will provide participants with an understanding of how grief and trauma impacts children, assist in identifying challenges investigators, interviewers, and prosecutors face when attempting to gather information pertinent to the investigation or prosecution, and explore methods to successfully gather information from traumatized children.

Presenter: Andra K. Chamberlin, MA

6B Changes to the Rules of Evidence

The rules relating to children’s evidence have undergone significant changes in the last two decades. Mary T. Ainslie will review these changes, such as the presumption that a child is now competent to testify, the removal of the notion that the evidence of children is inherently unreliable, and changes to the law of hearsay that permit a child’s evidence to be admitted when necessary and reliable. Consideration will be given to the impact of these changes and whether further change is required.

Presenter: Mary T. Ainslie, LLB

6C The Physically Abused Child: The Many Faces of Advocacy

Child physical abuse takes many forms, and spans the spectrum between non-life threatening injuries and lethality. Along that spectrum, children may have contact with a variety of advocates, each playing a very different role. Interestingly, some physician defence consultants also consider themselves child advocates — a belief that can be supported in certain circumstances. Unfortunately, irresponsible defence work threatens the very fabric of child (and family) protection. This workshop highlights examples of good and bad advocacy, and touches on the important and related concept of cognitive priming.

Presenter: Dr. Evan Matshes, BSc, MD, FRCPC, FCAP, D-ABP

6D The Creation of Calgary's Children's Advocacy Centre

In 1996 NHL star Sheldon Kennedy rocked professional hockey when he told the world his former coach had sexually abused him more than 300 times. As one of the founding Board Members of Calgary's Child Advocacy Centre, Kennedy has dedicated his life to making change through advocating for victims to protect Canadian youth from abuse. He is one of a larger group of people dedicated to the creation of a centre that will focus on treatment, prevention, training, education, investigation and prosecution of child abuse. We must get to the root cause of child abuse. At the CAC, our partner agencies — Calgary Police Service, Child & Family Services, Alberta Health Services, and Calgary Crown Prosecutors, will go beyond traditional thinking and reaction to child abuse, and involve the community, which may be naive to the scope and impact of child abuse, but are committed to making our communities safe for children. The CAC will work to develop a strategy and the protocols required for early intervention and treatment, prevention of child abuse, and ensure the victim never becomes the perpetrator. Joining together with our partners and the community, the centre is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012.

Presenter: Tara Robinson

6E Case Study

On August 14, 2006, the Swan River RCMP Detachment in Swan River, Manitoba, received a call that a three year old girl had fallen down the stairs of her family home and was unresponsive. She was transported to the local hospital where she was pronounced dead. In the early stages of the investigation it became clear that the girl's death was, in fact, a homicide. During the course of this extensive and highly emotional investigation, police worked collaboratively with Child and Family Services, the Medical Examiner's Office, Provincial Crown's office as well as several forensic experts. This session will address the challenges of working collaboratively with outside agencies, the dynamics of maintaining a cohesive investigative team and the struggles to gather the forensically significant evidence required to secure a conviction.

Presenters: Calvin Kristjanson and Donovan Dvorak, LLB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

8:30 – 9:30

PLENARY: Promise Not to Tell

Kellie Henderson was just a child when she was forced to do the unthinkable: stand guard for her oldest brother, Andrew, while he raped her twin sister Kathie in their family's Wichita, KS, home. Kellie knew all about the horror Kathie was going through — because it was happening to her too. According to the twins, Andrew started molesting them when they were five years old and he was ten. At a time when most kindergartners are living carefree lives, Kellie and Kathie were being fondled and molested in their home at the hands of a sibling. Soon, the twins' other older brother Matthew also began abusing them, and Kellie and Kathie say there came a time when they were being raped almost every day. After years of living in fear, Kellie and Kathie worked up the courage to tell their mother. She told the twins' father who

subsequently raped them too. Now, at 19, Kellie and Kathie are speaking out about their chilling childhood and the brave neighbors who helped them escape their abusers. They have shared their compelling story on the Oprah Winfrey show.

Presenters: Kellie, AS, and Kathie Henderson

9:45 – 11:00

7A Drug-Endangered Children

In this session, situations will be explored which lead to an infant or child being considered “drug-endangered”. This will include information on recognizing and responding to the needs of this vulnerable population.

Presenter: Karen Farst, MD, MPH

7B Kids, Critters and Sexual Abuse: The Links Between Animal Abuse and Child Maltreatment

Pets are part of the ecosystems of many children. Research links animal abuse with child abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse. Acts of cruelty to animals, when perpetrated or witnessed by children, frequently are a predictor of interpersonal, family, and community violence, and are linked to the criminal histories of juvenile offenders. This workshop will explore children’s emotional attachments to animals and link-based prevention, assessment, intervention, and treatment strategies for child protection agencies, children’s advocacy centers, domestic violence shelters, and psychological counseling programs.

Presenter: Phil Arkow, BA

7C Adolescents and Sexual Assault: The Need for a Specialized Collaborative Approach

Adolescents who have been sexually assaulted often pose challenges to the investigative team. The medical practitioner can be faced with issues of consent, confidentiality, sexually transmitted infections, HIV post-exposure prophylaxis, pregnancy and Internet victimization that are unique to the adolescent victim. This session will address these issues through the use of case studies to highlight the importance of the medical evaluation for adolescents and how it may impact the sexual assault investigation.

Presenter: Tanya Smith, RN, MN, NP-P

7D (i) The Long-Term Impact of Four Canadian Healthy Relationship Programs

School-based healthy relationship or dating violence programs are a strategy to protect young adults from being abused by partners and initial evaluations are often positive. But few programs collect longitudinal data beyond one year. This evaluation focuses on four high school relationship programs: Respectful Relationship Program (Saltspring Island, BC), The Fourth R (started in London, ON), Making Waves/Vague par Vague (NB) and Healthy Relationships for Youth (Antigonish, NS). The evaluation examined whether the programs have an impact on the participants in the long-run, from two years and more afterwards. 489 students, teachers and community representatives contributed to the quantitative and qualitative data analyses: 382 surveys and individual interviews and focus groups with 107 individuals. This presentation presents the study results, implications for offering such programs and strategies developing programs might consider to maximize their impacts.

Presenter: Leslie Tutty, PhD

7D (ii) National Child Abuse Symposium 2012: Child Maltreatment – Building Relationship and Doing Better Together

Child abuse investigations that are well conducted have significantly better outcomes for children and families increasing the likelihood of successful prosecution. Nonetheless the challenges of such work are profound as teams struggle with conflicting mandates and processes. This symposium will provide a unique opportunity to share learning about the successful evolution of teams across Canada.

Presenter: Susan Patenaude, BEd MEd Psych (dip)

7E How NOT to Help the Defence

The role of the Crown is very different from that of defence. Defence counsel must stand between the state and the accused by ensuring that the Crown meets its heavy burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The Crown does not have a client but instead builds a case if it can do so based upon whatever potential evidence it is given. The Crown must only proceed once it is satisfied that the evidence could reasonably support a conviction. To that end, the Crown should test its evidence by ensuring that complainants or witnesses do not come before the Court with questionable credibility. If a complainant or witness is questionable but reliable in the particular case, the Crown should disclose the problems with the witness and be ready to defend that witness' credibility in the case despite having a questionable past. This is a common issue that arises in domestic violence cases because, for example, many times, a complainant has called the police several times in the past but declined to ultimately cooperate with the Crown. There may be many reasons for this, many of which are valid, such as fear of the accused. The Crown will serve the public well by ensuring that, despite having not cooperated in the past, the complainant is reliable and is able to explain the past lack of cooperation. The Crown cannot and should not withhold information about a complainant or witness and it should do its homework to ensure that it will not be surprised by information that could affect the Court's view of the credibility of that complainant or witness.

Presenter: Bina Border, BA, BA, LLB (JD)

7F Culture and Trauma-Informed Child Abuse Investigations: Thinking Outside the Box

Recent attention to the role of culture and the impact of traumatic stress on children and adults sheds new light on strategies to improve investigative outcomes, reduce the traumatic aspects of the investigation and facilitate long term healing. This session will explore what a trauma and culturally-informed investigation looks like. Investigative process techniques have evolved over time as court decisions and research influenced methodology. As

multidisciplinary teams look beyond the initial steps in the investigative process, we seek to gather ever more accurate and complete information while minimizing avoidable trauma to the child.

Presenter: Donna Pence, BS

11:30 – 12:30

KEYNOTE: Resilience: What it Takes for Children and Youth to Thrive

In his engaging, story-filled presentation, Dr. Michael Ungar will show how a child's resilience depends on more than a child's individual capacity to overcome challenges. Resilience is also the ability of young people's parents and other caregivers to successfully help children navigate and negotiate for the supports they need to thrive. Troubling behaviors like violence and bullying, stealing, social withdrawal, avoiding responsibility for one's self and others, internet addictions, drug abuse, truancy and early sexual activity can be addressed by providing young people with nine sources of resilience. These include: structure, consequences, parent-child connections, strong relationships with peers and adults, a powerful identity, a sense of control, a sense of belonging, spirituality and life purpose, rights and responsibilities, and the safety and support children need to cope when problems arise. In this presentation, Ungar will share what he has learned from parents and helping professionals who have found inspiring ways to help children become competent, caring contributors to their families, schools, and communities no matter the challenges they face.

Presenter: Michael Ungar, PhD

ABOUT THE CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE

The Society was formed in October 1985 in response to a growing need for a coordinated, professional approach to child abuse investigations. The Board of Directors of the non-profit Society is made up of police officers, child welfare workers, Alberta Justice counsel, and treatment specialists. The Society was originally known as The Calgary Society for the Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse, but the name was changed in 1994 to reflect the growing mandate of the Society. The Canadian Society for the Investigation of Child Abuse is committed to supporting professionals, communities, victims and witnesses involved in the investigation of child abuse through:

- Development and delivery of educational products and services
- Promotion of a coordinated, interdisciplinary approach to child abuse investigations
- Identification and response to key issues and concerns of child abuse investigators
- Advocacy for excellence and professionalism in the investigation of child abuse
- Promotion of the well-being of children and families going through the investigative process
- Provision of professional training
- Research

For information on the Society's accomplishments and a list of the Board of Directors, please consult the website at www.csicainfo.com

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SUNDAY, MAY 6

PRECONFERENCE, 9:00 – 16:00 Thomas D. Lyon — Interviewing Children: The Science and the Art (additional cost and separate registration required) In this day long session I'll walk attendees through the ten-step interview approach, which is a simplification of the NICHD Structured Protocol and is based on the latest research on effective interviewing. We'll discuss the utility of interview instructions, narrative practice, rapport building, and open-ended approaches to eliciting the abuse report and follow up details. I'll present the supporting research and show clips from forensic interviews. We'll also discuss problems in interviewing, such as reluctance, recantation, and uncertainty regarding key details.

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14:00 – 15:15

- 5A. Concurrent Session Andra K. Chamberlin — Consensual But Unlawful
- 5B. Concurrent Session Ailsa Craig — From Vulnerability to Strength: Addressing Homophobia and Heterosexism in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Service Provision
- 5C. Concurrent Session Evan Matshes — Rethinking the Triad of Shaken Baby Syndrome
- 5D. Concurrent Session Chris Newlin — Recent Research Affecting Children's Advocacy Centers – Are We Working? Are We Needed?
- 5E. Concurrent Session Brent Snook and Todd Barron — PEACE Model of Investigative Interviewing: Interviewing Child Abuse Suspects

15:30 – 16:30

- 6A. Concurrent Session Andra K. Chamberlin — Interviewing Children Who Witness Violent Crime
- 6B. Concurrent Session Mary T. Ainslie — Changes to the Rules of Evidence
- 6C. Concurrent Session Evan Matshes — The Physically Abused Child: The Many Faces of Advocacy
- 6D. Concurrent Session Tara Robinson — The Creation of Calgary's Children's Advocacy Centre
- 6E. Concurrent Session Calvin Kristjanson and Donovan Dvorak — Case Study

18:00 – 21:00

Dinner Evening at Ranchman's

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

9:45 – 11:00

- 7A. Concurrent Session Karen Farst — Drug-Endangered Children
- 7B. Concurrent Session Phil Arkow — Kids, Critters and Sexual Abuse: The Links Between Animal Abuse and Child Maltreatment
- 7C. Concurrent Session Tanya Smith — Adolescents and Sexual Assault: The Need for a Specialized Collaborative Approach
- 7D. Concurrent Session
 - i) Leslie Tutty — The Long-Term Impact of Four Canadian Healthy Relationship Programs
 - ii) Susan Patenaude — National Child Abuse Symposium 2012: Child Maltreatment – Building Relationships and Doing Better Together
- 7E. Concurrent Session Bina Border — How NOT to Help the Defence
- 7F. Concurrent Session Donna Pence — Culture and Trauma-Informed Child Abuse Investigations: Thinking Outside the Box

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Please note any special dietary, medical, wheelchair or other requirements.

Registration Fees

Before April 1, 2012: \$495

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Special Events

Please indicate if you will be attending:

- Preconference Event – Sunday, May 6, — 9:00-16:00 (\$125) yes no
 - Welcome and Networking Reception – Sunday, May 6 (no cost) yes no
 - Dinner evening at Ranchman’s – Tuesday, May 8 (\$35 per ticket) yes no
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On the cheque, it should be noted that the amount is in **Canadian funds**. The cheque or money order should be made payable to **The Canadian Society for the Investigation of Child Abuse**.

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- A confirmation notice will be provided once registration and payment have been processed.
- Notice of cancellation must be received in writing. Registration fees received prior to March 31 will be refunded less a \$100 administrative charge. Cancelled social program tickets are refundable only prior to March 31, 2012.
- A \$50 charge will be assessed for NSF cheques.
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Conference Site and Accommodations

Carriage House Inn | 9030 Macleod Trail South | Calgary, AB | T2H 0M4

Phone: 403.253.1101

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