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Mission Statement

The Child Abuse Council leads community efforts to eliminate child abuse and neglect by strengthening children and families through prevention, education and treatment.



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A Learning Process Through Time

Thursday, March 29, 2012
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Isle of Capri Conference Center
1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA



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Conference Schedule

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (lunch provided)

Location: Isle of Capri Conference Center
1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA



Registration Fee: \$100.00 **Registration Deadline: March 13, 2012**

Lodging: Rooms are available by contacting the Isle of Capri at 1-800-724-5825

Intended Audience: Nurses, Social Workers, Physicians, Lawyers, Mental Health Professionals, Child Protective Services, Law Enforcement, School Counselors, Educators, Emergency Service Providers

Approvals: Approved for 0.6 CEUs for IA and IL Nurses by Eastern Iowa Community College District (Iowa Board of Nursing Approved Provider No. 8). Approved for 6.0 CEHs for Social Workers by Eastern Iowa Community College District (Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners Approved Provider No. 55). Approved for 6.00 MCLEs for Illinois Attorneys by the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council (IFVCC), an accredited provider of general MCLEs for Illinois attorneys.

Additional \$10 Payment for CEUs and CEHs is DUE AT THE CONFERENCE. (No charge for MCLEs.)

Agenda:	8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
	8:30 am-9:00 am	Welcome - Board President, Child Abuse Council Message - Sue Swisher, Executive Director, Child Abuse Council Comments - Kathy Graver, Director of Development, Child Abuse Council
	9:00 am - 10:20 am	Featured Presenter - Dr. David Finkelhor "Forty Years of Research on Childhood Sexual Abuse"
	10:20 am - 10:30 am	BREAK
	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Workshops (See workshop descriptions on website) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Developmental Victimology", Dr. David Finkelhor• "Forensic Autopsy Approach to Child Abuse & Neglect", Dr. Amy Sheil• "Strengthening Families-A Challenge in Collaboration", Naomi Griffith• "World of Diversity: What Does it Mean for us all?", Takysia Larsen
	12:00 pm - 12:55 pm	LUNCH (provided)
	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Workshops (See workshop descriptions on website) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Myths and Realities about Internet Crimes against Children", Dr. David Finkelhor• "Mimics of Child Abuse", Dr. Amy Sheil• "Post Traumatic Stress in Children Exposed to Violence", Dr. Sarah Bergthold• "Your Child's Brain & Temperament", Takysia Larsen
	2:30 pm - 2:40 pm	BREAK
	2:45 pm - 4:30 pm	Closing Featured Speaker - Naomi Griffith "Renewing Our Commitment: Seeing the Hard Work with New Eyes"

For questions, please contact **Child Abuse Council** at 309-786-1466, ext 110 or sherryg@childabuseqc.org



Registration Form

A Learning Process Through Time

Children Exposed to Violence Annual Conference

This form is required for each participant attending. Please make copies for multiple registrations.

Registration Fee: \$100.00
Registration Deadline: March 13, 2012

Name _____

Agency _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Workshops: Please check the appropriate boxes for the sessions you plan to attend (2 Choices):
See workshop descriptions for detail.

	AM Workshops	PM Workshops
Dr. David Finkelhor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Amy Sheil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Naomi Griffith	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dr. Sarah Bergthold		<input type="checkbox"/>
Takysia Larsen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PAYMENT IS REQUIRED
AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION**

Display/Vendor Table (One free table per agency with paid registration.)

MAIL: Complete the registration form and mail with payment to:

The Child Abuse Council, 400 16th Street, Rock Island, Illinois, 61201. ATTN: CETV Conference

Check enclosed Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Discover

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Workshop Descriptions

“A Learning Process Through Time”
March 29, 2012

9:00 am - 10:20 am Opening Presentation

***“Forty Years of Research on Childhood Sexual Abuse”* Dr. David Finkelhor**

This presentation will summarize what we have learned about preventing sexual abuse and its associated trauma. Overall the news is encouraging. We do not yet have clear evidence based prevention programs, but there is research showing promise. Most importantly, the evidence is strong that sexual abuse rates have been declining, measured both by agency data and community surveys. The evidence is also good that we have programs to treat victims and prevent continued mental health consequences.

10:30 am - 12:00 pm AM Workshops

***“Developmental Victimology”* by Dr. David Finkelhor**

This presentation will describe the broad range of crimes and victimizations children suffer from and discuss some of the reasons for this vulnerability. It will explain some of the barriers to combating and raising awareness about these conditions. It will introduce the field of developmental victimology and discuss some of its principles. It will propose activities that participants can take to curtail victimization and intervene on behalf of child and youth victims.

***“Forensic Autopsy Approach to Child Abuse & Neglect”* by Dr. Amy Sheil**

The presenter will discuss the performance of the autopsy, the use of the postmortem examination as an ancillary tool in cases of child abuse and neglect, and the limitations of the autopsy. Participants will better understand the importance of the scene investigation and the critical elements of a case history.

***“Strengthening Families—A Challenge in Collaboration”* by Naomi Griffith**

Supporting families, especially the support or re-tooling of our fragile families, requires a total community initiative. A community-wide strategy to address “family strengthening” should move us away from a “deficit-based” approach to a “strength-based” approach in working with families. In this workshop participants will learn what must be done to strengthen families in order to protect children from violence, who can do it, and how to get it done.

***“World of Diversity: What Does it Mean to us all?”* by Takysia Larsen**

Everyone we encounter has a unique set of perspectives, traditions and cultural beliefs. You will leave this session empowered to work with and serve all people more effectively - which can be challenging in our ever-changing diverse culture. Cultural competence in today’s world impacts the success of schools businesses and communities. This interactive workshop will take participants on a journey of introspection into their personal cultural competence level, resulting in the potential for personal growth and continuous improvement in our efforts to create inclusive communities.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm PM Workshops

***“Myths and Realities about Internet Crimes against Children”* by Dr. Finkelhor**

Publicity about online “predators” who prey on naive children using trickery and violence is largely inaccurate. Internet sex crimes involving adults and juveniles more often fit a model of statutory sex crime – adult offenders who meet, develop relationships with, and openly seduce underage teenagers – than a model of forcible sexual assault or pedophilic child molesting. The goal is to inform participants about an alternative set of prevention education messages that may be better geared to the reality of the problem.

***“Mimics of Child Abuse”* by Dr. Amy Sheil**

This presentation will focus on illustrated conditions in the child or infant which may resemble inflicted trauma or otherwise elicit suspicion for child abuse. Participants will better understand a child’s developmental history and the importance of interpretation of the injury, as well as become aware of underlying medical conditions, often undiagnosed in children.

***“Post Traumatic Stress in Children Exposed to Violence”* by Dr. Sarah Bergthold**

Exposure to domestic violence is traumatic for many children leaving a child fearful, helpless, and horrified. Research results clearly document that children exposed to domestic violence are at risk for developing trauma symptoms characteristic of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). What are trauma symptoms characteristically seen in children? What does the research suggest about symptoms seen in children exposed to domestic violence? Today’s presentation will provide answers to these questions as well as whether there may be developmental factors that are predictive of trauma symptoms and PTSD in children exposed to domestic violence.

***“Your Child’s Brain & Temperament”* by Takysia Larsen**

During this energetic and interactive workshop participants will hear powerful stories and participate in activities as they learn about how a young child’s brain works. They will learn about the parts of the brain, what causes stress to a child’s brain, how memory works and what a child’s brain needs most. Participants will also learn about different personality types and how they affect a child’s behavior; as well as what we can do to shape a child’s personality so they can be successful in life.

2:45 pm - 4:30 pm Closing Presentation

***“Renewing Our Commitment: Seeing the Hard Work with New Eyes”* by Naomi Griffith**

With the demands of increasing reports, more seriously impaired families, shrinking resources, and “doing more with less”, it is necessary to examine our work and ourselves with a different perspective, indeed a different standard. This presentation will be an encouragement to all personnel, regardless of area of responsibility, to redefine their personal goals and recommit themselves to the work. All staff, from the new “spit and vinegar” workers to those whose years have left them faint and weary of heart, can benefit from a realistic and confirming discussion of their work with children and families.



Presenters Biographies

“A Learning Process Through Time”

March 29, 2012

Dr. David Finkelhor, is Director of Crimes Against Children Research Center, Co-Director of the Family Research Laboratory, Professor of Sociology, and University Professor, at the University of New Hampshire. He has been studying the problems of child victimization, child maltreatment and family violence since 1977. He is well known for his conceptual and empirical work on the problem of child sexual abuse, reflected in publications such as Sourcebook on Child Sexual Abuse (Sage, 1986) and Nursery Crimes (Sage, 1988). He has also written about child homicide, missing and abducted children, children exposed to domestic and peer violence and other forms of family violence. In his recent work, for example, his book, Child Victimization (Oxford University Press, 2008), he has tried to unify and integrate knowledge about all the diverse forms of child victimization in a field he has termed Developmental Victimology. This book received the Daniel Schneider Child Welfare Book of the Year award in 2009.

Naomi Haines Griffith is a true Southerner, growing up in Alabama and Mississippi. She holds a B.S. from the University of North Alabama, an M.A. from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Alabama. After teaching for several years, she worked in the North Carolina and Alabama child welfare systems from 1966-1984 when she became Executive Director of PACT, a pioneer child abuse prevention agency she helped to found. From 1994 to 1997, she served on the State Board of the Alabama Department of Human Resources. She is presently president of her consulting company, Red Clay & Vinegar, based in Nashville, TN.

Since 1988, Naomi Griffith has been a national speaker and consultant on child welfare issues, speaking at conferences throughout the United States and Canada. A well-known storyteller and family systems specialist, she uses humor and her own experiences to challenge and inspire audiences working with business, education, juvenile justice, mental health, child abuse prevention and family violence systems. She is the author of Red Clay and Vinegar: Looking At Family Through the Eyes of a Southern Child and co-author of The Unkindest Cut: The Emotional Maltreatment of Children.

Dr. Amy Sheil grew up in DeWitt, IA. She attended Creighton University in Omaha, NE, graduating in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in Fine Arts. She earned her M.D. from Creighton Medical University School of Medicine in 2003. She completed residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Dr. Sheil completed a forensic pathology fellowship in 2008, and continued on as faculty instructor in forensic and medical autopsy at the Medical University of South Carolina. She has presented various research at meetings of the National Association of Medical Examiners and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. In 2010, she completed fellowship training in pediatric pathology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Ohio. Dr. Sheil is currently an assistant professor in pediatric pathology at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Takysia Larsen, received her BA in Education and Psychology from Buena Vista University. She is the Director of Northwest Early Childhood Iowa in Orange City. Her expertise lies in cultural competence and diversity issues, as well as early childhood and education. In addition to these topics, she also provides workshops on leadership and how to cultivate successful community partnerships. Although born in California, Takysia considers herself an Iowa native as she has lived most of her life right here, and enjoys raising her children in such a great state.

Dr. Sarah Bergthold received her doctorate degree in School Psychology from Illinois State University and currently works as a school psychologist for Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency in Bettendorf, IA. Sarah currently works with students that have been diagnosed with emotion and/or behavior disabilities that display challenging behaviors in the school setting. Sarah has a number of experiences working with children with abuse histories. During her graduate work, Sarah was Clinical Supervisor of a University-Based training site, For Children's Sake. For Children's Sake was developed in collaboration with the local domestic violence shelter to provide counseling services to children exposed to domestic violence. Sarah provided child and parental counseling for victims of domestic violence and worked at the local domestic violence shelter. She also has provided counseling services for children, mothers of children, and perpetrators of child sexual abuse. She has co-authored a chapter related to compassion fatigue in Child Abuse and Neglect: The School's Response. .