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Tuesday, September 26th from 8:00am - 4:00pm

THIS CONFERENCE IS INTENDED FOR:

School Personnel, Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Probation Officers, Child Protective/Child Welfare Personnel, Mental Health Professionals, Medical Providers, and other Professionals Working with Children
COST:

$90 per person

$80 per person for Early Bird Registration (registered by August 26th)

$75 per person if FOUR (4) or more register together from the same company

FREE PARKING - Holiday Inn, 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY 13088

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

8:00 to 8:30am Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 to 8:45am Welcome
8:45 to 9:30am Keynote Presentation
9:45 to 11:00am Workshop Session 1
11:15 to 12:30pm Workshop Session 2
12:30 to 1:15pm Lunch
1:15 to 2:30pm Workshop Session 3
2:45 to 4:00pm Workshop Session 4

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: 8:45 to 9:30am

Hope Changes Everything
Presented by: Sasha Joseph Neulinger

This year’s inspiring keynote speaker is a survivor of multigenerational childhood sexual abuse and has created a documentary, “Rewind to Fast-Forward” that will change lives.

You will be captivated by his journey of healing and empowerment. His delivery is genuine, engaging, and powerful as he connects with his audience in a way that provides a deeper understanding of the dynamics of childhood victimization.

BIO:

Sasha Joseph Neulinger (B.A.-Film Production at Montana State University) is the co-founder & Head of Production at Step 1 Films. He has worked behind the scenes on National Geographic’s award winning series, “America, The Wild.” At Step 1 Films, he has produced, directed, & edited multiple commercial videos for various corporate clients nationally. He is currently directing his first feature length documentary, “Rewind To Fast-Forward,” an autobiographical film about his life surviving multigenerational child sexual abuse. The documentary is scheduled for release in January of 2018. Sasha also travels nationally as a public speaker, advocating for reforms in child advocacy & child abuse prevention. On March 27, 2015, Sasha presented at TEDxBozeman: “Trauma Is Irreversible. How It Shapes Us Is Our Choice.” Since it was released to the public, Sasha’s TEDx Talk has been viewed over 120,000 times reaching survivors internationally.
## OPTION 1A

**A Case Study: People vs. Ryan Lawrence (Baby Maddox)**  
*Presenters: Jeremy Cali & Mark Rusin*

Discussion of the investigation and prosecution of Ryan Lawrence, guilty of the murder of his daughter, from the initial Amber Alert and multiple crime scene investigations to determination of criminal charges.  

**BIOS:**  
**Jeremy Cali** is the Chief of Special Victims Bureau with the Onondaga County District Attorney Office. Jeremy oversees the Assistant District Attorneys in the multidisciplinary team at McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center.  
**Mark Rusin** has been a Detective with the Syracuse Police Department since 2007 with expertise in polygraphs. He has earned numerous awards for his work in investigations.

## OPTION 1B

**“Sexual Behaviors in Children: When to Worry and When Not to Worry”**  
*Presenter: Ingrid Walker-Descartes MD, MPH, FAAP*

Child sexual abuse is a major concern for many parents as well as health care providers. As a result, any type of sexual behavior exhibited by children is considered a “red flag” for concern. This presentation attempts to summarize the literature on sexual behaviors in children to help attendees decipher when to involve child protective services as an intervention when dealing with these behaviors.  

**BIO:**  
Dr. Walker-Descartes attended the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry where she obtained her Doctorate in Medicine. Upon graduating from medical school, she did a residency in Pediatrics at New York Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, NY & pursued further training in a combined General Academic Pediatrics & Child Abuse Fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital, NY. She also obtained her Master in Public Health at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

## OPTION 1C

**Human Trafficking 101: How Community Stakeholders Can Work Together to Address Child Trafficking and Exploitation**  
*Presenter: Heather Fischer, Mobilization & Partnership Strategist for Love146*

This workshop provides an overview of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation with an introduction to implementing effective strategies for awareness, prevention, and aftercare. Participants will take away key strategies for addressing exploitation.  

**BIO:**  
Heather Fischer has a B.S. in Psychology and is the Mobilization & Partnership Strategist for Love146. She serves on the Department of Justice Civil Rights Community Workshop Group, New York Capital Region Anti-Trafficking Task Force and Twitter Trust & Safety Council.
**Case-Based Discussion of the Medical Interventions Necessary for Victims of Human Trafficking**

**Presenter:** Dana Kaplan, MD FAAP

This workshop will provide information on developing a patient-centered, informed and collaborative approach to patients involved in Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST). You will acquire effective communication strategies for patients and explore the role of medical care when a patient discloses involvement in DMST.

**BIO:**

Dr. Dana Kaplan is the Director of Child Abuse and Neglect for the Department of Pediatrics at Staten Island University Hospital. She is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics for the Hofstra-Northwell School of Medicine. Dr. Kaplan is board certified in General Pediatrics, a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a Scholar Member of the Ray E. Helfer Society.

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**Finding Balance: Taking Care of Mind, Body & Spirit**

**Presenter:** Carrie Land-Steves LMFT

Life is complex. This workshop is a chance to slow down and gain a better understanding of what self-care means, its various forms, and how to apply self-care in your life to improve wellness. This workshop will increase your understanding of self-care, will include experiential activities, and provide accessible ideas for self-care. “Fall in love with taking care of yourself, mind, body spirit.” (unknown)

**BIO:**

Carrie Land-Steves, LMFT is the Clinical Supervisor at Vera House for McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center. She has been associated with the Advocacy Center since 2014 and with Vera House since 2009. Carrie received her Masters of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy from the College of Human Ecology at Syracuse University.
A Multidisciplinary Response to Youth with Problematic Sexual Behaviors

Presenter: Karen Hill, Executive Director, New York State Children’s Alliance

Greater than one-third of sexual offenses against child victims are committed by other youth. When a youth engages in sexual behaviors that pose a risk to the safety or well-being of themselves or other children, effective intervention is critical in stopping the abuse. This presentation provides an overview of initiatives to implement a comprehensive, community-based system utilizing best practices.

BIO:
Karen Hill is the Executive Director of the New York State Children’s Alliance, Inc. She was the founding Director of the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center from 2007-2017. She is currently an adjunct professor at St. Bonaventure University and is Co-Chair of the NYS Juvenile Justice Strategic Planning Action Committee on Youth with Sexual Behavior problems. She received her Bachelor’s degree from Empire State College.

Navigating the Obstacles of Sex Abuse Investigations

Presenters: Sergeant Jamey Locastro and Detective Clark Farry: Syracuse Police Department Abused Persons Unit

This workshop will cover three major objectives:
1. “Disclosure is a Process” - understanding the victim & the family in order to obtain the best disclosure.
2. Winning mind set for the interrogation and handling the obstacles during the interview.
3. The value of teamwork in the multidisciplinary team; it’s about the team and not the ego.

BIOS:
Sgt. Locastro has been with the Syracuse Police Department since 1994. He has experience in the Juvenile Division and Missing Persons Department, and is the current Sergeant at McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center.

Detective Clark Farry is a decorated Detective with over 20 years service in the Syracuse Police Department. He has been in Major Crimes, is an FBI Trained Hostage Negotiator, and has been in the Abused Persons Unit at McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center since 2012.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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To Register for Credits: $25 Fee
Please scroll down to the end of the workshop options for registration information.
**OPTION 3A**

**Sustaining and Strengthening Your MDT**  
*Presenter: Gregg Flet, Outreach Coordinator, NRCAC*

In order to realize their full potential, MDT’s require care and attention. This workshop will offer ideas and suggestions that any MDT member can employ to help strengthen and sustain their MDT. Beginning with a recognition that teams take work, this session will explore how to ask questions of other disciplines, steps toward developing trust and respect, the impact of assumptions, and how to create a positive climate for your team. Participants will engage in a dynamic conversation on team development and effective collaboration between disciplines.

**BIO:**

Gregg Flett is the Outreach Coordinator for the Northeast Regional Children’s Advocacy Center. He has a Masters degree in Clinical Social Work from Fordham University and has over 15 years experience working with non-profits throughout the United States who work with children.

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**OPTION 3B**

**Laughing: “Just for the Delight of It”**  
*Presenter: Karen Vadino*

Laughter is not only a response to jokes or funny situations, but a kind of appreciation of living, a sense of balance, a reflection of the joy of life itself. Humor and laughter are essential ingredients for healthy selves and healthy relationships. This workshop will explore that impact and provide opportunities for us to examine our own sense of humor. We will determine strategies for adding more humor into our lives.

**BIO:**

Karen Vadino is a Motivational Speaker, Humorist, Trainer and Consultant. Regardless of the topic, Karen’s workshops and presentations are humorous in nature, reflecting her own insightful approach to dealing with life’s daily challenges.

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**OPTION 3C**

**It’s Coming From Inside the House**  
*Presenter: Lisa Fletcher*

This workshop will review the investigation and prosecution of a case where social media was used in a devious plot to sexually exploit explicit images from a child, and to groom her for later hands-on abuse. The victim in this case will be sharing her view of the case, the system and how she is fairing in the aftermath.

**BIO:**

Lisa Fletcher has worked as an Assistant District Attorney in NY County (Manhattan), and as a Senior District Attorney in Onondaga County. In 1999, she joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office. In 2010, she was named the District’s Project Safe Childhood Coordinator.
Death Investigation: First, Do No Harm: Part A
Presenter: Brian P. Ehret, F-ABMDI
This workshop focuses on the interaction of first responders, police, child protective services and medical examiners and coroners with grieving family members during death scene investigations - especially the need to pay special attention to what should and should not be said. Death scene investigations are often chaotic and filled with emotion. Investigators deal with these difficult investigations and marshal their own emotions while guiding grieving families through the most difficult moment in their life.

BIO:
Brian Ehret is the Senior Forensic Investigator at the Onondaga County Medical Examiner’s Office. He has over 25 years’ experience in forensic science and medicolegal death investigations. He is an adjunct professor at Syracuse University and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

Serving Trans* and Gender Diverse Youth Survivors
Presenter: Tyler Sliker
Providing care, support and services to youth survivors of violence and abuse is a complex, challenging experience for advocate, therapist and survivor alike. When the youth we serve are also navigating their sense of self in terms of gender and how they are most comfortable, safe, and confident, it is essential that we are providing a route for these youth to be their authentic selves, without road blocks. This workshop aims to provide insight into the lives of trans* and gender diverse youth, explore unique needs, and add practical, ready-to-use ways to expand inclusion of this population.

BIO:
Tyler Sliker is presently the Clinical Program Coordinator at Vera House in Syracuse, NY. He has worked at Vera House since 2013 as a Therapist. Tyler received his Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy from Syracuse University.

Understanding the Assessment and Treatment of Men and Women who Sexually Offend
Presenter: Catherine Diana, LCSW, Professional Counseling Services
This workshop will focus on best practice tools and interview techniques to assess people who have sexually offended. It will identify risk factors and different typologies of offenders that are most common with increased recidivism rates. The workshop will also identify best practice-empirically based treatment techniques that help keep a person’s risk to re-offend low.

BIO:
Catherine Diana has her own private practice, treating adult male and female sex offenders. She is also a trainer at Fordham University on child sexual abuse. She received her B.S.W. and M.S.W. from Syracuse University.
**OPTION 4C**

**Anatomy of a Cold Case: Infanticide**  
*Presenter: Rick Trunfio*

This workshop will review how a 30-year old infant death was solved through the old fashioned police work and modern forensic science. Participants will gain a deeper understanding and awareness of the complex dynamics and challenges of a cold case. Learn how practical approaches were used to improve collaboration, get a deeper understanding of roles, and how communication can lead to results.

**BIO:**  
Rick Trunfio is the First Chief Assistant District Attorney for the Onondaga County District Attorney’s Office. He previously served as Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Bureau.

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**OPTION 4D**

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**CEU CREDITS**

Total Registration Fee: $25

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