

2021 Arkansas Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect



October 13-15, 2021

**Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, AR
Offered In-Person and Virtual**



Hosted by: U of A Little Rock - MidSOUTH
in Partnership with the
Arkansas Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services



GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2021 Arkansas Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect will be held **October 13-15, 2021**, at the Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and online. For your safety, the Hot Springs Convention Center and MidSOUTH require that all in-person attendees wear face coverings and observe social distancing guidelines. Attendance for the in-person conference will be limited to 400 participants. Virtual conference participants will be able to access all course offerings and opportunities, with the exception of three developed specifically for CASA. An app will be available to all conference participants to allow everyone to join the live online workshops, access handouts and recorded workshops, and interact with other participants, sponsors, and exhibitors. For updates to workshops, please visit the MidSOUTH webpage (www.midsouth.ualr.edu) or the Arkansas Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Facebook page.

Hotel Accommodation:

When making hotel reservations, please identify yourself as a conference participant. You must make your hotel reservations by **September 15, 2021**, to get the conference rate.

Conference Hotels:	The Hotel Hot Springs 305 Malvern Ave. Hot Springs, AR 71901 501-623-6600	Conference Rate:	\$103.00 + tax single occupancy \$113.00 + tax double occupancy \$123.00 + tax triple occupancy \$133.00 + tax quad occupancy
	Embassy Suites 400 Convention Blvd Hot Springs, AR 71901 501-624-9200	Conference Rate:	\$139.00 + tax single occupancy \$149.00 + tax double occupancy \$159.00 + tax triple occupancy \$169.00 + tax quad occupancy

Registration Information:

Registration fees cover entrance to all workshops, conference handouts, certificate of attendance and transcript (if requested). Register by September 30, 2021, to qualify for the early registration discount. Online registration is available on our website.

Registration Fees:

- \$190 - Early Registration - Before or on September 30, 2021
- \$220 - Registration Fee - After September 30, 2021
- \$160 - 5 or More from the Same Organization
- \$110 - 1 Day Rate
- \$75 - Student Rate

Are you interested in sponsoring or having an exhibit at the conference? Call 501-859-8339 or contact Robin Wilson at rlwilson@midsouth.ualr.edu.

Continuing Education:

Conference organizers are seeking approval for 15 hours of continuing education from the following organizations: National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Arkansas Professional Development Registry, Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), Arkansas Continuing Legal Education Board (CLE), and Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training Standards Office (CLEST). The Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling and the Arkansas Psychology Board do not give prior approval; conference hours have always been accepted by both boards.

For Additional Information Contact:

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration	
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Keynote	Keynote Becoming Brave Jenna Quinn	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions	What I Wish You Knew: A Survivor's Perspective on Grooming and Prevention Jenna Quinn	Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS): Past, Present, and Future Clare Nesmith, University of Arkansas for Medical Science
	Investigating Suspicious Burns (Part 1) Phylip Peltier, Blue Dye Consulting	
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions	Post Traumatic Growth: Cultivating Stories of Hope Jenna Quinn	A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: Presenting Evidence in the Forensic Interview Ashleigh Fuller, Federal Bureau of Investigation
	Investigating Suspicious Burns (Part 2) Phylip Peltier	
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions	Legislative Update from the 93rd General Assembly, 2021 Regular Session Anna Imbeau, AR DHS Office of Chief Counsel	Advanced Presenting Evidence Ashleigh Fuller
	Investigating Suspicious Burns (Part 3) Phylip Peltier	

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration	
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Keynote	Fractures in Child Abuse Cases: How Can a Broken Bone “Hide” Under the Surface? Karen Farst, AR Children’s Hospital	The Brain, Substance Use Disorders, and Parenting Sharon Hesselstine, Intentional Beginnings
	Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma (Part 1) Craig B. Smith, C. B. Smith Training and Consulting, Ltd.	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions	Challenging Cases of Child Sexual Exploitation/Trafficking Jennifer Livingston, AR Children’s Hospital	Pregnant and Parenting Families with SUD: Evidence-Based Treatment, Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal, and Supporting the Infant-Parent Relationship Sharon Hesselstine
	Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma (Part 2) Craig B. Smith	You, Me, and Gen Z (CASA - Not available virtually) Angie Jones, Pulaski County CASA Xanthoula Groom, Pulaski County CASA
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	Suicide Prevention in the Day of Distancing: How Youth Have Been Impacted and How We Can Help Them Adapt Susie Reece, Suicide Prevention Allies	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions	Failure to Thrive and Malnutrition as Child Maltreatment Rachel Clingenpeel	The Cycles of Addiction: The Hard Truth of Family History Susie Reece
	Human Trafficking: A Prosecutor's Perspective Kristin Bryant, US Attorney's Office Allison Bragg, US Attorney's Office	

Networking Opportunities

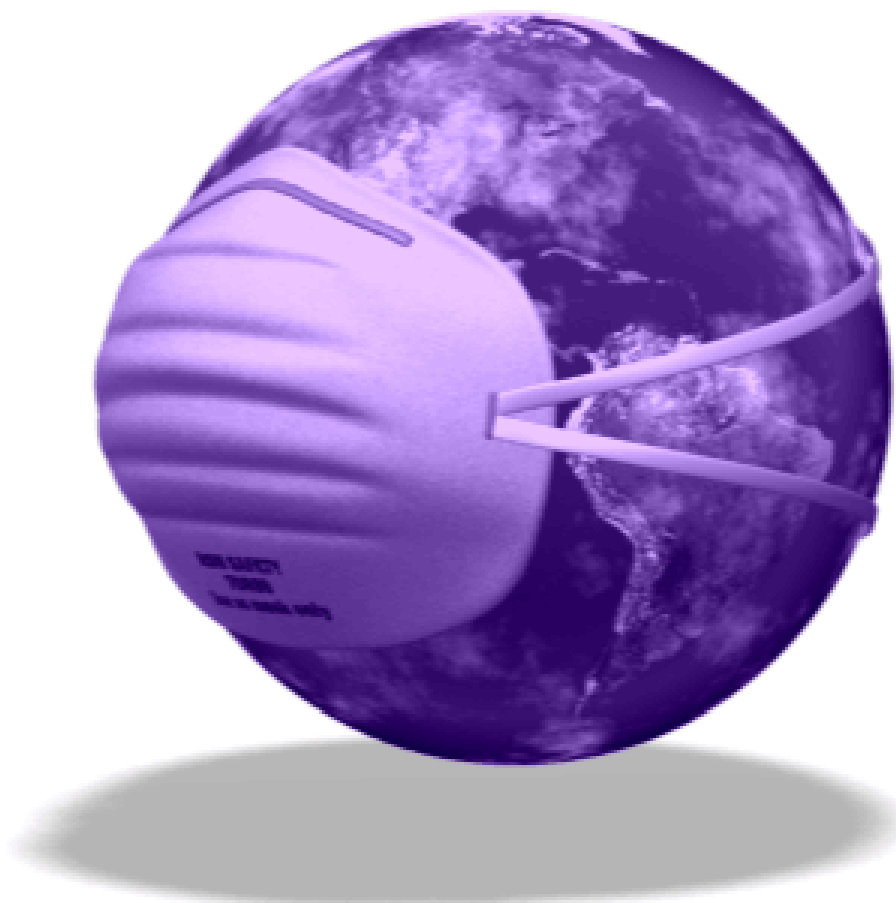
There will be plenty of opportunities to network with Conference Exhibitors and other Conference Participants during conference hours.

Door prizes will be awarded!!!

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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

Welcome and Keynote 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Becoming Brave

Jenna Quinn

Measuring the outcome of healing in survivors can be difficult and communicating how survivors heal can be even more so. As the namesake of both state and federal legislation, Jenna Quinn of Jenna's Law will share her story of surviving child sexual abuse and how her local Children's Advocacy Center cultivated justice and healing for her and her family. Refreshingly transparent, Jenna guides you through her miraculous experience as she shares the ups and downs of maintaining hope, healing, and courage.

Concurrent Sessions 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

What I Wish You Knew: A Survivor's Perspective on Grooming and Prevention

Jenna Quinn

Learn from research findings and a very personal survivor story about how to address child sexual abuse as primary prevention. State laws and school district policies, such as Jenna's Law, were enacted to advocate for child sexual abuse prevention. In many cases of child sexual abuse, the perpetrator strategically grooms the victim and those around the victim. Participants will watch clips from the "It's Not Just Jenna" documentary, where they will view the family perspective on grooming and meet the perpetrator. The "It's Not Just Jenna" documentary is shown to groups all across the U.S. in English and Spanish for educational purposes. A combination of video, research, and personal testimony will be utilized to illustrate the stages of grooming and how prevention policies and program implementation can be effective in prevention and intervention in child sexual abuse.

Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS): Past, Present, and Future

Clare Nesmith

This workshop will focus on defining Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS); describing pathophysiology and pharmacokinetics in NOWS; identifying signs, symptoms, and treatments for NOWS; and discussing ongoing research and goals for the future. There will be an opportunity for Questions and Answers.

Investigating Suspicious Burns (Part 1)

Phylip Peltier

Participants will learn to identify types of burns, how burns occur, and whether burns are accidental or intentional. This three-part series will provide information on evidence collection, interview and interrogation, case preparation, and more. The workshop is experiential and will involve case studies and re-creation exercises.

Concurrent Sessions 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Post Traumatic Growth: Cultivating Stories of Hope

Jenna Quinn

Post Traumatic Growth (PTG) is a theory that looks at the transformation that can come after trauma. It is different than resilience, as resilience looks at the ability to "bounce back," where the construct of PTG looks at the process of a person who has gone through a traumatic event but has experienced positive outcomes and individual growth. This workshop examines five focus areas that are attributed to the process of PTG: 1) Appreciation of life, 2) Relationships with others, 3) New possibilities in life, 4) Personal strength, and 5) Spiritual change.

Positive psychology has provided a new forum for discussion about how we construe mental health issues through the lens of growth, hope, and meaning. The idea of growth following adversity promises an alternative view of how to think about trauma without dismissing the pain and suffering experienced by trauma. This workshop does not seek to add or offer new research on the topic of PTG, but to help the participants apply the principles.

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: Presenting Evidence in the Forensic Interview

Ashleigh Fuller

The use of technology has impacted how children/adolescents are victimized. Research supports that the use of technology during victimization can increase the likelihood that a victim will not disclose. Most interview models are designed for children who have previously disclosed and who transition easily from the beginning of the interview to a substantive interview. Reluctant children may need more cues, which may mean utilizing evidence in the forensic interview. This module will discuss the use of evidence, with emphasis on abusive images, in the interview. Participants will learn how evidence may be used in a forensic interview, how to present evidence in the forensic interview, and the dynamics of victims of abusive images.

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Concurrent Sessions 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Advanced Presenting Evidence

Ashleigh Fuller

Advanced Presenting Evidence builds upon knowledge gained in the basic presenting evidence workshop, A Picture is Worth Thousand Words, which is a prerequisite for this presentation. This course will delve deeper into the components introduced in the first session, highlighting the types and uses of evidence in more complex cases. Participants will learn the importance of the pre-interview MDT discussion regarding case and evidence availability; will be exposed to various types of evidence (such as audio clips, subject statements, texts/chats, and medical evidence); will learn how to utilize evidence in more complex cases, such as kidnappings and surreptitious recordings, while attending to the needs of the victim; and will be exposed to what happens when a denial occurs and how to gently confront with evidence.

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Legislative Update from the 93rd General Assembly, 2021 Regular Session

Anna Imbeau

This workshop will provide an overview of the child welfare-related Acts passed this legislative session.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

Concurrent Sessions 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Fractures in Child Abuse Cases: How Can a Broken Bone “Hide” Under the Surface?

Karen Farst

A child abuse pediatrician will use case-based examples to demonstrate how common types of fractures occur in infants and young children. Additional descriptions of outward signs and symptoms that a child has suffered a fracture will be discussed, along with the “differential diagnosis” of potential medical conditions that could cause fragile or brittle bones in infants and young children.

The Brain, Substance Use Disorders, and Parenting

Sharon Hesseltine

This session will take a deep dive into the disease of addiction through exploring the brain changes inherent to addiction and how these changes drive behavior. Participants will examine the variables that foster the brain’s vulnerability to addiction, particularly as they relate to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Participants will also discuss how addictions impact the early caregiving behaviors demonstrated by new parents. If you have ever been confounded by the behavior of those in active addiction or wondered why some people develop a substance use disorder while others don’t, this session will shed some light on those questions and more.

Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma (Part 1)

Craig B. Smith

Participants will receive information about the medical findings and the amount of force used to inflict injuries in cases of Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma. They will also learn how to conduct a thorough investigation of these types of cases in a way that will often clearly identify the offender.

Participants will be encouraged to use a multi-disciplinary approach with police, social workers, medical personnel, and prosecutors, working together in order to carry out an effective investigation.

A series of state-of-the-art animated graphics will be used to clearly illustrate the different injuries commonly found in Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma cases. These graphics will allow participants with little or no medical knowledge to understand the often confusing medical terms associated with this type of child abuse. This workshop will focus on the joint law enforcement and child protection investigation of Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) cases. Two major obstacles facing investigators are identifying the perpetrator and confirming the actual mechanism and timing of the injury. This workshop will address both of these issues and present techniques that can be used to overcome these obstacles and conduct a successful investigation. In these types of cases, exculpatory statements by caregivers can often be as useful as inculpatory statements. Police investigators will learn how to conduct an initial interview of caregivers in order to get them “tied” to a particular story. We will explore some “key questions” that should be put to caregivers during their initial interview. These questions are non-accusatory and appear to be non-threatening to both the truly innocent caregiver and to the person who is responsible for injuring the child. These key questions, however, will enable the investigator to build a timeline and will often clearly identify the person who was responsible for abusing the child.

Scene examination, gathering of corroborative evidence, liaison with medical and legal experts, and interrogation of suspects will all be topics of discussion during this presentation.

Concurrent Sessions 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pregnant and Parenting Families with SUD: Evidence-Based Treatment, Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal, and Supporting the Infant-Parent Relationship

Sharon Hesseltine

Participants in the workshop will have an opportunity to learn evidence-based approaches to the treatment of opioid use disorder, including approaches for those who are pregnant. Participants will examine FDA approved medications, along with the rationale for the use of medication during pregnancy. This workshop will also include an exploration of neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS), the critical significance of parents in the care of infants with NOWS, and effective strategies to strengthen parent-infant relationships.

Recognizing and Responding to Sex Trafficking of Minors

Jennifer Livingston

Sex trafficking of minors in the U.S. is frequently overlooked, misunderstood, and unaddressed. A focus on international sex trafficking has overshadowed the reality that sex trafficking occurs every day in the U.S. This workshop will examine sex trafficking of minors and efforts to identify and respond to these crimes with a goal to increase awareness and understanding.

Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma (Part 2)

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You, Me, & Gen Z (CASA - Not available virtually)

Angie Jones and Xanthoula Groom

While Xanthoula and Angie are not experts in the field, they work off the philosophy of “see a need and fill it.” While working with teenagers in their CASA careers, they have encountered many specific and varied needs in this age group. This has led them to develop Best Practices for Working with Teens for their program by researching and reaching out to others in the field. Xanthoula and Angie will share some of the highlights of what they have learned and provide a forum for brainstorming and problem-solving creative ways to work with teenagers.

Concurrent Sessions 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Ethical Challenges of “Do No Harm” in a Trauma-Saturated Service Field (Part 1)

Brant Cates

This workshop is an examination of the ethical challenges participants face in current social service environments. More specifically, it is designed to explore efforts to mitigate the trauma inherent in the populations served and the methods applied to create safety. Sadly, the current systems of care present far too many opportunities for everyone involved to experience trauma. The goal of this workshop is to enhance awareness of our part in navigating the trauma-saturated system for the good of those we serve.

Child Sexual Abuse Interviews - Why the Color of the Underwear Matters (Part 1)

Craig B. Smith

There is a harsh truth within law enforcement and child protection circles: few people are anxious to investigate Child Sexual Abuse cases. Most investigators feel ill at ease discussing sexual details with victims, witnesses, or suspects. These uncomfortable details, however, are often the foundation upon which an officer must build a case. The objective of this workshop is to provide investigators with interviewing strategies that can be used to elicit detailed information from both the child victim, and in intra-familial cases, from the non-offending parent. Gathering specific facts about the abuse, along with background information about the abuser, often leads to a successful interrogation of the suspect.

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In intra-familial cases of Child Sexual Abuse, the partner/spouse of the suspect is often an overlooked, but invaluable source of information. We will explore interview techniques that can be useful in obtaining information about the family relationships, values, motivations, fears, and sexual habits of the suspect.

Participants will then learn how to take the detailed information gleaned from both the child victim and the non-offending spouse and use it to develop effective strategies for a comprehensive interview of the suspect. At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will leave with a better understanding of the value of obtaining details during the interviews of victims, witnesses, and suspects.

Growing Recovery Capital: A Key Strategy to Support and Strengthen Recovery for Substance Use Disorder

Sharon Hesseltine

For staff working with families who struggle with substance use disorder, the return to use among those served can be both baffling and frustrating. We all know that helping to keep those we serve in recovery is key to children remaining with their parents. But just what are the factors that will help strengthen recovery? This session will introduce participants to Recovery Capital (RC) – the internal and external assets shown to move individuals with a substance use disorder closer to long-term sustained recovery. During this session, we will examine the specific elements of Recovery Capital, how to assess RC, and strategies to support its growth through integration in family service plans.

18 Homes (CASA - Not available virtually)

Chloe Harrison

Chloe Harrison will share how her personal history has shaped her profession in advocacy. Chloe will reflect on her own experiences in foster care and how a CASA volunteer could have made a difference.

Concurrent Sessions 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Stigma, Language, and Implicit Bias: Moving Toward Becoming a Stigma Free Provider

Sharon Hesseltine

In the United States, stigma around substance use disorder remains a significant barrier to seeking treatment, while also serving to undermine recovery efforts. With over 93,000 overdose deaths in 2020, the epidemic of addiction continues to have a greater impact than ever before. We can all make a difference by shifting our language, examining our biases, and working to reduce stigma. This session will build upon knowledge gained in previous sessions and challenge each of us to increase our personal awareness of stigma and how it impacts those we serve.

Best Practices for Writing Court Reports (CASA - Not available virtually)

Malenda Cree

Writing court reports is perhaps the most important function of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Our words matter, but only if and when we communicate appropriately through our court reports. Malenda will share proven tips of the trade, as well as pitfalls that often lead to court reports being objected to or left out.

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Concurrent Sessions 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Sexual Abuse: Myths and Facts

Rachel Clingenpeel

In this session, participants will discuss some of the common myths around child sexual abuse which can adversely affect children, including those related to abuser-victim dynamics, child behavior, medical findings, and outcomes. Participants will discuss examples of myths as well as factual information which can be shared with kids, caregivers, and community partners to correct the myths and improve support of children who may have been sexually abused.

Suicide Prevention in the Day of Distancing: How Youth Have Been Impacted and How We Can Help Them Adapt

Susie Reece

Suicide prevention and mental health are needed now more than ever, but how do we bridge the many alarming gaps that are left behind because of physical distancing? This presentation will cover general information concerning suicide, substance use, and mental health, as well as provide strategies and techniques for addressing awareness and concerns that have arisen in the time of COVID-19.

Overview of the New DCFS Safety Organized Practice (SOP) Model

Cassie Walker

This workshop provides an overview of safety organized principles, practices, and strategies that support a collaborative approach to child welfare casework. This approach is designed to help all those involved with the child to stay focused on assessing and enhancing daily child safety. SOP emphasizes developing good working relationships with families and other members of the child welfare team; thinking critically and making smart decisions in tough situations; and case planning for achievable behavior-based changes.

Concurrent Sessions 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Cycles of Addiction: The Hard Truth of Family History

Susie Reece

Participants will learn general associations between the brain and the effects of substances on how it functions. They will be introduced to a brief overview of various issues related to substance use. Participants will also examine genetic predispositions to the impacts of substances and how this can create generational cycles of addiction and trauma.

Participants will then dive into strategies geared toward having open, honest, and preventative conversations with youth that can better prepare them in regards to substances. Finally, participants will learn the importance of normalizing assertive problem-solving skills to help youth better navigate real world inevitabilities in both confident and self-sustaining ways.

Failure to Thrive and Malnutrition as Child Maltreatment

Rachel Clingenpeel

In this workshop, participants will discuss many different ways inadequate nutrition can manifest in the context of child maltreatment. Subjects covered will include medical definitions, assessment of nutritional status, risk factors and causes of poor nutrition, effects and outcomes, and other related diagnoses to look out for. Case examples will be provided throughout to illustrate the concepts discussed.

Human Trafficking: A Prosecutor's Perspective

Kristin Bryant and Allison Bragg

Participants will discuss the prosecution of a sex trafficking case from the beginning to the end. This workshop will cover ways service providers can help with the prosecution of sex trafficking cases, including report writing and warning signs.

SPEAKER INFORMATION

Bragg, Allison

Allison Bragg is an Assistant United States Attorney in Little Rock. She graduated *cum laude* from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and obtained her Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas School of Law. Allison earned her Master's in Agriculture Law and practiced in that field before becoming a federal prosecutor, where she has concentrated on child exploitation cases for the past nine years.

Bryant, Kristin

Kristin Bryant has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas for nine years. Kristin is the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator and Human Trafficking Coordinator for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Prior to working at the US Attorney's Office, Kristin served as a law clerk for the Honorable Billy Roy Wilson and the Honorable Joe J. Volpe.

Cates, Brant

Brant Cates, MS, LPC, graduated from the University of Arkansas with a BS in Psychology and Sociology and an MS in Rehabilitation Counseling. Cates has worked within the Division of Children and Family Services and the Division of County Operations. He worked and supervised services for various partial-day hospitalization facilities, providing services to preschoolers through adults with severe mental illness and developmental disabilities. Cates has been a therapist in Therapeutic Foster Care. He currently works for Oaks Counseling, LLC, and still has lots of involvement with children served by the child welfare system.

Clingenpeel, Rachel

Rachel Clingenpeel, MD, received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Biology with a certificate in Neuroscience from Duke University in 1998. She then completed a two-year post-baccalaureate research program at the National Institutes of Health before attending medical school at the University of Virginia, from which she graduated in 2004. She completed her pediatric residency training and chief residency at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. Clingenpeel joined the faculty at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in fall 2012.

Dr. Clingenpeel is pleased to be a part of the Center for Children at Risk at Arkansas Children's Hospital, where her duties include inpatient and outpatient evaluation of suspected child abuse and neglect, collaboration with the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas in child abuse evaluation, and education of other health care providers as well as community partners regarding all aspects of child abuse and neglect. Her particular interests include optimizing short- and long-term multidisciplinary treatment of traumatized children.

Cree, Malenda

Malenda Cree became the Executive Director of CASA for Children Texarkana in September of 2021. She first joined CASA as an Advocate Coordinator in 2004. Malenda took on the role of Program Director in 2006. Malenda is also a Trust Based Relational Intervention Practitioner through Texas Christian University. In addition to overseeing new volunteer training, continuing education efforts, and day to day operations for the organization for the past 15 years, she also trains partner agencies and community members in Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI). Malenda strongly believes in empowering the organizations team of staff and volunteers by working to coach them to success through training and support.

Malenda and her husband Shawn reside in Texarkana, Arkansas. They are now empty nesters, who enjoy hiking, kayaking, and traveling.

Farst, Karen

Karen Farst, MD, is a pediatrician with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), Department of Pediatrics, and Center for Children at Risk. She completed undergraduate and medical school at Texas Tech University and then completed residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at UAMS. After several years of private practice in Rogers, Arkansas, and work with the Benton County Children's Advocacy Center, Dr. Farst completed a fellowship in child abuse medicine at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and returned to UAMS in 2004. She now works both as a general pediatrician in the Emergency Department and child abuse pediatrician with the Team for Children at Risk at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Fuller, Ashleigh

Ashleigh Fuller holds a Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology. Ms. Fuller is currently employed with the FBI as a Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewer with the Victim Services Division, Child Victim Services Unit. Prior to joining the FBI, Ms. Fuller was a Forensic Interviewer for a Children's Advocacy Center in Louisiana. She has been conducting forensic interviews for seven years and has completed over 1,000 interviews with victims of abuse and neglect. Additionally, she provides consultation and training for FBI Agents, Assistant United States Attorneys, and other federal, state, and international law enforcement.

Groom, Xanthoula

Xanthoula Groom currently serves as a CASA Volunteer, Trainer, and Outreach Coordinator at Pulaski County CASA. She has worked with teens in multiple capacities, including as a biological parent, foster parent, adoptive parent, and CASA. Xanthoula is a native of Greece who has lived in Arkansas since 1991. She met her husband Bruce when he was in the military stationed in Greece. They have been married for 31 years and have four children and two grandchildren. Xanthoula is passionate about improving outcomes for children in the foster care community, teaching them to problem solve, and empowering them.

Harrison, Chloe

Chloe Harrison, who is known to her family as Sylvia, has been married to her husband, Frank, for seven years. They own L & T Renovations, LLC, a home renovation business named after their twins, Lorelia and Tinlee Mae.

Harrison is from Nashville, TN, but has lived in Marion, AR, for the past twelve years. She has been the volunteer coordinator for CASA of the AR Delta for the past five years, although she volunteered as the coordinator for a year prior.

Harrison's passion for helping children in care stems from the five years she was in foster care as a child. During her time in care, she never heard of CASA. She started there after hearing about its valuable work from a guest speaker at a Junior Auxiliary meeting. Harrison's involvement with CASA gives her the courage to use her own past experiences to help children in care. Finally, Harrison loves Jesus, her family, coffee, and all things old.

Hesseltine, Sharon

Sharon Hesseltine, BSW, is the Executive Director of Intentional Beginnings, a small non-profit providing consultation, facilitation, and training to strengthen services for pregnant and parenting families who have substance use disorders, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and trauma. Sharon received her Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Southern Illinois University in 1981, and in 2011 completed a 2-year post-graduate Certificate in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health from the University of Minnesota. For over 35 years, Sharon has worked in Public Health and specialized in early childhood development, women's health, substance use disorder, and recovery.

Her career has included providing direct services to women through managing two sober living residences and designing and facilitating statewide and local collaborative initiatives that call on her skills in public policy, strategic planning, cross sector collaboration, program assessment, and marketing. Sharon has served as a national trainer, Technology Transfer Specialist, Recovery Consultant, and facilitator for multiple organizations, including the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, the National Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network

(ATTC), and the Opioid Response Network. In 2018, Sharon took the lead in developing SUD-specific training for Peer Support Specialists and Supervisors for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This project has since been expanded to include Recovery Planning and to build statewide capacity through implementation of a Training of Trainers component. Sharon was recently named as the Chairperson of the Peer Led Steering Committee for the SAMHSA funded National Training & Technical Assistance Center of Excellence focusing on Peer Based Recovery Support Services.

Sharon is passionate about developing the capacity of communities, organizations, and individuals to better meet the needs of those with substance use disorders. With her husband Scott Hesselstine, she currently resides in Louisville, KY.

Imbeau, Anna

Anna Imbeau is the Deputy Counsel for County Legal Operations. Anna has been with the Department of Human Services, Office of Chief Counsel since 2010. Anna is a Child Welfare Law Specialist, certified by the National Association of Counsel for Children, and accredited by the American Bar Association. Anna holds a certificate in Child Advocacy Studies through the University of Arkansas School of Social Work.

Jones, Angie

Angie Jones has been with CASA for over seven years. She first served as a CASA Volunteer before transitioning to the role of Advocate Supervisor with Grand Prairie CASA. She joined Pulaski County CASA in early 2020 as the Program Coordinator. Angie was raised in Central Arkansas and has over ten years of experience working with children and families through the school system, church, and CASA. She and her husband Eric have three grown children and three granddaughters. She has been greatly moved through the years by the plight of teens in the foster care system and works diligently to ensure they have the tools to heal and succeed.

Livingston, Jennifer

Jennifer Livingston, APRN, is a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and part of the Team for Children at Risk at Arkansas Children's Hospital. She received her Master's degree from UAMS and joined the Team for Children at Risk in January 2018. She is trained as a Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and cares for children at both Arkansas Children's Hospital and the Children's Protection Center in Pulaski County. Prior to her career at UAMS, she worked for 15 years as an RN in pediatric hematology oncology. Her particular interest is caring for children who are in the foster care system.

Nesmith, Clare

Clare Campbell Nesmith, MD, practices as a pediatric hospitalist and is an associate professor in the College of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). She has been involved in the treatment of newborns 34 weeks' gestation and above for 20 years at the Arkansas Children's Hospital NICU and UAMS NICU. Nesmith participates actively in the education of pediatric fellows, residents, and medical students. She is on multiple education committees and has received the Dean's Education Incentive.

Nesmith received a UAMS Translational Research Institute Opioid and Pain Management Pilot Award in 2019 related to her interest in treatment of Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome. She works collaboratively with the UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute for the treatment of moms and babies exposed to opioids. Nesmith is the site principal investigator (PI) for the multisite Pragmatic, Randomized, Blinded Trial to Shorten Pharmacologic Treatment of Newborns with Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS), led by Duke University in association with the IDeA States Pediatric Clinical Trials Network. She is also sub-PI for a Phase II, Single-Stage, Single-Arm Investigation of Oral Valganciclovir Therapy in Infants with Asymptomatic Congenital Cytomegalovirus (PI, Jose Romero, M.D., UAMS).

Peltier, Phylip

Phyl Peltier began his law enforcement career at San Diego Police Department in 1974. He was promoted to the child abuse unit as an investigator in 1980. He began specializing in burn injuries in 1981. This resulted in his creation of the Immersion Burn Evidence worksheet, which can be found in numerous medical journals, textbooks, and personal publications. He finished his career as a District Attorney Investigator, where he served for 17 years. Phyl is a P.O.S.T. Master Instructor and currently designs, presents, and coordinates multiple courses. He has testified in multiple state and international jurisdictions. He continues, when requested, to investigate, consult, and assist in burn investigations locally and internationally.

Quinn, Jenna

Jenna Quinn has pioneered the national child sexual abuse prevention movement since 2004. She is also the author of *Pure In Heart*, a TED speaker, and the namesake of Jenna's Law. Passed unanimously in Texas in 2009, Jenna's Law was the first child sexual abuse prevention education mandate in the U.S. named after a survivor. It requires each school district to adopt and implement a prevention policy that educates students and teachers on how to prevent, recognize, and report child sexual abuse. Now, over half the country has adopted legislation reflecting the principles of Jenna's Law, including federal legislation called, "The Jenna Quinn Law."

With a Master's Degree in Communications, Jenna has reached international audiences, educating and sharing her inspiring story with legislatures, law enforcement, abuse prevention groups, schools, communities of faith, nonprofit organizations, and the general public. As a survivor who benefited from the services of a Children's Advocacy Center, Jenna has worked with over 100 advocacy centers and helped over 26 states to implement prevention policies. She is also featured in the "It's Not Just Jenna" documentary film that depicts her story of hope and is shown to groups all across the country.

Jenna is the founder of the Reveal to Heal International nonprofit and is the National Spokesperson for Child Help Speak Up Be Safe. She has participated in both local and international radio, television, and news programs, dedicating the past 17 years of her life to preventing abuse. She is a wife and a mother and lives with her family in the Dallas, Texas, area.

Reece, Susie

Susie Reynolds Reece is a seasoned suicide prevention strategist, speaker, and consultant. She is a published author with a robust collection of over ten training focused programs and two literary books. She is a national public speaker and an international mental health advocate. Reece is most sought after for her expertise in the area of suicide prevention.

Reece is the Founder and Executive Director of Suicide Prevention Allies, a nonprofit organization geared at preventing and educating around the issue of suicide. She is the Founder and CEO of Speak Fearlessly Always, a consulting and social issues awareness organization.

Reece is no stranger to the desperate need for suicide prevention, having dealt with major depression stemming from multiple traumas suffered during her early childhood. Reece shares her story of childhood trauma and losses to inspire others to speak openly about our most difficult human issues. Her next book, which follows her personal journey through suicide prevention and public speaking, is slated for release in 2021.

Smith, Craig B.

Craig Smith retired from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 2000, after a 27 year career. He spent seventeen of those years in plain clothes units dealing primarily with Child Abuse and Homicide investigations. In 2010, he returned to the RCMP and served a further six years as a Reserve Officer. Since retiring, Craig has given presentations to over 12,000 police officers, child protection workers, prosecutors, medical personnel, and other professionals on topics such as Child Sexual Abuse Investigations, Interviewing & Interrogation Techniques, Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma, and Adult Sexual Assault Investigations. He has spoken to

audiences throughout Canada, the United States, the Hague, Australia, India, Singapore, and the Philippines.

Craig is a co-author of the *Manual for the Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse (1988)*. He authored *Shaken Baby Syndrome – An Investigator's Manual (2010)*, and was a contributor to *Child Maltreatment – A Comprehensive Photographic Reference Identifying Potential Child Abuse, 3rd and 4th Editions (2005 & 2014)*. He completed the 2006 revision of the RCMP sponsored manual, *An Investigative Guide for Sexual Offences*. He also helped develop the RCMP Sexual Investigator's Course and was the facilitator for the first online, nationwide Sex Crimes course run by the RCMP (2008).

Craig received his Bachelor of General Studies degree from the University of the Fraser Valley in June 2010. He is a Certified Forensic Child Interviewer (CFCI) and has conducted approximately 1,000 interviews of child and adult sexual assault victims.

Walker, Cassie

Cassie Walker is the Safety Organized Practice Model Implementation Program Manager, Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Human Services. Before assuming this role, Cassie was a CPS specialist for a year after beginning her career with DCFS as a caseworker in 2016. She graduated from Harding University in 2016 with a Bachelor's in Psychology.

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