

Schedule of Events

Friday, November 7, 2008
The Radisson Plaza- Warwick Hotel
1701 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

8:00 - 10:00 AM Registration

8:45 - 9:45 AM Continental Breakfast

**Keynote Address: "What if I Tell?
My Mission to Stop Child Sexual Abuse"**
Presented by: Gina McCabe

9:45 - 10:00 AM BREAK

10:00 - 11:45 AM Session One

Workshop #1 "Child Sexual Abuse and Latino Families"
Presented by: Lisa Aronson Fontes, Ph.D.

Workshop #2 "Effective Interventions with Individuals
with Disabilities"
Presented by: Annie Steinberg, M.D.

Workshop #3 "Memory and Suggestibility: Defending
the Investigative Interview"
Presented by: Tom Harbinson, Esquire

11:45 - 1:15 PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:15 - 2:45 PM Session Two

Workshop #4 "Interviewing Diverse Children and
Families About Maltreatment"
Presented by: Lisa Aronson Fontes, Ph.D.

Workshop #5 "Preparing for and Testifying in Court:
How to be a Good Witness"
Presented by: Deborah Harley Tierney, Esquire
and Christopher Mallios, Esquire

Workshop #6 "Assessing Allegations of Abuse in Child
Custody Cases"
Presented by: Tom Harbinson, Esquire

2:45 - 3:00 PM BREAK

3:00 - 4:45 PM Session Three

Workshop #7 "Medical Aspects of Child Abuse"
Presented by: Laura Brennan, M.D.

Workshop #8 "Adolescent Sexual Offenders"
Presented by: Tom Haworth, Ph.D.

Workshop #9 "Childhood Sexuality: What's Normal
and When to be Concerned"
Presented by: Gloria Gay, L.S.W.

4:45 - 5:00 PM CLOSING

Distinguished Presenters

Laura Brennan, M.D.

Attending Physician,
Safe Place: The Center for Child Protection
and Health - Children's Hospital of
Philadelphia

Lisa Aronson Fontes, Ph.D.

Author and Professor,
Union Institute and University

Gloria Gay, L.S.W.

Associate Director,
Penn Women's Center,
University of Pennsylvania

Tom Harbinson, Esquire

Senior Attorney,
The National Child Protection
Training Center

Deborah Harley Tierney, Esquire

Chief Assistant District Attorney,
Family Violence and Sexual Assault
Unit, City of Philadelphia District
Attorney's Office

Thomas Haworth, Ph.D.

Director, Child and Adolescent Programs,
Joseph J. Peters Institute

Christopher Mallios, Esquire

Assistant Chief, Legislative Unit,
City of Philadelphia District Attorney's
Office

Gina McCabe

Author and Speaker,
Winding Road Books

Annie Steinberg, M.D.

Associate Professor, Department of
Psychiatry and Pediatrics, University of
Pennsylvania School of Medicine

About Us

The Philadelphia Children's Alliance, an independent non-profit organization, promotes healing and justice for child abuse victims in Philadelphia by conducting state-of-the-art forensic interviews, providing victim support services and collaborating with other agencies to facilitate an integrated response. Philadelphia Children's Alliance creates a better way for small voices to be heard.



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The Philadelphia Children's Alliance and the
Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center present

A Team Approach To Child Abuse Intervention

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Friday, November 7, 2008 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Registration

Please complete one form for each participant. Please print or type and mail in or fax to 215.387.9513.

Name: _____

Agency : _____

Address : _____

City / State / Zip : _____

Phone : _____ Fax : _____

E-mail : _____

Workshops

Please choose the workshop you would like to attend during each session.

Session 1 (select one)

- #1 - "Child Sexual Abuse and Latino Families"
 #2 - "Effective Interventions with Individuals with Disabilities"
 #3 - "Memory and Suggestibility: Defending the Investigative Interview"

Session 2 (select one)

- #4 - "Interviewing Diverse Children and Families about Maltreatment"
 #5 - "Preparing for and Testifying in Court: How to be a Good Witness"
 #6 - "Assessing Allegations of Abuse in Child Custody Cases"

Session 3 (select one)

- #7 - "Medical Aspects of Child Abuse"
 #8 - "Adolescent Sexual Offenders"
 #9 - "Childhood Sexuality: What's Normal and When to be Concerned"

Registration Fee: \$60.00. Payment is non-refundable. Registration includes continental breakfast and afternoon break snacks. Lunch on own. Return registration form with a check made payable to Philadelphia Children's Alliance by October 24, 2008:

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4000 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19104

If you require additional information, please call 215.387.9500.

Description of Workshops

Keynote Address – "What if I Tell: My Mission to Stop Child Sexual Abuse"

Gina McCabe tells her true story of how she realized that the sexual abuse she suffered during her childhood has shaped her whole life... her choices, behavior, thinking and feelings. After thirty years of fear, shame, and silence, she finds the courage to tackle a lifelong question: What if I tell?

Workshop #1 - "Child Sexual Abuse and Latino Families"

In this workshop participants will learn about some of the cultural and systemic issues that affect how Latino families respond to sexual child abuse, and to our interventions around it.

Workshop #2- "Effective Interventions with Individuals with Disabilities"

Participants will learn about the characteristics of a variety of different disabilities and how to effectively communicate and provide services for members of these vulnerable populations, especially when abuse is suspected.

Workshop #3 – "Memory and Suggestibility: Defending the Investigative Interview"

In this workshop participants will receive an overview of the research attorneys often use to discredit investigative interviews and learn concrete responses for responding to these attacks.

Workshop #4 - "Interviewing Diverse Children and Families About Maltreatment"

This session will teach participants ways to question diverse children and their families about suspected child maltreatment, while minimizing cultural misunderstandings. Examples will be drawn from a variety of immigrant and ethnic minority groups.

Workshop #5 - "Preparing for and Testifying in Court: How to Be a Good Witness"

Through case examples and role play with experienced prosecutors, child welfare professionals will learn tips and techniques for testifying effectively in court.

Workshop #6 - "Assessing Allegations of Abuse in Child Custody Cases"

Allegations of child abuse that are made in the midst of a dispute over custody often raise questions and concerns from investigators and child welfare professionals about the validity of the allegations. Learn how to more thoroughly assess these situations and improve decision-making for moving forward.

Workshop #7 - "Medical Aspects of Child Abuse"

This session will help participants to understand the medical aspects of both sexual and physical abuse, including clinical indicators of abuse and medical problems that may be confused with abuse.

Workshop #8 - "Adolescent Sexual Offenders"

In this workshop, participants will learn more about the special characteristics of adolescent sexual offenders and how they are similar and different from adult offenders. Information will also be provided to address misconceptions about this population and treatment methods for successful intervention.

Workshop #9 – "Childhood Sexuality: What's Normal and When to be Concerned"

Sexual development and expression in childhood is normal, so how do parents and professionals know when children's behaviors are natural and healthy and when they are problematic and may indicate abuse? Learn more about child sexual behaviors at various stages to help make this distinction.

Target Audience

This conference is geared toward law enforcement officers, attorneys, medical and child welfare professionals, therapists, social workers, educators, advocates and members of the general public committed to developing, maintaining and growing collaborative partnerships in a community response to child abuse.

Conference Objectives

At the completion of this program, the participant will have a greater understanding of the dynamics and impact of child abuse and ways to recognize, investigate, treat, and prevent violence against children. The participant will also have increased knowledge regarding the benefits of a team approach to investigating and treating victims of child abuse.

Continuing Education

Six (6.0) hours of social work continuing education (CEU's) have been approved through the Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors. Six (6.0) credits of CLE certification are pending via the Pennsylvania CLE Board. CEU and CLE documentation will be provided via certificate of attendance.

Accommodations and Parking

For out of town guests, rooms may be available at The Radisson Plaza—Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. Participants should contact the hotel directly at (215) 790-7766 or (888) 201-1718 to reserve a room. The conference registration fee does not include parking. Parking at your own cost is available at lots and garages near the Radisson Plaza—Warwick Hotel at 17th and Locust Streets.