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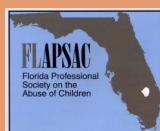
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University of Florida - Jacksonville, Schedules Tenth Annual Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

What, When and Where

On May 10 11, 2018, the University of Florida Department of Pediatrics Division of Forensic Pediatrics will host the 10th annual Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. The conference will once again be held at the beautiful venue at the Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, a few miles of Jacksonville. See page 2 for information on registration.

The program will focus on the medical aspects of child physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect. It will provide an understanding of the

mechanisms by which injuries are inflicted and the scientific basis for medical determinations as to whether abuse has or has not occurred.

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Law Enforcement Personnel
- Attorneys
- Guardians ad Litem

The roles of all the members of the investigative team in gathering and sharing information to arrive at appropriate conclusions will be stressed.

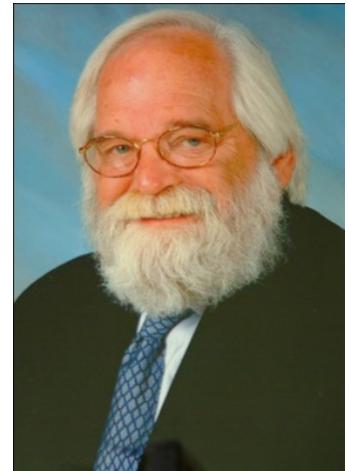
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Child Protection Team System Celebrates 40th Anniversary

This year, 2018, marks the 40th anniversary of the initiation of the Child Protection Team system. Credit for the system's existence goes to the late Dr. Jay Whitworth. Prior to the publication of Dr. Henry Kempe's article "The Battered Child Syndrome" in 1962, society was largely unaware of the problem of child abuse. After its publication, states including Florida began passing statutes requiring the reporting of suspected abuse. This resulted in children being brought to hospital emer-

gency departments for evaluation of injuries, but most medical providers of the time were untrained in differentiating accidental from inflicted injuries, and in cases of suspected child sexual abuse, most were unfamiliar with normal genital anatomy and common variants.

Dr. Whitworth, a professor of Nephrology in the University of Florida, Jacksonville, Department of Pediatrics, was one of the few physicians willing to respond to the requests from the emergency



Dr. Jay Whitworth

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Registration Information

To register, visit <http://srahec.org/caan-conference/> Select Child Abuse and Neglect Training, then select “Add to Cart.” You will be required to create a username and password.

Registration Fees:

- One day - \$125
- Both days - \$250
- DOH and CPT – **No Charge**
- DCF and CLS – \$250
- UF Faculty, Residents and Students – No Charge

**Those qualifying for free registration, use your work-related email address to register.

**DOH and CPT: Free registration pending approval by DOH. Otherwise, you will be contacted and charged regular conference fees.

Lunch provided.

Schedule for Ninth Annual UF—Jacksonville Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Day 1

Thursday, May 10, 2017 **Physical Abuse and Neglect**

09:00 – 09:05	Greetings and Announcements – Dr. Randell Alexander
09:05 – 10:05	Adverse Childhood Events: The ACE Study and Its Implications for All That We Do – Dr. Randell Alexander
10:05 – 10:20	Break
10:20 – 11:20	Survivors of Sexual Abuse Images: Results of a Landmark International Survey and Where We Go from Here – Dr. Sharon Cooper
11:20 – 12:00	Monique Burr Foundation Presentation
12:00 – 1:00	Seated Luncheon

View	<u>Track 1</u>	<u>Track 2</u>	<u>Track 3</u>
1:00 – 2:00	When Self-Generated Images (Sexting) Become a Form of Child Abuse - Dr. Sharon Cooper	Bruises, Bumps and Burns - Dr. Deana Lashley	View from the Expert Witness Chair - Dr. Randell Alexander and Jonathan Growick
2:00 – 2:15	Break		
2:15 – 3:15	Unsafe Sleep - Dr. Emmanuel Pena	Drug Exposed Children - Dr. Vi Ngo	View from the Bar (CE Only) - Jonathan Growick
3:15 – 3:30	Break		
3:30 – 4:30	Failure to Thrive – Dr. Carol Lilly	Abusive Head Trauma - Dr. Randell Alexander	Typical Defenses in Child Abuse Cases and How to Counter Them - Dr. Bruce McIntosh & George Beckwith
4:30 – 5:00	Questions and Answers	Questions and Answers	Questions and Answers

Schedule for Ninth Annual UF—Jacksonville Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Day 2

Friday, May 11, 2017
Sexual Abuse, Neglect, and Extremes

09:00 – 09:05	Greetings and Announcements - Dr. Randell Alexander
09:05 – 10:05	No Hit Zones - Dr. Barbara Knox and Dr. Randell Alexander
10:05 – 10:20	Break
10:20 – 11:20	Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy - Dr. Barbara Knox
11:20 – 12:00	Trauma Informed Community - Dr. Nancy Hardt and Sheriff Sadie Darnell
12:00 – 1:00	Seated Luncheon

Track 1

1:00 – 2:00	Domestic Violence - Dr. Kathleen Dully
2:00 – 2:15	Break
2:15 – 3:15	Human Trafficking - Dr. Barbara Knox
3:15 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 4:30	Medical Neglect: Bridging the Gap Between Medical and Social Service Investigation Findings - Dr. Carol Lilly
4:30 – 5:00	Questions and Answers

Track 2

The Sexual Abuse Examination - Kristi Prendergast, ARNP
What Can the Crime Lab Do for Your Case? - Marcie Scott - FDLE
Findings in Sexual Abuse and Assault - Dr. Kathleen Dully
Questions and Answers

Child Protection Team Medical Providers Now Obtaining Certification in Child Abuse with Examination

In 2015 the Florida legislature created a requirement that all CPT Medical Directors should either become board certified in Child Abuse Pediatrics (CAP) or pass a competency-based examination established by a third-party credentialing entity (Florida Statutes, Section 39.303(2)(b)). As a result, CPT subject matter experts worked with the Florida Certification Board (FCB) to create a Child Protection Team Medical Provider (CPTMP) Certification Examination. To date, 5 physician Medical Directors and 11 ARNPs have passed the examination and obtained the certification. To be eligible for to sit for the exam, medical providers must have been employed by the CPT for a minimum of 6 months.

Go to page 4 for answers to frequently asked questions about the exam and information on who can take it and how to register for the examination.



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Child Protection Team Medical Provider Certification Examination (Continued from Page 3)

Frequently Asked Questions About the Examination

Q: What kind of exam is it?

A: The exam is a 100-question multiple-choice exam with three options for possible answers for each question, only one of which is will be correct. It is administered by computer.

Q: What exactly does the exam cover?

A: The attached “Blueprint for Exam Questions” shows the distribution of exam items over the various domains of knowledge.

Q: Who has to take the exam and when?

A: All team Medical Directors who are not sub-board certified in Child Abuse Pediatrics are required by statute to take and pass the exam. Those already in place at the time the statute was enacted in 2015 must pass it before July 1, 2019. Those hired later must pass it within 4 years of the date they are hired. CPT leadership, however, requests that those needing to take the exam not wait that long but rather take it as soon as possible and not later than two years from now.

Q: Who else can take the exam?

A: Any CPT medical provider who has been employed a minimum of 6 months is eligible to take the exam. Only non-CAP Medical Directors are required to take it.

Q: Why would I want to take this exam if I'm not required to?

A: Some CPT medical providers who are not CAP sub-board certified have had their credentials challenged in court. Holding a CPTMP certificate from the Florida Certification Board would be a demonstrable indicator of competence in the field of child maltreatment.

Q: How do I sign up for the exam?

A: The FCB has all program materials on their website at this link: <http://flcertificationboard.org/certifications/child-protection-team-medical-provider-cptmp/>. First, go to this website and create a personal account. You are strongly encouraged to use your primary personal email account for receiving notifications related to this activity. Second, you will complete the “CPT Medical Provider Certification Application” you’ll find there, and third, you’ll send it to Peg Scheuermann (peggy.scheuermann@fhealth.gov) who will verify your eligibility to take the exam. After the FCB has received verification from Ms. Scheuermann you will be contacted and given information on selecting a testing site and date.

Q: How much does it cost to take the exam?

A: There is no cost to the individual or the team for the exam. The expense of developing and administering the exam is covered by a recurring allocation. Candidates will have to pay a \$30 proctoring fee to the facility where they take the exam, but this will be reimbursed by the FCB.

Q: Where is the exam given?

A: The exam will be administered at multiple test sites around the state. When registering for the exam, the candidate will be able to select the most convenient site.

Q: What's the passing score on the exam?

A: The passing score is 70%.

Q: When will I learn if I passed the exam?

A: The candidate will be informed immediately as to whether or not he/she passed. The exact score will be forwarded later.

Q: What happens if I don't pass the exam?

A: Candidates who don't achieve a passing score on the exam will be provided feedback on the domains needing improvement and will be permitted to take it again after 30 days, allowing the candidate time to review as needed for the re-take. The exam software will change both the order of the questions and the order of the possible answers, so the exam will never look the same twice.

Q: What can I do to prepare for the exam?

A: You're already doing the most important things, evaluating clinical cases and discussing them with your colleagues and supervisors, following the literature and attending continuing education courses on child maltreatment. Because of the work you do on a daily basis, most candidates should be able to pass the exam using the knowledge they already have, with no additional special preparation. A “Blueprint for Exam Questions” is available that can be used as a guide for further study if desired. In addition there is a 12-module Core Curriculum on Child Maltreatment posted on the Department of Health TRAIN site. Contact Ken McCain (Ken.McCain@fhealth.gov) if you need assistance in signing onto TRAIN.

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Child Protection Team System Celebrates 40th (Continued)

department for consultation on these cases. It quickly became apparent from the number of cases seen that more physicians needed to become involved in such evaluations and that the cases needed other services in addition to medical examinations such as forensic interviews best performed by specially trained social workers. In 1978 Dr. Whitworth was able to obtain funding from the Florida Legislature to establish a pilot child protection team program in Jacksonville. That program quickly demonstrated its value to the

Department of Children and Families and law enforcement, and over the following years additional funding was obtained for expansion of the program until by 1995 the system had grown to the present 23 Child Protection Teams covering the entire state.

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What Is FLAPSAC, and How Can I Join?

The Florida Chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, FLAPSAC, is an affiliated chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, APSAC. When you join APSAC, you automatically become a member of the State Chapter. It is easily done on-line by visiting www.APSAC.org and look for the membership link. If you prefer, you can also print a paper application and mail it directly to APSAC's office in Elmhurst, Illinois. Dues depend on your professional income level.

The mission of APSAC, which is mirrored by the Florida Chapter, envisions a world where all maltreated or at-risk children and their families have access to the highest level of professional commitment and service. APSAC had its start in 1987 when a group of visionary professionals wondered what might be possible if they developed a multidisciplinary membership organization supporting those working to end child abuse. In June, 2012, APSAC celebrated its 25th Anniversary in the city and state that gave birth to the organization: Chicago, Illinois. Over the next 25 years an involved and committed membership provided the answer: the development of an organization unique in its capacity to provide

education, training, guidance and leadership in the field of child maltreatment. APSAC/FLAPSAC enhances the ability of professionals to respond to children and their families affected by abuse and violence.

Membership benefits include receiving the APSAC Advisor, a membership newsletter, as well as participation in state chapter activities. Members are also afforded opportunities to participate in national task forces establishing best practice guidelines; online access to the Child Maltreatment Journal; Registration discounts for APSAC's annual Colloquium and APSAC Institutes affiliated with conferences in many states; discounts on publications; online library of the APSAC Advisor and Child Maltreatment Journal; APSAC's Career Center; and an ACE Study DVD.

Membership also provides access to many APSAC position statements Forensic Interviewer Certification, Forensic Interviewing in Cases of

Suspected Child Abuse (2012), Integrating Prevention Into the Work of Child Maltreatment Professionals (2010), Challenges in the Evaluation of Child Neglect (2008), and Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (2017).

The Florida Chapter of APSAC was incorporated in 1996. In addition to the benefits provided by membership in APSAC, membership in the Florida chapter entitles members to discounts on the annual FLAPSAC conference such as the conference on "Making the Case held in Marianna, in November of 2017. See page 6 for details about that conference and plans for another in 2018.

Recently the APSAC board approved a \$40 front-line CPS and law enforcement membership rate. These groups can save an additional 25% on their first year of membership with the code CPSLE18. This isn't up on the website quite yet, but will be soon.

To join APSAC, visit www.APSAC.org and look for the membership link.

FLAPSAC Conference on “Making the Case” a Great Success

“Making the Case: Investigating, Prosecuting, and Working with Families”

The Florida Professional Society on the Abuse of Children was proud to sponsor a training called “Making the Case: Investigating, Prosecuting, and Working Families” on December 1, 2017, on the campus of Chipola College in Marianna, FL. The training was well received and attended, with representatives from law enforcement, the Department of Children and Families, State Attorney’s offices, and Child Protection Teams. The topics and substance covered were:

The Investigation of Child Maltreatment Cases

The Law Enforcement Perspective

Several different professional organizations to include law enforcement, the Department of Children and Families, the Child Protection Team and the State Attorney’s Office work together as a multidisciplinary team to investigate cases of child maltreatment.

Law enforcement officers and investigators are often the first group from the multidisciplinary team to interact with victims and witnesses. This training will address law enforcement responsibilities and considerations from the time the officer arrives on scene to when an investigator submits a case to the State Attorney’s Office for consideration. Topics covered will include basic responsibilities when arriving on scene, evidence identification and preservation, understanding the forensic interviewing process, and working with other members of the multidisciplinary team to build the best cases possible.

State Attorney Perspective

The State Attorney’s Office is often the place where information and evidence, obtained by the efforts of the various multidisciplinary team agencies, culminates in the form of a

criminal case. This presentation will address what evidence is most important to the prosecution, the admissibility of different types of evidence, how charging/pleading decisions are made, and how the likelihood of successful prosecution of a criminal case at trial is greatly enhanced by strong communication and coordination between fellow MDT members during the course of a child abuse investigation.

The Department of Children and Families Perspective

The Department of Children and Families are often the first on scene of a potential crime scene. This presentation covered how standard investigative activities can assist law enforcement and the State Attorney’s Office in successful arrest and prosecution while still ensuring the safety of the children. It also covered how communication between the Department of Children and Families, State Attorney’s Office, Child Protection Team and local law enforcement can benefit everyone.

The Child Protection Team Perspective

The Child Protection Team (CPT) provides medical expertise in evaluating alleged maltreatments of child abuse and neglect, assesses risk factors for these maltreatments, and provides recommendations for interventions. Recommended interventions are aimed at protecting children and enhancing families’ capacities to provide a safer environment for children based on identified risk factors and the child’s medical presentation. The CPT services supplement the child protection investigation activities of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and law enforcement. Services provided by the CPT include: medical evaluation and diagnosis of abuse and neglect, nursing assessments, forensic and specialized interviews with children, specialized interviews with caregivers, psychological evaluations, multidisciplinary staffings, and expert court testimony. This presentation addressed the referral pro-

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of cases by DCF and law enforcement to CPT, the services provided by CPT, and the CPT's role as an MDT member. Since the CPT is a medical driven program, there will be an emphasis on the basic signs/symptoms of abuse, photos of classic abusive injuries, as well as information about the Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) study. The ACEs study demonstrates the association of childhood trauma with long term health and social problems in adults and highlights how multidisciplinary work in this field can impact long term social outcomes.

The Mental Health Perspective

Mental health professionals, specialty-trained in issues related to trauma and the dynamics of family violence, serve an important function in cases of child maltreatment. Their knowledge of human behavior and the impact of abuse and neglect on child development and the life of a family serve an important function on multidisciplinary teams. As interventionists, mental health professionals help heal psychological distress in children and educate parents about the dynamics and stressors associated with acts of family violence. As experts in court, forensic evaluators educate the trier of fact about important case issues such as why children recant, how

perpetrators select victims, and the probability of successful reunification. During the investigative stage, mental health professionals can help explain the impact of trauma and stress on the behavior of interviewees which may perplex or mislead first responders. As members of interdisciplinary teams, counselors and forensic evaluators bring a human face to victims and perpetrators and help focus the legal process on the individuals impacted by maltreatment.

This presentation focused on two specific roles that mental health professionals may play in life of a child maltreatment case. The first is as expert witness to the court and the various concerns experts may be asked to assess or treat, and how their testimony can help judicial decision-making. The second is as trauma expert to help explain the behavior of victims and alleged perpetrators during their initial interviews and during the life of a case which may impact how they are viewed by investigators, case managers, and Guardians Ad Litem.

Thanks to all of our excellent speakers who contributed their time and talents! Watch for news of the next FLAPSAC Conference being planned for the fall.

FLAPSAC Conference: “Making the Case: Investigating, Prosecuting, and Working with Families” - Good Enough to Repeat -

Watch for news of the next FLAPSAC Conference. The Fall 2017 conference in the Panhandle was such a success that it will be repeated in Brevard County in October, 2018. Plan to attend!



Members of FLAPSAC may be interested in attending the 25th Annual APSAC National Colloquium scheduled for June 12-16, 2018, in New Orleans, Louisiana. It will offer 7 advanced training institutes, 58 advanced training workshops, and 60 information/discussion roundtables which address all aspects of child maltreatment including prevention, cultural issues assessment, intervention and treatment with victims, perpetrators and families affected by physical, sexual and psychological abuse and neglect.

The educational goal of APSAC's Colloquium is to foster professional excellence in the field of child maltreatment by providing interdisciplinary professional education. Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse and neglect in children
- Treat abused and neglected children
- Apply model evaluation techniques for assessment of abused/neglected children
- Describe and utilize the most up-to-date information concerning working with abused and neglected children to improve patient care
- Prepare and report quality testimony in court cases, both as experts and as witnesses

Workshops have been designed for professions serving maltreated children and their families along with those working to prevent child and family maltreatment including: child protective services, counseling, education, law, law enforcement, medicine, nursing, prevention, psychology, research, and social work.

For information on the Colloquium and to register, go to
<https://www.apsac.org/about-the-colloquium> .



FLAPSAC Board Member Retires

Anne M. Patterson, J.D., Thanked for Her Service

It is with a sad heart that the Florida Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (FLAPSAC) Board of Directors announce the retirement from the FLAPSAC Board of Ms. Anne M. Patterson, J.D. Anne is an Assistant State Attorney in the office of Bill Eddins, State Attorney, First Judicial Circuit of Florida. She has been a prosecutor since 1985 and has served as lead prosecutor in the state attorney's office located at Gulf Coast Kid's House CAC in Pensacola since 2004 prosecuting felony child abuse and sex offender non-compliance cases.

Anne has been a zealous advocate to ensure justice for children in her State Attorney role with the Child

Protection Team. She has been an outstanding friend and colleague to FLAPSAC and our Board of Directors.

Anne's energy and commitment to children and FLAPSAC are evident in actions and support of our organization over the years. She was recently instrumental in bringing training to an under-served part of the Florida Panhandle, sponsored by FLAPSAC. We were fortunate to have her for as long as we did and wish her the best.

Anne is married to Mike and has 3 children. She is a native Floridian but loves cold weather and antiques. Thank you, Anne, for your service!

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