



The Greg and Mary Ann Renz Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

The purpose of the 2023 Together for Children hybrid conference is to provide information and skills that support a multidisciplinary approach to improve prevention, treatment, investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect. Topics presented will address emerging issues, research questions and public policy changes in child welfare and child protection. As a reminder, the materials presented at the Together for Children Conference are for continuing education purposes only. The content and material shared during this event reflect an approach, view, experience, statement or opinion of the presenters or authors, and do not necessarily reflect the views of Children’s Wisconsin or Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin. Moreover, the presence of any speaker, author, vendor or participant in the conference does not constitute an endorsement of their organization, views or services. Lastly, the information shared during the event does not create any patient-physician relationship and should not be used as a substitute for professional diagnosis.

### ***New for 2023***

The conference will be managed in the Whova Conference App – conference schedule, all conference materials, Zoom links, speaker bios, and interaction will take place inside this app – which can be accessed via the web or smart device. **PAYMENT is made directly at the time of registering via Credit Card ONLY through the Whova app. If you wish to PAY VIA CHECK – ESPECIALLY FOR GROUPS - contact PCAW via email or call 920-969-7925 for a code to register without credit card payment and receive an invoice to pay via check.**

### ***Who should attend?***

- Child advocacy center personnel
- Child protective services
- Sexual assault and domestic violence personnel
- Judicial officers, attorneys & guardians ad litem
- Law enforcement officials
- Medical and health professionals – including SANE
- Nurses and nurse practitioners
- School personnel
- Social workers, therapists and psychologists
- Foster care workers and parents
- Anyone interested in child abuse & neglect issues and prevention

### **Thursday, April 13 – Day 2 of the conference**

- 8:30 – 10:00 am: Keynote presentation
- 10:15 am – 4:00 pm: Breakout sessions

### ***In-Person Attendees***

In-person attendees can attend:

- 1 full day seminar
- 2 keynote sessions
- 6 breakout sessions

NOTE: In person attendees may view recorded sessions following the conference; however **NO CEUs WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE RECORDED SESSIONS**

### ***Dates & Times***

#### **Tuesday, April 11 – Seminar day**

9:00 am – 4:30 pm: Full day Seminars

- Seminars focus on one main topic

#### **Wednesday, April 12 – Day 1 of the conference**

8:45 am – 10:30 am: Welcome & Keynote

10:45 am – 4:30 pm: Breakout sessions

### **In-person conference fees**

	Early Bird by March 17, 2023	After March 17, 2023
1 day	\$150.00	\$175.00
2 days	\$249.00	\$299.00
3 days	\$320.00	\$370.00

\*\*Registration fee includes light continental breakfast and lunch for each day.

*Deadline to register: March 31, 2023*

## **Virtual Attendees**

Virtual attendees can:

- View live:
  - 1 seminar session
  - 1 keynote session
  - 6 breakout sessions
- Have access to recorded sessions for 1 month. These will include:
  - 1 seminar session
  - 1 keynote session
  - 15 breakout sessions

*Continuing education hours will be awarded following the accreditation groups requirements – may need to complete a quiz for hours*

NOTE: Sessions will be live streamed or recorded when presenter(s) give permission

### **Virtual conference fees**

\$175.00

*Deadline to register: April 7, 2023*

## **Discounts**

### **Group and Multidisciplinary Team Discounts**

Group and MDT discounts are available when 4 or more attendees are from the same organization OR multidisciplinary team. (MDT MUST INCLUDE at least 2 different disciplines; i.e. social work, legal, law enforcement, medical, etc.)

Email [PCAW](#) or call (920) 969-7925, for more information by **March 10, 2023**.

### **Student Discounts**

Full-time students will receive a reduced fee when they register as a student. The discount is \$20.00 off 1 day/virtual attendance; \$40.00 off 2 or 3 day attendance. Students must email a copy of their current semester schedule to [PCAW](#) or fax to (920) 969-7975, Attn: Jane

## **Scholarships**

### **General Scholarships**

Thanks to conference sponsors, there are a limited number of general scholarships available. Applications are available [here](#) or visit PCAW's [website](#). The deadline to submit an application is February 20, 2023.

### **Multidisciplinary Team Scholarships**

The Department of Justice, CJA program is providing scholarships for MDT team members to attend the conference. Applications are available [here](#) or visit PCAW's [website](#). Deadline to submit the application is February 20, 2023.

For questions regarding scholarships, email [PCAW](#) or call (920) 969-7925.

## **Cancellation policy and refunds**

### **In person cancellations**

In the event a registration must be changed, substitutions from the same agency are permitted at no charge. Requests for refunds must be sent via email to [Jane Yeager](#) by March 29, 2023. Requests received by this date will be refunded the conference fees less a \$50 administrative fee. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER March 29, 2023.** No refunds will be given in the event inclement weather forces cancellation of all or part of the conference. No shows will be responsible for the full registration fee.

### **Virtual cancellation**

No refunds will be given for cancellations or no shows for virtual attendees since there will be recorded sessions available to view after the conference.

## **Special Needs**

Children's Hospital and Health System fully intends to comply with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any participant is in need of accommodation, please call (414) 337-7716.

## **Continuing Education**

Continuing education hours will be updated once the accreditation agency/organization has approved the conference hours.

## **Lodging**

The Osthoff Resort  
101 Osthoff Avenue  
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020  
[www.osthoff.com](http://www.osthoff.com)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the rate of \$90.00/single or \$180.00/double. **Due to the limited number of one bedroom suites, The Osthoff encourages friends and colleagues to stay in their two bedroom suites.** The two bedroom suites offer common living area and kitchen. Each bedroom has their own bathroom and tv.

Contact the hotel directly to book a room before the block expires on March 10, 2023.

Call 1-800-876-3399 and select prompt #1. Indicate you are with, "Together For Children '23," to receive the group discount and to be placed in your group block.

If your group is tax exempt, remember to bring your tax exempt certificate for check in.

### ***Aspira Spa***

The Aspira Spa is offering a 20% discount on services during the conference. They will extend their hours during the conference and advanced bookings are appreciated so enough staff will be available. To make a spa appointment, contact Elizabeth at [ERumpff@osthoff.com](mailto:ERumpff@osthoff.com) or call 920.876.5868. You must mention that you are attending the Together for Children's conference to receive the discount. View Aspira Spa's website [here](#).

**2022 conference attendee – "I thought this was a great conference. There was a variety of breakout sessions and all so relevant to the safety of children."**

**Save the 2024 Dates:  
All-day Seminars: April 8, 2024  
Conference: April 9 & 10, 2024  
The Wilderness, Wisconsin Dells**



**NOTE:** Topics addressed during the conference may be stressful and traumatic for participants. Children’s Wisconsin and PCAW recognizes the impact that trauma has on individuals and wants attendees to take care of themselves. Thus, a Serenity Room – a quiet space - will be available for attendees to take a break, throughout the conference.

## Conference Agenda

### Tuesday, April 11 – Seminar Sessions

8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration and light continental breakfast
9:00 – 12:15 pm	<p>SEMINAR SESSIONS – <b>Attend the same seminar both AM &amp; PM</b></p> <p><b>Children’s Mental Health</b>  <i>Linda Hall; Amy Marsman; Sara Kohlbeck</i>  <b>THIS SESSION WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED</b></p> <p>There is agreement on the importance of children’s mental health, but where does one begin in tackling this vast topic? In this seminar day the Wisconsin Office of Children’s Mental Health will address how Wisconsin’s kids are doing, children’s well-being, the importance of kids being socially connected, and how to support our kids in doing better. The seminar day will look at youth suicide and suicide prevention and lift up the voice of parents of children with mental health challenges.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain understanding and awareness of children’s mental health.</li> <li>• Increase knowledge of important factors that lead to children’s well-being and mental health and ways to increase both.</li> <li>• Increase awareness of youth suicide and suicide prevention.</li> </ul> <p>Appropriate for all attendees</p> <hr/> <p><b>Working More Effectively with Diverse Populations – How our experiences impact our work</b>  <i>Bojana Zoric Martinez; Jamie Gennrich; Jeannette Paules; Patricia Parker</i>  <b>MAJORITY OF THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED</b></p> <p>We are seeing many different families in our work and we want to make sure that we are connecting and working with them in an effective manner. This workshop is going to look at working with refugee and LGBTQIA2S+ families and how to develop service partnerships with diverse populations. One more topic will be added to this seminar when details are confirmed.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain knowledge on refugee resettlement and the challenges these families encounter</li> <li>• Learn how to assist with refugee family integration and self sufficiency</li> <li>• Increase awareness of unique challenges and experiences faced by LGBTQIA2S+ youth and their families</li> <li>• Gain knowledge of best practices to support and advocate for LGBTQIA2S+ youth and their families</li> <li>• Increase knowledge of how to develop service partnerships with diverse populations</li> </ul> <p>Appropriate for all attendees</p>
12:15 – 1:15 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>

1:15 – 4:30 pm	SEMINAR SESSIONS CONCLUDE – <b>Attend the same seminar both AM &amp; PM</b>
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**Wednesday, April 12 – Day 1 of Conference**

7:30 – 8:45 am	Registration and light continental breakfast
8:45 – 9:00 am	Welcome & Opening comments <i>Bridget Clementi, Vice President, Community Health Children’s Wisconsin</i>
9:00 – 10:30 am	<p><b>Keynote - Sex Offenders: What professionals and community members should know</b> <i>Cory Jewel Jensen, MS</i></p> <p>Research indicates that one in seven children will be sexually abused. The offenders will be someone close - a relative, family friend, or one of the many volunteers or professionals who come in contact with our children every day. Someone most of us would never suspect. Experts say that offenders work just as hard to deceive adults as they do to seduce and silence their victims. Their tactics work so well that fewer than 5% are reported and successfully prosecuted. By taking the time to learn about sex offenders (in part, via video footage of sex offender treatment sessions), participants will be joining a growing number of community members, criminal justice professionals and child advocates who are becoming better educated about child sexual abuse and the some of the ways we can stop this crime. Remember: the responsibility for protecting children rests primarily with adults, not just children alone.</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants will become aware of the patterns of sexual offending committed by sex offenders.</li> </ul> <p>Appropriate for all attendees</p>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	<p><b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b></p> <p><b>Sex Offenders: What professionals should know (This session is a continuation of the plenary)</b> <i>Cory Jewel Jensen, MS</i></p> <p>The presentation incorporates additional video footage of a variety of adult male and female sex offenders discussing some of the more common pathways to offending. In addition, the presenter will review a variety of studies that examine the number of detected vs. undetected offenders and sexual crimes occurring in our communities. Numerous polygraph studies that examined the average degree of “cross-over” or “crime switching” behavior sex offenders engage in will also be covered, as well as a brief review of studies that explain some of the misconceptions around “re-offense” and “recidivism” rates and the expected outcomes for sex offender treatment.</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendees will increase knowledge of sexual offending and behaviors by offenders that often goes undetected.</li> </ul> <p>Intermediate</p>

**Promoting Happy Healthy Families with The Positive Parenting Program**

*Jackie Schommer; Casey Hills; Merrissa Johnson*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED**

Every parent needs information and support at some point along the parenting journey. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them build strong, healthy relationships, confidently manage their children’s behavior and prevent problems developing. Today’s session will explore how Triple P can best support you as a provider and serve the families you work with, and what resources are available to you throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Objective:

- Increase knowledge of the Positive Parenting program and other resources that offer parent support in Wisconsin

Appropriate for all attendees

**How to Be a Supportive Adult**

*Andrea Turtenwald, MA; Karen Katz*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED**

This session will explore how to *actually* be a supportive adult through a panel including youth and mentorship professionals. This will occur by providing tangible examples garnered from professionals and youth and participants will leave with actionable ideas across many sectors.

Objectives:

- Become aware of what young people may seek from supportive adult relationships.
- Gain knowledge of how to specifically engage with young people to foster supportive relationships.

Beginner

**Wisconsin Drug Trends**

*Brian Prieve, BA*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED**

Wisconsin Drug Trends is a session that will include general information on the most frequent illicit drugs/narcotics being observed by law enforcement investigators and first responder around the state.

Objective:

- Gain awareness of what illicit drugs law enforcement investigators and first responders are currently observing statewide.

Intermediate

**12:15 – 1:15 pm**

**LUNCH**

**1:15 – 2:45 pm**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**Creepy but Crucial Information: Advanced grooming as described by sex offenders**

*Cory Jewel Jensen, MS*

Participants will examine (via film clips of interviews with various types of sex offenders) some of the specific strategies offenders describe using to target, seduce and exploit children and adults. Information was collected from several thousand adult sex offenders who were involved in long-term, court mandated sex offender treatment. In addition, a variety of similarly focused research studies will be reviewed. The areas of focus include offender descriptions of “grooming” tactics with both child victims and adult bystanders and information about how they inhibited disclosure, detection and reporting. The presentation provides crucial information related to trauma and the need to improve training and skill in forensic interviewing, investigation and prosecution.

Objective:

- Participants will learn some specific strategies offenders use to target, seduce and exploit children.

Intermediate

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**Finding Your Strengths! A new approach to engaging youth experiencing commercial sexual exploitation/sex trafficking and high risk youth**

*Rebekah Dettmann, MSW, APSW; Claudine O’Leary*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED**

This presentation will focus on a set of companion tools titled: Building a Strong Team Response to High Risk and Trafficked Youth; and Finding Your Strengths!. The tools were created in Wisconsin, as a collaborative effort between the Region 3 Anti-Human Trafficking Hub and Rethink Resources to enhance youth service providers’ response to high risk and trafficked youth, as well as give both providers and young people ways to explore and articulate the strength and resiliency factors they possess to achieve their goals. Both tools incorporate evidence informed concepts and ideas from research literature, listening sessions with youth serving professionals and stakeholders across the state, and input youth and young adult discussion groups. A summary of information collected in the development process will be shared in the presentation, along with practical applications and recommendations for use. The tools are suitable for use by both the MDT and individual service providers working with young people approximately 11-18 years and are intentionally inclusive of urban, suburban, and rural experiences, BIPOC experiences, LGBTQIA+ experiences, male, female, and non-binary experiences. The framework of this presentation and the materials reviewed are also inclusive of all types of lived experiences in the sex trades, such as youth engaging in survival sex, those who are solicited by individual purchasers of sex/sexually explicit material, sexual exploitation occurring online, peer recruitment, and those with a trafficker.

Objectives:

- Identify 2-3 actions team members and individual youth workers can take to support youth people who are at risk of, or have been trafficked, at each state of readiness.
- Recognize options and opportunities for use of strength-based questions with youth people who have been sex trafficked or are at risk.
- Understand how the tools presented may be implemented into a variety of settings including: MDTs, community based services, and other venues looking to elevate youth voice.

Intermediate

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**Tips for Testifying in Court: Forensic interviewer & prosecutor perspectives**

*Heather Jensen, BSW; Diane Donohoo, JD*

	<p>Forensic interviewers rarely feel qualified to testify in court, and prosecutors often feel unprepared as well. This workshop will provide useful tips in preparing to testify in court for both forensic interviewers and prosecutors. This includes communication prior to the trial, foundational questioning, and responses to common challenges that may arise.</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants will gain an understanding of how best to prepare for testimony in court.</li> </ul> <p>Intermediate</p> <hr/> <p><b>Disrupting Poverty; Preventing neglect</b>  <i>Gabriel McGaughey, MSSW; Luke Waldo, MS Ed; Andrea Bailey, BA</i>  <b>THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED</b></p> <p>Children thrive when they have regular interactions with responsive, caring adults. Families experiencing significant stressors related to financial insecurity, housing instability, or the impact of systemic and interpersonal trauma can be overloaded with stress, interrupting those interactions. When overloaded families are not surrounded by connections and community that support health and resilience, they can reach a crisis point and become involved in the child welfare system and are at greater risk of experiencing family separation due to neglect.</p> <p>Neglect is the most common reason children are separated from their families into foster care. While poverty should never be a reason a child or family experience the trauma of a having a child placed into foster care, poverty related conditions in conjunction with untreated mental health, trauma, and substance use disorders create situations that threaten child safety.</p> <p>In this workshop, attendees will learn about the prevalence of neglect, the intersection of neglect and poverty, and learn about the Institute for Child and Family Well-Being’s <b>Strong Families, Thriving Children, Connected Communities (SFTCCC)</b> initiative that aspires to reduce the number of family separations for reasons of neglect. Attendees will participate in generative discussions about how our communities are working towards preventing neglect, and how we might accelerate those efforts together.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become aware of the prevalence, root causes, and systemic issues that contribute to child neglect.</li> <li>• Increase knowledge of how anti-poverty programs can contribute to a child maltreatment prevention strategy.</li> </ul> <p>Intermediate</p>
<p><b>2:45 – 3:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>3:00 – 4:30 pm</b></p>	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p> <p><b>If They Knew What I Was Thinking: What sex offenders can teach us about interviewing</b>  <i>Cory Jewel Jensen, MS</i></p> <p>This presentation examines the relationship between confession rates and sex offender characteristics (i.e. offender age, relationship to victim, personality type, offense history and prior experience with the criminal justice system). In addition, several studies that investigated the effectiveness of various interviewer styles (investigator demeanor and</p>



approach) will be reviewed. Lastly, the presenter will provide anecdotal comments from 121 admitting adult male sex offenders about the thoughts and concerns they had while they were initially being interviewed by detectives. Comments focus on the reason they declined to be interviewed, lied about their behavior or confessed. Video clips will be used to illustrate some of the specific skills used by police to enable offenders to confess, along with recommendations for specific interview comments/questions from 26 veteran child abuse detectives from 10 law enforcement agencies in Oregon.

Objective:

- Participants will explore various interviewer styles when interviewing sex offenders and specific skills to enable offenders to confess.

Intermediate

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### **Supporting Children and Families Affected by Parental Incarceration**

*Pajarita Charles, PhD, MSW, MPA*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED**

Parental incarceration can be overwhelming for children and caregivers often resulting in a cascade of problems, sometimes with lifelong consequences for family members. This workshop will review what is known about parental incarceration and discuss strategies to support children and adults affected by justice-system involvement. Participants will learn about multi-level intervention strategies (individual, family, community, policy) that could be helpful in efforts to mitigate risk and promote wellbeing among children and families affected by parental incarceration.

Objectives:

- Gain knowledge about the consequences of parental incarceration.
- Learn about intervention efforts to mitigate the negative effects of incarceration on children and family members.

Appropriate for all attendees

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### **A Journey to Emotional Healing: An introduction to an innovative book club for young survivors of abuse and trauma**

*Eileen Cruz; Valencia Laws, MA, BA*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED**

In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how a book club integrating reading, discussion, journaling, and reflective activities has been used to help young survivors of abuse and other forms of trauma. Facilitator and author Eileen Cruz will provide an overview of the power of literature to create a safe space for teen girls where feelings are uncovered, voices are strengthened, and healing begins.

Objectives:

- Gain knowledge on how a book club integrating reading, discussion, journaling and reflective activities can help young survivors of trauma.
- Become aware of skill-building to foster emotional healing, positive self-worth and healthy relationships for young survivors of trauma.

Appropriate for all attendees

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### **How to Prevent Burnout and Increase Self-Care Practices for Front Line Workers**

*Whitney Anderson, MS, LPC; Arriann Tauer, MS, LPC, NCC*

	<p><b>THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED</b></p> <p>After a long day at work do you often feel brain fog, emotionally drained, and exhausted? You are not alone, and we are here to help. Come join us for this hands on and educational segment to learn about burnout and the associated symptoms. We want you to continue to find meaning and purpose in your job while finding ways also finding healthy balance in your life. Take the next step in eliminating burnout.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase knowledge about the signs and symptoms of burnout</li> <li>• Learn how to integrate healthy coping skills and self-care practices into daily living routines.</li> </ul> <p>Beginner</p>
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**Thursday, April 13 – Day 2 of Conference**

7:30 – 8:30 am	Registration and light continental breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 am	<p><b>Keynote - Broadening Our Perspective: Community conditions that strengthen families</b>  <i>Cailin O'Connor, MS; Barb Tengensdal; Jacqueline Whelan, MN, RN, CNL</i></p> <p><b>THIS SESSION WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED</b></p> <p>Nearly 20 years ago, the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework introduced a huge shift in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention, putting the focus on family strengths and on reaching families well before there was any concern about maltreatment. Increasingly, we are recognizing the many ways that family protective factors and well-being are affected by community conditions such as family-friendly policies, experiences of discrimination, and safety. Cailin O'Connor from the Center for the Study of Social Policy will share some of the thinking behind this broadening of our understanding of what primary prevention means. Then we will hear from a panel of leaders from communities around Wisconsin to share how they are approaching prevention work at the community level to improve outcomes for all children and families.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain an understanding of the relationship between community conditions, child and family well-being, and child abuse and neglect.</li> <li>• Become aware of community-wide strategies currently being used in Wisconsin that might be replicable in their communities.</li> </ul> <p>Appropriate for all attendees</p>
10:00 – 10:15 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 – 11:45 pm	<p><b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b></p> <p><b>Youth Justice and Mindfulness Intersect in Manitowoc County</b>  <i>Stacy Ledvina, MSW; Jessica Duzeski</i></p> <p><b>THIS WILL BE RECORDED</b></p> <p>This workshop will provide information on the risk, need, responsivity principles of youth justice and how this results in risk reduction. Manitowoc County will share how mindfulness is being used to assist in addressing dynamic risk factors with justice-involved youth through individual, group and family sessions.</p>

Objectives:

- Become aware of the basics related to the risk, need, responsivity principle as it relates to youth justice and risk reduction.
- Increase knowledge about the intersect between mindfulness and using mindfulness to address youth risk.

Intermediate

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**Drug Testing in Children – What are we missing?**

*Hillary Petska, MD; Matthew Torbenson, JD*

**THIS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED**

The opioid epidemic, legalization of marijuana, and expanding designer drug market have led to increased drug exposures in children. While comprehensive drug testing detects many exposures in children, these substances in particular are often missed. This poses a significant challenge for child protection professionals and increases children’s risk of short- and long-term adverse health consequences. This workshop will provide insight into the limitations of current testing and explore strategies to improve detection of drug exposures in at-risk children.

Objectives:

- Become aware of the limitations of current drug testing practices in children
- Gain knowledge of strategies to improve detection of drug-endangered children

Appropriate of all attendees

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**Collaborative Advocacy Model to Respond to Youth Who Have Experienced Sex Trafficking**

*Tricia Redmond, MSW; Amy Cline, MSW*

This workshop will explore a Milwaukee inter-agency partnership called CRAY that is designed to improve the local advocacy response to youth who’ve experienced sex trafficking during medical exams and law enforcement interviews. Presenters will share the history of the development of CRAY, how the collaborative coordinates with multidisciplinary partners, the unique advocacy needs of youth who’ve experienced sex trafficking, how CRAY increased its specialized advocacy capacity, and practical strategies to maintain an effective on-call response. Attendees will receive tools to build a collaborative advocacy response in their community that incorporates survivor voice and leadership

Objective:

- Increase knowledge of a collaborative advocacy model to support youth who have experienced sex trafficking.

Intermediate

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**Sextortion: Manipulation and fear**

*Dana Miller, MSCJ*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED**

Sextortion using technology is an increasing trend seen by law enforcement. Sextortion refers to the crime where someone employs an abuse of power, usually a threat to expose explicit images, in order to coerce a person to do something. This session will describe the problem, why youth are vulnerable to sextortion tactics, long-term effects and the importance of identifying effective sextortion prevention messages for youth, parents and educators.

	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase understanding of the risks sextortion poses to children</li> <li>• Recognize the importance of appropriate response to disclosure and breaking down the barrier to reporting.</li> </ul> <p>Appropriate for all attendees</p>
<p><b>11:45 – 12:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
<p><b>12:45 – 2:15 pm</b></p>	<p><b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b></p> <p><b>The Power of Collaboration with Lived Experience – WHY the partnership matters for system change</b>  <i>Bregetta Wilson, MS</i>  <b>THIS SESSION WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED</b></p> <p>Through this workshop, individuals will learn why and how engaging with Lived Experience partners is essential to supporting better outcomes for families and system change. Individuals will hear about strategies they can implement when working with families innovatively around trust-building and communication practices. Individuals will also learn how the Department of Children of Families Division of Safety and Permanence is building a road to incorporate Lived Experience into Wisconsin’s child welfare and youth justice system.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase knowledge on what it means to incorporate Lived Experience insights within their sphere of influence</li> <li>• Gain an understanding of how the Department of Children and Families Division of Safety and Permanence is incorporating Lived Experience voice in system change</li> <li>• Become aware of resources and opportunities on how to engage families they interact with who want to participate in system change and tools on communication strategies to better engage families and build trust</li> </ul> <p>Appropriate for all attendees</p> <hr/> <p><b>I Didn’t Hurt That Child! Developing a shared understanding of concerns</b>  <i>Johanna Barkei, MSW; Renee Spielbauer, MSW, APSW</i>  <b>THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED</b></p> <p>Have you ever been part of a professional or informal team where a child has been hurt and no one has taken responsibility for the abuse? How do you work with that family, help them move forward, and keep the child(ren) safe? It may feel impossible, but there are ways to work through the denial. This workshop will start to explore working with a multidisciplinary team and community supports to develop a shared vision about how everyone can work together to keep that child safe using tools from the Resolutions Approach. Come with an open mind and be prepared to leave with some tangible tools to use when we feel stuck in these challenging situations.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase knowledge about the role of admission as part of the safety planning process</li> <li>• Gain confidence on how to develop a shared description of the safety concerns for the family and their family network</li> </ul> <p>Appropriate for all attendees</p>

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**Voluntary and Involuntary Services for Youth Under Chapter 51**

*Lisa M. Procaccio, JD*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED**

Have you ever found yourself confused or overwhelmed by the state of mental health law in our state? You're not alone. Wisconsin's Chapter 51, the mental health statute, can be mystifying. How Chapter 51 interacts with other services for youth, like a CHIPS / JIPS case, can be even more challenging. In this session will help guide you through both voluntary and involuntary mental health law, through treatment rights and services for youth, how Chapter 51 interacts with CHIPS / JIPS cases, and when a referral for a Chapter 51 may be appropriate.

Objectives:

- Gain confidence on how to identify voluntary and involuntary services under Chapter 51
- Increase knowledge on evaluating how and when a CHIPS / JIPS matter interplays with services under Chapter 51

Appropriate for all attendees

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**Understanding the Intersections of Domestic Violence and Child Welfare in the CPS System – Part 1**

*Kelsey Mullins, JD, MSW; Jennifer Adler, CSW*

**THIS IS A 2 PART SESSION – MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS**

This workshop is for those who work with survivors of domestic violence or children who have experienced maltreatment or abuse. In mixed groups of domestic violence advocates and child welfare professionals, participants will complete hands-on activities to uncover the roles and responsibilities of each field and breakdown the misunderstandings that contribute to conflicts. Participants will work together to come up with solutions that better protect and empower both survivors of domestic violence and children who have been abused or maltreated. The goal of this workshop is to improve understanding of domestic violence advocacy and the CPS field and participants will be better able to collaborate across these fields going forward.

Objectives:

- Increase understanding of the roles of a domestic violence advocate and child welfare professional.
- Become aware of how the goals of domestic violence advocates and child welfare professionals can be mutually achievable.

Appropriate for all attendees

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**2:15 – 2:30 pm**

**BREAK**

**2:30 – 4:00 pm**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Protecting Children from Abuse: Child abuse restraining orders**

*Gricel Santiago-Rivera, JD; Kari Niesen-LaScala, JD*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED**

Child abuse restraining orders can be a useful tool to help protect children from abuse. However, these cases are often looked upon with skepticism as a way for the parent seeking the child abuse restraining order to get an unfair advantage in a custody or divorce case. This

workshop will take a deep dive into the child abuse restraining order laws as well as dispel myths surrounding domestic abuse and child abuse to help keep children safe.

Objectives:

- Gain a deeper understanding of child abuse restraining order laws and how they are a useful tool to help keep children safe.
- Increase confidence in assisting victims of child abuse in seeking child abuse restraining orders.

Intermediate

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### **Putting Families First: Prioritizing kin and family-centered practice**

*Dana Johnson, MSW, APSW; Dustin Koury, MSW, APSW*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED**

Awesome! Partnering! Game Changing! Wouldn't it be exciting to be able to collectively center families and prioritize kin networks to best support children who enter the child welfare system? This session will focus on discovering philosophical approaches to prioritizing and expanding kin networks, shifting one's perspective that preserves culture, reduces placement traumatization, and shifts language used with families in the child welfare system. We will explore how to engage families in culturally sensitive and positive approaches to reduce child adversity, keep children in the loving kin networks and communities they are a part, and explore a critical assessment of our current and future desired state of professional practice, with the family at the center and prioritizing kin.

Objectives:

- Discover the philosophical approach of prioritizing kin and family-centered practice.
- Learn how to assess one's professional paradigm in child welfare work and explore a shift in perspective that is trauma informed, preserves culture, and places kin at the center of our interventions with families.
- Gain knowledge on how to develop a new framework of language to be used within our child welfare system, system partners, and our community stakeholders.

Appropriate for all attendees

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### **Staying the Course: A long term collaborative approach to success**

*Dan Schoonover, BA*

**THIS SESSION WILL BE RECORDED**

A win does not always look like a win, and certainly isn't the same from one story to the next. We will present four case studies that come from the Janesville Wisconsin area. All four case studies have been five years in the making, involving a wide variety of partners. Law Enforcement, Social Services, and local advocates worked tirelessly to help these families. These case studies show the similarities and differences in approaches used to keep families plugged in with services, while maintain the focus on supporting children as the primary objective. The cases involve substance misuse, intergenerational sexual and physical abuse, human trafficking, and child welfare reports. Each case was worked separately, however there were similarities that allowed us to use the same strategies. We will discuss the support we were able to use that gave these families a chance to have success, even though it may not have looked like a traditional win.

Objectives:

- Increase knowledge on what to do when stuck in a rut with a case, with outside the box approaches to engage other partners for success.

- Gain confidence to look at cases differently which can help break the cycle and protect the next generation.

Appropriate for all attendees

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**Understanding the Intersections of Domestic Violence and Child Welfare in the CPS System – Part 2**

*Kelsey Mullins, JD, MSW; Jennifer Adler, CSW*

THIS IS A 2 PART SESSION – MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS

This workshop is for those who work with survivors of domestic violence or children who have experienced maltreatment or abuse. In mixed groups of domestic violence advocates and child welfare professionals, participants will complete hands-on activities to uncover the roles and responsibilities of each field and breakdown the misunderstandings that contribute to conflicts. Participants will work together to come up with solutions that better protect and empower both survivors of domestic violence and children who have been abused or maltreated. The goal of this workshop is to improve understanding of domestic violence advocacy and the CPS field and participants will be better able to collaborate across these fields going forward.

**Objectives:**

- Increase understanding of the roles of a domestic violence advocate and child welfare professional.
- Become aware of how the goals of domestic violence advocates and child welfare professionals can be mutually achievable.

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