

Rural Institute On Child Abuse

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



REGISTRATION FEES: (Please check box below)

- MDT Member: **Free/Participant**
includes conference materials, workshops, general session,
continental breakfast and lunch meal.
- NON-MDT Member: **\$35/Participant:**
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PAYMENT METHOD:

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**IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
OF 1990, PLEASE INDICATE HERE IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL
NEEDS OR REQUESTS:**

**TO ASSIST IN FOOD & ROOM PLANNING,
PLEASE MARK THE SESSIONS YOU ARE MOST LIKELY TO ATTEND:**
(please check sessions below)

WELCOME & KEYNOTE 8:30am-9:30am	Randy Ellison <input type="checkbox"/>
9:45am-11:00am	1A <input type="checkbox"/> 1B <input type="checkbox"/> 1C <input type="checkbox"/>
LUNCH & KEYNOTE 11:15am-12:30pm	Karen Spears Zacharias <input type="checkbox"/>
12:45pm-2:00pm	2A <input type="checkbox"/> 2B <input type="checkbox"/> 2C <input type="checkbox"/>
2:15pm-3:30pm	3A <input type="checkbox"/> 3B <input type="checkbox"/> 3C <input type="checkbox"/>
3:45pm-5:00pm	4A <input type="checkbox"/> 4B <input type="checkbox"/> 4C <input type="checkbox"/>

8:00am-8:30 **Check-in & Continental Breakfast**

8:30-9:30 **Welcome & Keynote**

Randy Ellison



Child Sex Abuse: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

A look at where we have been, where we are now, and where we must go if we are to significantly impact child sex abuse, all from the perspective of a survivor. First we tried to ignore its existence, which got us nowhere. Now we look at only one side of the issue, whichever side we are closest to. Come explore possible solutions and how you can contribute to eliminating Child Sex Abuse.

9:45am-11:00am

1A Facebook | *Jim Williams*

This will include a basic history of ICAC as well as topics on cyberbullying, internet safety and sexting.

1B Drug Endangered Children: It's more than Methamphetamine | *Deanna St. Germain, D.O*

Information regarding the care of children who are found in meth labs & in homes where meth and other drugs are used is constantly evolving. This provides LEA, DHS, & medical providers with an update on current recommendations regarding detection & evaluation of children endangered by parental drug use & manufacture.

1C Minimal Facts: Conducting a Brief Medical/Forensic Interview | *Celeste Gammelin*

Designed specifically for first responders when children suspected of being abused need to be interviewed in the field. Participants will learn the basics of Oregon Interviewing Guidelines and how to conduct a brief medical/forensic interview, which will include: Phases of an interview, appropriate use of questions, and when/how to stop a field interview.

11:15-12:30

Lunch & Keynote

Karen Spears Zacharias



Part investigation, part memoir, *A Silence of Mockingbirds* tells the story behind Karly's Law. Having once housed a young woman named Sarah during her college years, former crime reporter Karen Zacharias runs into her years later. When the author asks how her daughter, Karly, is, Sarah tells her Karly passed away. Shocked, she looks up the toddler's death online and discovers that an ex-boyfriend of Sarah's has been found guilty of murdering Karly. Haunted by this news, she starts looking into the events leading up to Karly's death. The writer's proximity to the people involved, along with her journalistic eye, make for incredible, fast-paced storytelling.

12:45-2:00

2A Medical Aspects of Child Death Investigation | *Deanna St. Germain, D.O*

This session will familiarize participants with child fatalities, how they are under-reported, what the common medical findings are in child maltreatment fatalities and how to work collaboratively with medical providers during child fatality investigations.

2B Karly's Law | *Karen Spears Zacharias*

Silence is one of the biggest challenges in confronting child abuse. People rationalize away the need to report it. But what happens when it is reported over and over again, as was the case for Karly Sheehan. A look at how myths, media, and national policy contribute to the abuse of children.

2C Best Practices for MDT Administration & Meetings | *Kathy Sewell*

In order to achieve a consistent degree of success in investigating child abuse cases, it is important to follow Best Practice Standards in the multidisciplinary team approach. The model is a child-focused, facility-based program in which representatives from many disciplines-law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical, and victim's advocacy- work together, conducting joint interviews and making team decisions about the investigation, treatment, management and prosecution of child abuse cases. Learn what new and innovative ways MDT's are working together to better enhance their community response

2:15-3:30

3A Child Development & the Brain | *Katie DeClue*

This session will cover information regarding early childhood development and considerations for interviewing young children. This session will also include information about how trauma affects the brain and implications to consider when interviewing.

3B Testifying in Court | *Matt Shirtcliff*

This course will cover the basics of courtroom testimony. How to prepare for court, ideas for testifying in a professional and effective way, as well as things "not to do" when testifying.

3C The Impact of Trauma on Children: Domestic Violence | *Julie Farnam*

This will provide an overview of how trauma affects children's emotional & psychological development with a focus on domestic violence. Trainers will introduce a practical method of understanding children's needs & behaviors in a way that helps clinicians work with non-offending parents or other caregivers to individualize effective treatment for children. Trainers will provide a roadmap for family treatment to guide systems & assist families in healing domestic trauma & creating a therapeutic & physically safe environment at home.

4A The Impact of Trauma on Children: Sexual Abuse | Julie Farnam

This session will build on information provided in session I. Trainers will provide information on how family incest, including sexual abuse by siblings affects children's emotional & psychological development. Trainers will introduce a practical method of understanding children's needs & behaviors in a way that helps clinicians work with non-offending parents & other caregivers to individualize effective treatment for children. Trainers will provide a roadmap for family treatment to assist families in healing incest trauma & creating a therapeutic & physically safe environment at home.

4B Registered Sex Offenders

Karen Dike

Presentation will discuss the requirements as a sex offender & what restrictions are placed on the offenders. This session will also discuss how to successfully investigate & gather information for prosecution of a violation of registration offenses. Information regarding the disclosure of registration status to the public will be included.

4C How Forensic Interviews help with Domestic Violence Investigations | Mona Williams, Mandy Decker, Stephanie Stone

The program will focus on 1) The procedure for conducting forensic interviews of children who witness domestic violence (Mandy Decker) including clips from an actual interview; 2) How the interview can be used by the prosecution, including examples from a recent case (Mona K. Williams) and 3) How to work with the victim (often the parent of the child) to insure cooperation in the prosecution and how the process effects the victim (Stephanie Stone).

SPEAKERS

Randy Ellison works as an advocate for victims and survivors of Child Sex Abuse. He is a member of CAN, Child Abuse Network of Jackson County, Oregon. He is a Board President of OAASIS, Oregon Abuse Survivors in Service. OAASIS is one of only 15 agencies funded nationally by the Ms. Foundation to create the movement needed to end child sex abuse. He is also on the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force. In 2009 Randy helped change the civil statute of limitations in Oregon on sex abuse of children. In the 2011 legislative session he advocated with others to help pass the first Human Sex Trafficking laws in Oregon. Randy's book, *Boys Don't Tell; Ending the Silence of Abuse*, tells the story of his recovery from Child Sexual Abuse. His work gives face and voice to male survivors. Contact Randy at boysdonttell.com, or email randy@boysdonttell.com

Karen Spears Zacharias teaches First Amendment Rights at Central Washington University. The former crime reporter spent five years investigating and writing *A Silence of Mockingbirds*, the story behind Karly's Law. *A Silence of Mockingbirds* is a personal story for the author, who was friends of the family long before Karly's death. Zacharias' fifth book was recently nominated for the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award and was featured on National Public Radio and Oregon Public Broadcasting. She can be reached at karenzach.com or via Twitter @karenzach.

Jim Williams is a Special Agent with the Oregon Department of Justice, assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children regional task force. Jim has been in law enforcement for approximately 16 years and has been assigned to SWAT, motors, detectives, narcotics and mortgage fraud. He holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and is a PhD candidate in the same discipline.

Deanna St. Germain is a family physician specializing in child abuse medicine. She received her undergraduate degree from St. Joseph's College of Maine and her medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. She came to KIDS Center in January of 2009 from southern Illinois where she was an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield. Dr. St. Germain was the Medical Director of the Children's Medical Resource Network, a medical resource for abused children and professionals in rural Southern Illinois. Dr. St. Germain is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at Western University of Health Sciences. She is the Deschutes County Medical Examiner and a Certified Medicolegal Death Investigator. Dr. St. Germain began lecturing for the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children regarding methamphetamine in May of 2005 and she has presented at the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children's national symposium. In 2000, Dr. St. Germain received an Honorary Doctorate of Science from St. Joseph's College of Maine and in 2007; she received the US Department of Health and Human Service's Commissioner's Award.

Katie DeClue is a licensed clinical social worker who has been working with children and families for 10 years. She received a Master's in Social Work from Walla Walla University and was trained as a Child Forensic Interviewer by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children in Seattle, Washington. Katie's experience includes working with Child Welfare to provide home based services, parent training, individual therapy, and family sex abuse treatment.

Matt Shirtcliff is the Baker District Attorney. He is starting his fourth term and has been the elected DA for Baker County for 12 years. Prior to being DA, he was a Deputy DA for Baker County for six years. He has prosecuted many person felony cases and has a great deal of trial experience with child sexual abuse cases. Matt is the Chairman of the Board for Saint Alphonsus hospital in Baker City and is involved in numerous clubs and activities in the community. His wife, Beth, works for Wilson Cattle Company in North Powder and they have two sons. He enjoys coaching, hunting, and fly fishing.

Julie Farnam, MSW, LCSW, is a full time clinical social worker at Mt. Valley Mental Health in Baker City and co-owner of Kindred Support Services, LLC. She has provided individual and family therapy to children and parents experiencing domestic trauma for almost 20 years.

Stephanie L. Stone has been in the position of Victims Advocate with the Wallowa County District Attorney's office since February 2011. Her tasks involve performing as a liaison between the victims, the court system, law enforcement and other partnering agencies that may be able to aid with their services. Prior to her current position she was an Office Specialist II (OS II) for the Oregon State Police from March 2006 to February 2011. Her responsibilities consisted of administrative organization and support for criminal department. This included sex crimes, homicides, drug enforcement, polygraph, arson, and lottery. In addition, Stephanie provided back up support in areas such as sex offender registration, patrol division, and fish & wildlife. Stephanie's experience has given her knowledge, strength, patience, and compassion to provide those in need of guidance as well as strength and support. She feels that these skills are what is needed to help assist victims to begin the healing process, and enable them to move forward after difficult, and in some cases, tragic circumstances.

Detective Karen Dike has been employed by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office since 1994. She has an advanced certificate with DPSST and holds a FLETC teaching certificate for Domestic Violence. Detective Dike has spent the last six years as a detective working crime against children and families. Detective Dike is also a member of the Morrow County MDT and has worked closely with Department of Human Services on cases involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse, child neglect, and threat of harm issues. Detective Dike is also trained to assess children in regards to the Drug Endangered Child Protocols.

Kathy Sewell is the director at Mt. Emily Safe Center. She is responsible for the overall administration and management of the Mt. Emily Safe Center, including all programs and services, fund raising activities, general operations planning and evaluation, policy development and administration, personnel and fiscal management, and public relations. Kathy has been the executive director of 5 different corporations including one two-state not-for-profit corporation, and she is the CEO of her own consulting firm, Dancin' Trees. During her tenure with these organizations she has utilized an innovative and experiential philosophy to enhance business and program development. She specializes in strategic planning, team learning, board training, and facilitation.

Mandy Decker graduated from EOU in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. After college she worked as the Victims Advocate for the Wallowa County District Attorney's office, and currently is a youth probation officer for the Wallowa County Department of Youth Services. For the past seven years she has been very active in prevention efforts in her community; she is a Girl's Circle facilitator, she heads up a Youth Employment Program that creates jobs for at risk youth, she's a member of the Wallowa County Multidisciplinary Team and Drug Court Team, and is very active in the local schools. Mandy has been an active board member for her local domestic violence shelter for ten years, and is currently one of the trainers for the Juvenile Prevention training team.

Mona K. Williams has been Wallowa County's District Attorney since January 1, 2007. Mona was an attorney in private practice in Wallowa County from September 1989 to January 1, 2007. About 50% of private practice focused on domestic relations law including child custody cases and divorces involving domestic violence. Mona Contracted with Safe Harbors to provide legal assistance to victims of domestic violence regarding child custody, divorce, separation and enforcement of restraining orders. Mona has done extensive *pro bono* work in this area of the law.

Celeste Gammel, MSW is the Lead Forensic Interviewer and Regional Services Coordinator/Trainer at KIDS Center in Bend, OR. She has conducted over 800 forensic interviews with children ranging in age from two to eighteen years old, including children with disabilities. Ms. Gammel has been training Law Enforcement Agencies and Department of Human Services on investigating child abuse and neglect since 2007.