Ninth National & Second International Conference on Abuse of Children and Adults with Disabilities

SCHEDULE: March 10-12, 2003, Riverside (California) Convention Center

ROOMS: Main Level Rooms: DeAnza North , DeAnza South, Magnolia North, Magnolia South, Victoria North & Victoria South
Mezzanine Level Rooms: LaSierra, Arlington, Citrus Heritage, Aviator's and University

Monday, March 10

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Registration

7:00 Am – 8:45 AM – Continental Breakfast

8:45 AM to 10:45 AM -- Opening Plenary
Room: Ben H. Lewis Hall – North

Speakers:
Jim Stream -- Welcome
Ed Atkinson -- Mayor Pro Tem, City of Riverside -- Welcome to Riverside
Nora Baladerian – Opening Remarks
Mike Danneker -- Director, Westside Regional Center
Robert Willey -- Assistant Public Defender, Riverside County
Bob Doyle -- Sheriff, Riverside County
Lee Baca -- Sheriff, Los Angeles County
Grover Trask -- District Attorney, Riverside County
Bill Lockyer -- Attorney General, California
Russ Leach -- Chief of Police, City of Riverside

Keynote Speaker:
Victor Rivers introduced by Eli Rivers "Breaking the Silence, Breaking the Cycle"

11:00 PM to 12:30 PM – Concurrent Sessions One and Mini-Plenary

1. Track: Access Room: DeAnza North
Are Domestic Violence Shelters And Programs Accessible For Women With Disabilities?
Penny Acrey

Women with disabilities are not receiving services from Domestic Violence Shelters and programs at the same rates as their non-disabled counterparts. Shelter personnel are not receiving training to deal with the unique needs of these women. Many shelters remain architecturally inaccessible or lack support services. There are few alternatives for women who are turned away and virtually no training provided to police officers responding to calls. There are outreach programs in place for other populations, but none for women with disabilities who experience violence at the same rates.
2. Track: **Assessment 101**  
**Room:** DeAnza South  
*Introduction to the investigation and assessment of abuse of persons with special needs*  
*Robin VanderLaan*  
This workshop will provide an introduction to the incidence and indicators of abuse of persons with disabilities and strategies for accessing criminal justice, child and adult protective services intervention, medical assessment, and mental health treatment.

3. Track: **Authentic**  
**Room:** Victoria North  
*Underneath The Cultural Umbrellas*  
*Nyla McCarthy*  
This highly interactive and provocative workshop will take participants on a journey to explore the many myths and truths, which color society's perceptions of disability and abuse. We will examine the power of language and the media, explore some of the conflicts within both the dominant culture and the many subcultures of 'the disabled' with regards to internalized oppression and its affect on abuse, and finally, join together to identify recommendations and possible strategies for improving the existing abuse reporting and prevention systems.

4. Track: **Authentic 101**  
**Room:** Victoria South  
*Understanding The Dynamics Of Caregiver And Personal Attendant Abuse*  
*Michelle "Shell" Schwartz*  
Understanding the dynamics of caregiver abuse can help prevent possible abuse, neglect, and exploitation of people with disabilities. This educational workshop will explore the dynamics of caregiver/personal attendant abuse experienced by many persons with disabilities. Workshop participants will examine the dynamics of power and control and respect within caregiver relationships, kinds of caregiver abuse, and possible identifiers of caregiver abuse. Participants will also identify factors that may affect a caregiver's capacity to provide care and helpful practices for hiring people to work with persons needing caregiver or personal attendant support.

5. Track: **Legal 101**  
**Room:** Magnolia North  
*A Primer On Abuse And Disability For The New Advocate*  
*Olegario Cantos VII*  
Understanding the many complexities surrounding abuse of children and adults with disabilities is not easy, particularly for an individual who is unfamiliar either with the criminal justice system in general or with the ways that it either protects or fails to protect the most vulnerable of populations in particular. For the grassroots advocate (including advocates with and without disabilities), the question becomes, "Where do I begin?" This breakout session will provide a starting point to assist advocates to answer this question and will feature specific networking action steps to gather additional informational resources and other sources of support.

6. Track: **Mini-plenary**  
**Room:** Magnolia South  
*Filicides - Parents Who Kill Their Children With Disabilities*  
*Dick Sobsey*  
About two-thirds of all murdered children (age 14 and younger) are killed by one or both of their own parents. Approximately half of these parents claim and actually come to believe that killing their children is an act of love justified by some unusual circumstance. The ability to rationalize the killing of their children as somehow being an act of kindness appears to a critical factor in disinhibiting violence.
7. Track: **Prevention**   Room: **University**

*Peer Training of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention by High School Students*

*Robert Meyers, Bianca Blua*

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is still the number one preventable cause of mental retardation in the United States. Studies show that for some health-related issues, students are more receptive to their peers for information. This session shows how high school students use a medical school curriculum, adapted for age appropriateness, to teach their peers about the harmful effects of maternal drinking during pregnancy. Students from the Moreno Valley School District will demonstrate their peer teaching technique and how they are making a lasting impression on fellow students at a crucial age in a pilot project in their district's high schools.

8. Track: **Research 101**   Room: **Arlington**

*Recent Research On Abuse Of Children With Disabilities*

*Patricia Sullivan*

This workshop will present recent research findings on long-term outcomes of abuse among children with disabilities. Results of a prospective study of some 492 adults with and without records of abuse and/or disabilities in childhood will be presented. Data on their adulthood health, psychological status, social status including antisocial practices, sense of well-being, and self-reported alcohol and drug use will be presented. The subjects self-reports of abuse in childhood will be compared to archival records of their maltreatment. Other recent research on the characteristics of sexually abused males with disabilities will be presented.

9. Track: **Treatment**   Room: **Citrus Heritage**

*Posttraumatic Stress Disorder In Abuse Victims With Developmental Disabilities*

*Doris Mok*

Individuals with developmental disabilities are noted to be more vulnerable to abuse (Baladerian, 1991; Sobsey & Doe, 1991). Posttraumatic stress disorder is common among victims of child sexual abuse and sexual assault and has been well documented in research literature. However, studies focusing on individuals with developmental disabilities are few. This workshop explores PTSD symptoms in individuals with developmental disabilities. Drawing from research studies on children and adolescents with PTSD, the clinical presentation of PTSD among individuals with mental retardation will be discussed. Clinical application such as assessment and treatment issues will be addressed through a clinical case presentation.

10. Track: **Victims**   Room: **LaSierra**

*Elder Neglect/Abuse-Who And What We Look At*

*Mark Morrow, Gerald Macrae*

Our presentation will cover what we look at in the intake process in determining who we will represent all the way through settlement/verdict. We will provide a complete view of who we look at primarily in long term care facilities for determining the key personnel and what role they play as the case goes forward. Plus the status of the regulations, resident rights, verdicts, strategies we employ, surveys, protective agencies and where elder abuse/neglect litigation is heading.

**12:30 PM to 1:15 AM – Luncheon**

*Room: Ben H. Lewis Hall – South*

**Speaker:** Elizabeth Scheibel, *Massachusetts Model For Protection Of Crime Victims With Disabilities*

**Keynote Speaker:** Judge Richard Teitelman, *People with Disabilities in the Justice System*
2:15 PM to 3:45 PM – Concurrent Sessions Two and Mini-Plenary

11. Track: Access 101 Room: Citrus Heritage

Crime And Violence In The Workplace & Disability Issues
Mike Collins
People with disabilities experience many problems in employment, and are not immune to problems faced by all employees that involve workplace crimes. This workshop will provide a unique perspective on managing these issues for people with disabilities. Issues include information, access, advocacy, resources and community support. Co Presenters will offer their expertise in areas of domestic violence vis a vis employment, ADA considerations for employees with disabilities, and current initiatives related to employment of people with disabilities.

12. Track: Assessment Room: DeAnza North

Interviewing Individuals With Developmental Disabilities In A Forensically Sound Manner
Kelly J. Ace
Clinicians, law enforcement personnel, and program staff must use forensically sound interviewing techniques in order to better ensure victim safety, identify perpetrators, and prosecute successfully. Even experienced investigators can find this challenging when interviewing individuals with cognitive or communication impairments. As a result, interviews of persons with developmental disabilities often require more time, effort, and creativity. This workshop is designed to provide clinicians, agency staff, and investigators of all experience levels with specific strategies for eliciting relevant information in a legally defensible manner from alleged victims and witnesses who have developmental disabilities.

13. Track: Legal 101 Room: Victoria South

Adult Abuse: A National Policy Update
Bill Benson
This presentation will provide an overview of both the history and current activities related to elder abuse legislation, programs and funding. Mr. Benson will offer information on policy, current trends in the legislature, public opinion, as well as a forecast of the future including increases in the elder population and how this impacts planning, policy development and public awareness. This presentation is considered a "must" for those with involvement in elder and vulnerable adult abuse.

14. Track: Mini-plenary Room: Ben Lewis Hall - North

Research Findings And Policy Implications
Patricia Sullivan
This presentation will describe the characteristics of maltreatment in residential settings that include treatment centers, group homes, and residential facilities for special populations, including deaf and hard of hearing children and youth. Institutional maltreatment in these settings will be specifically defined to include neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, bullying, and emotional abuse. The presentation will address child, staff, and facility risk factors for institutional abuse as well as steps administrators and school personnel can implement in order to recognize and reduce these risks. A protocol for interviewing suspected victims of institutional abuse will be presented.

15. Track: Offenders Room: Magnolia North

Abuse & Disability: A Judge's Perspective
Richard Teitelman
This presentation will discuss Justice Teitelman’s experience as a jurist and a person with a disability in the justice system of the State of Missouri.
16. **Track: Prevention 101  Room: Arlington**

*Essential Tools For Abuse Education And Prevention*

*Stacy Everson*

Seeds Educational Services, Inc. will present a program designed to increase abuse awareness and decrease the risks associated with victimization. This interactive presentation will teach participants strategies in teaching abuse awareness and prevention skills by sampling the curriculum and through demonstration. The workshop will provide practical information and ways to teach effectively and inexpensively. The program is utilized throughout San Diego in transition classrooms, residential facilities, work programs, and with individuals.

17. **Track: Reporting 101  Room: LaSierra**

*Abuse In Later Life: Enhancing Your Expertise-Part I*

*Bonnie Brandl  Candace Heisler*

Older victims of family and caregiver abuse remain a hidden population. Too often advocates and professionals fail to identify older victims' needs or to offer effective interventions. During this interactive, two-part workshop, we will discuss the challenges older victims face and learn about successful remedies used throughout the country. Creative strategies for working with individual victims; implementing systemic change; and creating a coordinated community response will be discussed. Participants will have an opportunity to work with a newly released safety planning tool for persons with cognitive disabilities.

18. **Track: Research  Room: DeAnza South**

*Maltreated Children With Disabilities In The Child Protective System*

*Stephanie Romney*

This workshop will educate participants about the challenges facing maltreated children with disabilities who are placed in out-of-home care. Participants will gain an understanding of the relationship between a child's specific type of disability and the out-of-home living arrangement he or she is most likely to experience. Factors that are associated with the best long-term outcomes for these children will be examined. Participants will be encouraged to share their ideas and expertise regarding the best way to meet the needs of maltreated children with disabilities living in out-of-home care. The target audience includes social workers, psychologists, school personnel, and advocates.

19. **Track: Treatment  Room: Magnolia South**

*Developmental Influences On Trauma Effects In Survivors With Developmental Disabilities*

*Sheila Mansell*

Diagnostic evaluation of trauma survivors requires comprehensive clinical assessments based on multiple sources of information such as case records, medical/biological tests, behavioral observations, client and staff interviews, and formal measures of dual diagnosis and aberrant behavior. Diagnosis also needs to take into account specific developmental effects. This presentation focuses on the developmental psychopathology issues that are often influential in the manifestation of trauma symptoms.

20. **Track: Treatment 101  Room: University**

*Domestic Violence In The Deaf Community - A Collaborative Solution*

*Peggie Reyna  Julie Rems-Smario*

Domestic violence shatters families from all walks of life. It is important for those who provide advocacy and counseling to be sensitive to issues faced by each family and by each individual victim/survivor. When the victim/survivor is Deaf they face a myriad of additional and unique obstacles to breaking free of the violence in their life. Yet accessible services, long term counseling, and prevention education are rare. This workshop will explore those issues unique to the Deaf community, including the high rate of abuse experienced by children who are Deaf, the high rate of alcohol and/or drug abuse within the Deaf community, cultural differences and communication skill variables.
21. Track: **Victims 101**  Room: **Victoria North**

*The California Victim Compensation Program - A Resource For Child And Adult Victims With Disabilities*

Regina Zerne

This presentation will be an interactive mix of PowerPoint presentation, question and answer and possibly a small groups activity. The presentation will include an introduction/and overview to the Victim Compensation Program (VCP) outlining the eligibility process and available benefits (with an emphasis on benefits available to victims with disabilities) and a 'What's New at the VCP' component. Updates will also be provided on the efforts of the VCP's Standards of Care Task Force - both the completed children's task force and the upcoming task force for adults.

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM – Concurrent Sessions Three

22. Track: **Access**  Room: **Victoria North**

*Comic Strip Conversations And Social Stories: Positive Behavioral Support Strategies*

Melinda Pierson  Barbara Glaeser

Comic Strip Conversations and Social Stories help students with disabilities understand the social world that surrounds them, and to interact more meaningfully. Specific steps for using these strategies to resolve conflicts in community, schools, and home settings will be detailed in this presentation. Participants will have an opportunity to see real examples and role play using the steps for each strategy taught during the session. Comic Strip Conversations and Social Stories are compatible with a wide variety of social skills programs, are applicable to an infinite number of social skills and situations, and easily tailored to meet a variety of needs.

23. Track: **Assessment**  Room: **DeAnza North**

*Need For Specialized Services For Crime Victims With Disabilities*

Kelly Tonelli  Kim Hudson  Carol Jung

This workshop will provide information regarding on-going field research through the Crime Victims with Disabilities Community Watch Project in Los Angeles. Through examination of this data, evidence will be presented demonstrating the need for mental health professionals with experience in both forensic interviewing and the specific abilities and needs of individuals with disabilities. The workshop will culminate by presenting the need for earlier identification for victims of crimes with disabilities through outreach efforts, support throughout the criminal justice process, and for specialized services that will be adept at assisting people with disabilities of all ages gain access to justice.

24. Track: **Legal**  Room: **Arlington**

*Building Partnerships For The Protection Of Persons With Disabilities*

Elizabeth Scheibel  Nancy Alterio  Susan Cronin

'Building Partnerships for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities' is an exciting statewide Massachusetts initiative which links human service and law enforcement communities in an effort to effectively address crimes committed against persons with disabilities. The 'Building Partnerships' initiative has been institutionalized through formal Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with each district attorney, human service providers and law enforcement. The purpose of the MOU is to provide a framework for the prompt and effective reporting, investigation and prosecution of crimes committed against persons with disabilities. The 'Building Partnerships' initiative utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to enhance access to the criminal justice system for crime victims with disabilities.
25. **Track: Legal** **Room: Magnolia North**  
*Elder Abuse Update/Elder Abuse And Advocacy: NCPEA's Role*  
Robert Blancato  
The introduction of The Elder Justice Act has brought the issue of Elder Abuse and vulnerable adults to a national level. What impact such legislation may have and its provisions will be presented. The formation of the Elder Justice Coalition and the role organizations and individuals must play to educate and assist in this major effort will be highlighted. The role the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) will have in this initiative and its agenda for the near future are items that will be discussed. Information on joining the Coalition will also be provided.

26. **Track: Mini-plenary** **Room: Magnolia South**  
*A Conversation With Sobsey And Sullivan*  
Dick Sobsey  Patricia Sullivan  
Patricia Sullivan is a pioneering researcher in the relationship between disability and child abuse. Sullivan and her colleagues have carried out much of the data-based research that provides the foundation for our current understanding of the relationship between violence and disability. Dick Sobsey is an author and social theorist. His models of the interaction between violence and disability have been widely explored and accepted by researchers and clinicians. This presentation provides a dialogue between Sullivan and Sobsey on the state of the science, what we currently know with some degree of certainty, and what still needs to be studied. It provides an open opportunity for all in attendance to join in the discussion.

27. **Track: Offenders 101** **Room: Victoria South**  
*Crimes Of Innocence? How Cognitive Disability May Impact On Criminal Behavior And Result In Victimization In The Criminal Justice System*  
Bruce Williams  Nancy Cowardin  
The concept of a criminal offender as a 'victim' may appear to be a strange one. When those offenders have developmental disabilities, however, they are often treated unfairly. They thus become 'victims' of law enforcement, courts, and the prison and parole systems, which do not understand the impact of the disability on a person's behavior.

28. **Cancelled**

29. **Moved to Concurrent Session Six**

30. **Track: Reporting 101** **Room: LaSierra**  
*Abuse In Later Life: Enhancing Your Expertise-Part II*  
Candace Heisler  
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Quality Assurance For Abuse Investigations In MHMR Facilities
Marc Mullins
Texas Adult Protective Services had developed a system to evaluate the quality of its abuse and neglect investigations in mental health and mental retardation (MHMR) facilities and group homes. The quality assurance system involves a combination of casereading, report analysis, and investigator observation. This presentation will provide an overview of the Texas system, samples of the tools used, and a discussion of the benefits. While the examples and experiences are specific to investigations in MHMR facilities and group homes, the systems and methods are applicable in other settings as well.

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy: Using PCIT As An Intervention For Families With Special Needs
Anthony Urquiza  Nancy Zebell  Jean McGrath
PCIT (Parent-Child Interaction Therapy) is an empirically supported mental health treatment program that is child-centered and family-focused. Parents are taught and 'coached' how to decrease negative aspects of the relationship with their child and to develop consistently positive communication with their child. Since coaching occurs while the parent is actively playing with the child, the parent is able to receive direct feedback on positive interactions. PCIT uses a team approach where the coach enables the parent to increase confidence in their parenting abilities. Many of the families (parents and children) referred to PCIT have special needs and disabilities that require adaptation of the PCIT treatment program. Program adaptations have been made for families with cognitive delays, speech delays, hearing-impaired (parents), and autistic-spectrum disorder (child). This workshop will demonstrate how PCIT was adapted to fit some of these types of families.

Prosecuting Elder Abuse Cases
Bennett Blum  Paul Greenwood
Prosecution of cases of elder abuse is complex, and requires consideration of non-traditional approaches and strategies. This presentation will provide a brief illustration of how such cases can be effectively prosecuted. Issues of juror education, victim's special considerations due to culture (loyalties, shame, etc) will be vividly brought into the discussion.

Law Enforcement & MR/DD Investigators - A Teamwork Approach
Monique Shafer
We (a law enforcement Officer and an MR/DD professional) have investigated cases of abuse together for the past 7 yrs. This presentation will emphasize the experiences and benefits we have encountered while working cooperatively together to investigate these cases which, involved victims with disabilities. This teamwork approach has also extended to cooperation from other agencies and has greatly enhanced the positive outcome of our investigations.
34. Track: Authentic  Room: DeAnza North

**Violence Against Women With Disabilities - A Collaborative Approach In Wisconsin**

Deb Spangler

In recent years, Wisconsin has implemented a variety of strategies to better prepare its local communities to work effectively with women with disabilities who have been victims of stalking, sexual assault (SA) and/or domestic violence (DV). Participants in this workshop will identify barriers that women with disabilities encounter when attempting to access SA and DV services and discuss ways to develop programming that is responsive to the needs of these victims. Strategies used in Wisconsin that promote collaboration among state and local SA, DV and disability programs will be discussed.

35. Track: Legal  Room: Victoria North

**Sexual Homicides**

Dick Sobsey

Although much has been learned over the last two decades about sexual abuse, exploitation, and assaults committed against people with developmental disabilities, there has been no systematic study of homicides in the commission of sex crimes committed against people with disabilities. This presentation provides a preliminary pattern analysis based on approximately 95 cases. The results reveal that these crimes are relatively rare, often involve a high degree of planning and organization, and sometimes involve serial killers who specialize in offenses against people with disabilities or who are otherwise marginalized, sometimes result from a variety of risk factors that expose people with disabilities to high-risk environments, and often go undetected for long periods of time while the disappearance of the victim is explained as a "runaway" youth.

36. Track: Legal  Room: Victoria South

**What's The Big Deal About HIPAA? It's Impact On The Work Of Child And Adult Protective Services**

Eva Kutus  Howard Davidson  Marc Dubin

This workshop will review the federal statute and implementing regulations for HIPAA, the new privacy act and the potential difficulties and new hurdles. The federal regulations specially address child and adult protective services. They have an impact on how reporting is done by mandatory reporters, worker's access to medical records for their assessment or investigation and what can be made available to the public about medical conditions in a final report. This legislation and its impacts will be summarized and recommendations for CPS/APS response discussed.

37. Track: Mini-plenary  Room: Magnolia North

**Measuring Undue Influence: Elder And Vulnerable Adult Abuse**

Bennett Blum

Undue influence is a legal term for inappropriate or excessive manipulation of a vulnerable person. As abusers become smarter, more are learning and using manipulative tactics to obtain control of victim's assets. This workshop will introduce the "Undue Influence Worksheet." The Worksheet is the first practical, hands-on method to help evaluate potential "undue influence" cases. The Worksheet is currently used in much of the United States, and is being promoted by the National College of Probate Judges.

38. Track: Offenders  Room: Citrus Heritage

**How To Demystify The Prosecutions Efforts Of Minimizing The Severity Of Your Client's Mental Retardation**

Billy Edwards  Elizabeth Kelley

Prosecutors argue an array of issues that are designed to convince judges and juries to lessen the mitigation of mental retardation as a defense. This presentation will discuss strategies for defense attorneys for countering these prosecution arguments.
39. **Track: Prevention**  
**Room: Arlington**

**Using The Internet To Prevent Abuse: Focus On Disabilities**

*Nora Baladerian  Tom Hanna*

Many agencies are now making greater strides in reaching their mission because they have developed a successful Internet strategy, and have encouraged staff to use the Internet as a resource for problem solving. This workshop will set out the strategic planning tools that can strengthen your agency, build staff competence, and improve best practice. Real world examples will be explored. Attendees are encouraged to bring their agencies Internet plans and policies for discussion.

40. **Cancelled**

41. **Track: Research**  
**Room: LaSierra**

**Family Violence And Child Maltreatment: Relationship To Head Injuries, Learning Disabilities, And ADHD**

*Robert Geffner*

The inter-relationship between neuropsychological factors and family violence is explored. Biopsychosocial models are used for understanding and dealing with relationship aggression, including the effects of neuropsychological impairment on family violence and other offenders. Exposure to chronic violence in the home, or being a victim of such maltreatment, can affect brain functioning and cause or exacerbate such conditions as Learning Disabilities and ADHD. Multiple victimizations can interact to produce significant risk factors for later violence or aggression. Maltreatment can also produce neuropsychological impairment in victims, which may affect decision-making, reasoning, and psychological functioning. This workshop describes such models for victims and offenders, presents recent research, and suggests practical ways to assess and treat victims and offenders.

42. **Track: Services**  
**Room: University**

**Developing A Statewide Mental Health Trauma Policy**

*Pat Risser*

This presentation is intended to increase the knowledge level and awareness of participants about 1. the permanent and the changeable effects of serious trauma and neglect, 2. the interaction of those effects with offered services, 3. those actions and supports that will assist trauma survivors in their recovery and those responses that might trigger reactions arising out of the old trauma.

43. **Track: Treatment**  
**Room: Magnolia South**

**Behavioral Risk Management: Supporting Individuals With Developmental Disabilities Who Display High-Risk Sexual Behavior**

*Karen M. Ward  Rebecca L. Bosek MS LMFT LPC  Lisa K. Terwilliger MS*

Many people with developmental disabilities have been sexually victimized. Being a victim of sexual abuse can be a risk factor for engaging in inappropriate sexual behavior directed against others. This workshop describes Behavioral Risk Management (BRM), which is a flexible, wrap-around model of services and supports for adolescent and adult males who display high-risk and offensive sexual behaviors. Risk assessment, support planning, skill development, environmental arrangements, and monitoring strategies will be addressed.

44. **Track: Victims**  
**Room: Aviator**

**Hate Crimes Involving Victims With Disabilities**

*John Wallace*
12:15 PM to 1:45 PM – Luncheon
Room: Ben H. Lewis Hall – South

Sponsors Welcome:
Joye Whatley, Director of the Special Operations Division, Office for Victims of Crime
Wayne Strumpfer, Interim Executive Director, Governors Office of Criminal Justice Planning

Table Talk Lunch Topics:
Children with Disabilities: Baladerian and Mansell
Disability Law: Cantos and Dubin
Domestic Violence: Feuerstein and Reyna
Elder Abuse: Heisler and Kutas
Internet: Advocacy, Prevention, Public Awareness & Safety: Hanna
Law Enforcement: Shafer, Wallace, Teitelman, Scheibel
Offenders & Victims with Disabilities: Edwards and Perske
Vulnerable Adults: Abramson, Jaccarino, and Whately

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM – Concurrent Sessions Five

45. Track: Access Room: Aviator
The SafePlace Grant Program For Abuse Prevention Education
Wendie Abramson  Stephanie Horgan
Disability Services ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) of SafePlace is a national leader for providing abuse prevention education and counseling for individuals with disabilities. This fall SafePlace was selected as a grantee for three new grant programs established under the U. S. Department of Justice – Promising Practices in Serving Crime Victims with Disabilities a National Education and Technical Assistance Project to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities and a project on Training the Criminal Justice System on Working with Abuse Victims with Disabilities in Texas. This workshop will highlight the evolution of this model program activities of these new initiatives and provide attendees with resource information for program development or enhancement.

46. Track: Assessment Room: University
The Medical Evaluation Of Suspected Sexual Abuse - Special Considerations For The Child Or Adult With A Developmental Disability
Jennifer Canter
This workshop will address the medical diagnosis and treatment of children who have suspicious regarding sexual abuse. Intake issues, timing of the examination, multi-disciplinary team involvement, medical evaluation techniques, the medical history, and treatment aspects will be addressed. Special considerations for children with a developmental disability will be addressed. These include risk factors and risk assessment, special medical considerations, interview techniques, and education for multi-disciplinary team members. This workshop will be focused for both the medical and non-medical participant.

47. Track: Authentic Room: Victoria North
Empowerment Through Self-Defense
Sharon Hamilton
Empowerment Through Self Defense, this workshop provides hands on assault prevention education for persons with disabilities. The focus is on self-empowerment through the development of awareness and assertiveness skills and demonstrations of simple, easy to learn, individually adapted physical self defense techniques.
48. Track: **Legal 101**  Room: **Magnolia North**

*ADA: A Primer On The Americans With Disabilities Act As It Effects Issues Of Crime Against People With Disabilities*

**Marc Dubin**

This presentation will provide an overview of the ADA as it applies to both private non-profits serving crime victims as well as state and local government programs and services to crime victims. Physical accessibility, effective communication issues, required policy modifications and other matters covered by the ADA will be discussed. Material will be provided from the Justice Department as well as a question and answer session that will follow.

49. Track: **Offenders**  Room: **Citrus Heritage**

*The Invisible Defendants: People With Mental Retardation In The Criminal Justice System*

**Billy Edwards  Elizabeth Kelley**

This presentation discusses why and how people with mental retardation and other cognitive disabilities often mask their disability so that defense attorneys and others have difficult assessing its importance in their defense. The result can be unequal justice and therefore, one might argue, abuse of people with this disability after they enter the criminal justice system. Attorney presenters will describe what to look for and how to deal with clients that may have a cognitive disability.

50. Track: **Prevention**  Room: **DeAnza North**

*Traumatic Brain Injury: Assessment Of A Little-Known Sequela Of Prostitution*

**Melissa Farley  Rosalie J Ackerman PhD  Martha E. Banks PhD**

Perpetrators of physical and sexual assault often target girls' and women's heads, faces, or necks; these findings have been ignored or minimized, even when loss of consciousness has been reported. Traumatic brain injury (TBI), which often lacks visible injury, is frequently overlooked as a consequence of sexual, domestic, and other interpersonal violence. We will discuss use of screening questions for TBI and pilot data from prostituted women, a population with high rates of TBI. This workshop is designed for a broad range of professionals who provide initial assessment, ongoing treatment, and referral for victims of violence.

51. Track: **Reporting**  Room: **DeAnza South**

*No We Don't Agree*

**Sue Foley  Otilie Tork**

This workshop will explore the dialogue that staff have had in sorting through these cases and determining how to move forward in a context of the importance of parental permission and participation, and the rights of children to safety, welfare and wellbeing - which are the underpinning principles of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act. The thinking frames that influence staff decision making include a "medical model"; a "socio-cultural model" and a "rights model". The workshop will explore the ways people think about child at risk and disability issues in a hospital context in regard to identifying child abuse.

52. Track: **Research**  Room: **Victoria South**

*The Health And Disability Concerns Of Survivors Of Domestic Violence*

**Deborah Olson  Debra Eisert**

This session will report on the results of a program evaluation of a year long case management program for survivors of domestic violence. Using qualitative and quantitative research approaches, respondents were asked about a variety of experiences after leaving an abusive relationship. For the purposes of this conference, we will focus on experiences regarding health and disability that had an impact on their use of the case management program as well as their overall adjustment to independence. Mental health disorders such as ADHD, depression and Posttraumatic Stress disorder were also common.
53. **Track:** Services  
**Room:** Arlington  
*Integrating Mental Health And Rehabilitation Services Into A Domestic Violence Program*  
Paul Feuerstein  
Barrier Free Living's Domestic Violence Program has successfully integrated mental health intervention and the work of occupational therapists into its domestic violence intervention program. This workshop will address the importance of this integration, the dynamics of how it works and address the challenges faced by a multi-disciplinary approach. The presenter, Paul Feuerstein is the President of Barrier Free Living and its founder. He has been involved in the development of the model since its inception 16 years ago.

54. **Track:** Treatment  
**Room:** Magnolia South  
*Therapy Accommodations For Sexual Abuse Survivor*  
Sheila Mansell  
Therapy for sexual abuse survivors often requires therapists to modify traditional therapies to learn about their clients functioning in a range of areas that include: cognitive, communicative, psychological, and sensory functioning. This workshop emphasizes drawing on information about client functioning and modifying therapy to meet clients needs.

55. **Track:** Victims  
**Room:** LaSierra  
*Panel: Meeting The Needs Of Victims With Disabilities*  
Candace Heisler   Richard Teitelman   Martina Jaccarino  
This panel will address the legal needs of victims with disabilities, with panel members addressing issues of courtroom accessibility and accommodation, civil issues and remedies and Victim Witness and compensation programs. Each of the panel members have had direct experience working with crime victims with disabilities, and with making significant changes in procedures or strategies to accommodate the needs of the victim and assure equal access to services.

3:45 PM to 5:15 PM – Concurrent Sessions Six

56. **Track:** Access  
**Room:** Victoria South  
*Multidisciplinary Approach To Elder And Dependent Adult Mistreatment*  
Erin Westphal  
Determining the medical and mental status of victims of elder and dependent adult mistreatment is essential to ensuring an appropriate response. This session will describe: (1) the development and implementation of the Vulnerable Adult Specialist Team (VAST) a multidisciplinary medical response team for cases of elder mistreatment; and (2) how VAST developed collaborative relationships with Adult Protective Services, Law Enforcement and the District Attorney.

57. **Track:** Assessment  
**Room:** Magnolia North  
*Medical Forensic Examination Of Abuse Victims With Disabilities*  
Diana Faugno  
This workshop will describe specific strategies required to complete an effective medical forensic examination when the child or adult victim has a disability.

58. **Track:** Offenders  
**Room:** Victoria North  
*Perpetrators With Disabilities In The Criminal Justice System*  
Billy Edwards   Monique Shafer   Tristan Svare  
This panel will address critical issues involved in the processing of cases involving suspects and those convicted of crimes who have disabilities. The panel members will discuss law enforcement issues such as arrest, custody and first responder communication and interrogation issues, prosecution strategies and
accommodations, defense strategies and accommodations including probation supervision and programs, as well as the perspective of the advocate speaking with and for the defendant. This is a "hot topic" both at the Conference and in the nation, as new legislation has required significant changes in sentencing options. In addition, maltreatment of individuals with disabilities as suspects is finally garnering the attention needed to make changes in arrest, detention and initial contact by law enforcement.

(Moved from Concurrent Session Two)

29. Track: Prevention Room: Citrus Heritage

The Implications Of Attachment For Individuals With Disabilities
Jayme Jones Mary Nichols
This training will include an overview of the theory of attachment and a discussion of the survival aspects of attachment. The presenters will then discuss the various types of attachment, and the types of interactions that occur between infants and their primary caregivers that lead to these types of attachment. The impact of disabilities on the formation of attachment will be addressed. The participants will then be given information on how attachment type is assessed, and the behaviors associated with each of the attachment types.

59. Track: Reporting Room: DeAnza North

Exploitation Of The Medically Complex Child Who Has A Disability
John Wright Karmel McCarthy
The phenomenon of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy has been described as the production of signs of symptoms of a disease on behalf of another thereby causing that person to be regarded as ill. Caretakers may exaggerate, fabricate or induce illness in children for their own gain. While this phenomenon was first described in the medical literature, it has been a source of discussion among the disciplines of social service, law enforcement, nursing, mental health, the legal system, education and the media. Children who have disabilities are a particularly at risk group for this type of child maltreatment. Further, children maltreated in this manner frequently acquire a disability.

60. Track: Services 101 Room: Aviator

What Is Different For This Disabled Battered Woman?
Sheila Hazlett John Merrill Angela Kaufman
Abuse of women with disabilities, victimized by family, friends, caregivers or intimate partners is on the increase. This workshop will explore causes, trends, and patterns of abuse, the role of law enforcement and the legal system in protecting victims, and holding the perpetrator accountable. Presenters will address the issue of domestic violence, wherein the abuser is the intimate partner. Differences in philosophy and response among the domestic violence, adult protective services and disability communities, and the need for collaborative multi-disciplinary teams will be addressed.

61. Track: Treatment Room: Arlington

Evidence Based Effective Treatment For Child Abuse Victims
Patricia Sullivan
This presentation will review the existing research on effective treatments for children with and without disabilities who are victims of neglect, physical abuse, and sexual abuse. Efficacious methods and therapy protocols will be described. Outcome studies will be presented that have included children with disabilities. Effective components of therapy will be presented and discussed.
62. Track: Treatment 101 Room: Magnolia South

**Surviving Rape: What You Need To Know To Help Victims Of Sexual Assault**
Lisa Morris

Rape crisis centers and disability service providers do not always collaborate as much as they could to support survivors of sexual assault with disabilities. This workshop will provide information about services, assistance, and rights that are available to survivors of sexual assault. The workshop will provide disability service providers with the knowledge and skills to provide the maximum assistance to survivors of sexual assault with disabilities.

63. Track: Victims Room: DeAnza South

**The State Of California's Crime Victims With Disabilities Initiative- An Update**
Daniel Sorensen

The Crime Victims with Disabilities Initiative is the first comprehensive state government initiative on crime against people with disabilities in the nation. This workshop will describe what the initiative is and describe and discuss its components. These include model grants to six local programs, annual plans by seven state departments, personal safety planning, a public education campaign, training for service providers, and an advisory committee to the California Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency. The accomplishments and challenges of the first two years of the Initiative will be discussed.

64. Track: Victims Room: LaSierra

**Media Coverage Of Violence Against People With Disabilities.**
Dick Sobsey

Although violence against people with disabilities is well-documented, it has often been ignored by the media. When it is covered at all, it is often presented as a rare phenomenon. Presentation provides data and examples of media coverage and discusses possible reasons for the poor coverage of these crimes.

**Wednesday, March 12**

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM – Concurrent Sessions Seven

65. Track: Access Room: DeAnza North

**Together We Can Do It With Education! Maximizing Independence And Integration For People With Disabilities In California's Community Colleges**
Meredith Bischoff  Marilyn Findley  Berta Paz

This workshop will provide a description of educational opportunities, special programs and support services provided by California Community Colleges including DSP&S, EOPS, and GAIN that are designed to promote the maximum independence and integration of students with disabilities. It will also cover the commitment of the California Community College system to providing access of the community.

66. Track: Assessment Room: DeAnza South

**Abuse Screening Tool For People With Disabilities**
Mary Oschwald

This workshop will discuss abuse towards women with disabilities and offer a Self-assessment Abuse Screening Tool specific for women with disabilities to use to identify if they are experiencing abuse, assess their level of risk, and recognize strategies they could use to stop or prevent further abuse. Our research indicates that women with disabilities experience both similar and unique forms of abuse and experience various factors that increase their level of vulnerability. The Abuse Screening Tool is a product of our research in collaboration with women and other providers in the field.
67. Track: Authentic  Room: Magnolia South

Abuse Of Children And Adult With Disabilities
Saidul Huq

In respect of numbers, there are over 13 million 2 hundred thousand disabled persons in the country. There are about 1.6 million children with disability in Bangladesh. They are socially victimized since birth from various deprivation, neglect, oppression and superstitions. Some are born with disability and some become disabled after birth. Children born with disability are deemed to be family curse forgetting the fact that disability is a consequence of either an accident or ignorance of the mother. Some children are kept hided or locked within the room. Even neighbors are not aware to have a disabled child. This sort of prejudice is found more in wealthy families who remain scared about their image in the society.

68. Track: Treatment  Room: Victoria South

Abuse And Neglect Of Children With Disabilities - Where Should The Law Be Heading?
Howard Davidson  Marc Dubin

Child maltreatment, and crimes against children generally, disproportionately affect young victims with disabilities. Or, the maltreatment and other offenses against a child have caused disabling conditions. In these situations, it is important for advocates to understand how federal and state child protection-related laws currently address children with disabilities, as well as how these laws can be improved.

69. Track: Mini-plenary 101  Room: Magnolia North

Nexus: Child Fatality Review Teams And "Not Dead Yet" Child Survivors: Making The Connection Between Child Abuse Survivors Who Have Acquired Severe Disabilities And "Whether To Intervene" Dilemmas.
Mike Durfee  Nora Baladerian  Tom Hanna

70. Track: Offenders  Room: Victoria North

The Politics Of The Death Penalty: Where We Go From Here After Atkins
Bob Perske, Billy Edwards and Elizabeth Kelley

The Supreme Court in Atkins v. Virginia has ruled that executing people with mental retardation is cruel and unusual punishment. Where the death penalty exists for capital offenses, states must decide how to determine the standards to use for capital offenders to exempt them. This presentation will discuss how states are implementing this ruling and make suggests for determining optimal standards.

71. Track: Prevention  Room: Arlington

Children With Disabilities And Healthy People 2010: A Call To Action
Patricia Sullivan

Children and youth with disabilities are included in Healthy People 2010 for the first time as a specific subpopulation since the inception of the national health promotion and disease prevention agenda in 1979. Chapter 6 of the plan encompasses 13 specific objectives that describe the vision of HP2010 to promote the health of people with disabilities and eliminate health related disparities between Americans with and without disabilities. Seven of these objectives include varying age groups of children and youth with disabilities as part of the disability target population. This presentation will delineate a blueprint for action to transpose the vision of HP2010 into reality for children and youth with disabilities. A series of concrete recommendations for bridging vision into reality for each of the seven objectives germane to children and youth with disabilities in terms of data, policy, and programs will be presented and discussed. These objectives pertain to: surveillance data, depression, congregate care, inclusion in regular education programs, assistive technology, and environmental barriers including accessibility of services.
72. Track: Services  Room: Citrus Heritage

How Self-Directed Funding Prevents Abuse
Ace Atkinson  Tina Ewing-Wilson  Michael Wilson

Self-determination and self-directed funding has arrived in the United States providing people with developmental disabilities freedom, authority, support, and the responsibility to self-direct and fund the services that they determine as appropriate in meeting their ongoing needs resulting in quality services decreasing the probability of abuse. The presenters, consumers of the California Regional Center system, will share how real person centered planning and the control of financial resources result in housing and support services provided in a safe and preferred living, learning, working, and social environments.

73. Track: Treatment  Room: LaSierra

Behavioral Case Studies Of Adolescent Females Who Have Developmental Disabilities And Who Are Victims Of Sexual Abuse: Some Initial Guidelines For Staff
Jose Rios  Leslie Oropeza

Residential support staff, working with adolescent females who have developmental disabilities and who are victims of sexual abuse, often are confronted with significant behavioral issues and dilemmas. This presentation discusses five case examples of adolescent-teen age females, all with mild-borderline functioning, who were victims of sexual abuse prior to their placement. Similarities in behavior problems and case formulation are discussed. We will review challenges to support staff and we will discuss the need for specific training to meet staff’s needs to address this population.

74. Track: Victims  Room: University

Reparations As A Focal Concept For Organizing Against Psychiatric Assault
Tina Minkowitz

International law has recognized a right of victims of human rights violations to reparations, which includes much more than monetary compensation. Reparations also include restoring the dignity of the victims and ensuring that the violations do not continue. For survivors of psychiatric assault, a demand for reparations honors the roots of our advocacy for social change and acknowledges our status as victim-witnesses whose demands for justice affect us personally as well as making us care what happens to others who are similarly affected.

10:45 AM to 11:45 AM

Room: Ben Lewis Hall – North

Criminal Justice Roundtable: Special Issues For The Prosecution
Candace Heisler  Paul Fick  Brain Frankel

This plenary legal roundtable helps bring the conference into a positive "CAN DO" conclusion, offering a presentation that everyone will enjoy. All panel members have extensive experience prosecuting cases involving people with disabilities of every age group. This discussion will include jury selection, how to "sell the case" to the jury, effective production of evidence through a witness who has a communication disability, victim reluctance to testify and victim self blame among others. There will be an opportunity for dialogue with the audience.

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Room: Ben Lewis Hall – North

Robert Perske

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