

HOTEL INFORMATION

Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina

To make reservations for lodging or for additional information about this hotel, please go to <http://www.francismarionhotel.com/>.

The Francis Marion Hotel is located in the heart of historic Charleston, South Carolina. Named for General Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox" of the American Revolution, the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston re-opened in 1996 after a \$12 million National Trust award-winning restoration, and is once again Charleston's Grand Hotel. The Historic Downtown District has stood throughout Charleston's history as the cultural capital of the South and is considered by many to be a living museum, with a wonderful variety of things to do and see. In this beautifully preserved city you can experience tours through historic landmarks, including 18th century homes and plantations, the Battery, museums, churches and the city market. See www.charleston.com for more information about the Charleston area.

RESERVATIONS

Participants are responsible for making and paying for their own travel and lodging arrangements. A group room rate of \$141 per night (or the prevailing federal per diem in effect at the time of the conference) is in effect for the conference. Call 877.756.2121 before **April 7, 2010**, and let hotel reservations know you are part of the Equal Justice Conference. For assistance with travel, including airfare and car rental, call Hamilton Xpress Travel at 708.372.3780.

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For more information or to register online, go to www.ndaa.org, choose child abuse training from the menu at the right, and then click on the registration link for this training.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Registration cut-off date is April 7, 2010.

Full Name _____

Preferred Name _____

Job Title _____

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Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Physical Address (if different from mailing address) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

(Course information will be sent via e-mail.)

Are you registered as a team? _____

Number of people in team: _____

List names of team members: _____

Emergency Contact Information: _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

- Multidisciplinary Teams (3 or more applications received together) \$200 per person
- Individuals \$250 per person

Payment Method: Check enclosed (payable to NDAA) Include all team member names and NCPA Equal Justice in the Subject Line.

Credit Card (VISA or MasterCard)

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Please Mail or Fax completed forms to:

Equal Justice for Children
Attn: Project Coordinator
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A very limited number of scholarships covering the registration fee are available. Please contact Rob Giles at rgiles@ndaa.org.

Thank you for your registration.



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Equal Justice is a five-day course designed specifically to meet the needs of frontline child abuse professionals: prosecutors, investigators, forensic interviewers, social service and child protection workers, child advocacy center staff, medical and mental health professionals, emergency response personnel, and victim/witness advocates.

Professional topics to be addressed at this conference include: a multidisciplinary response to the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect cases, medical aspects of child abuse, forensic interviewing, technology-facilitated crimes against children, forensics, pre-trial and trial tactics, emerging issues in technology, and methamphetamine and drug endangered children, cultural competency and victims of human trafficking.

Conference participants will be taught by and have the opportunity to interact with many of the nation's foremost child abuse experts.

AGENDA OVERVIEW

EQUAL JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN: INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CHILD ABUSE

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST, MONDAY 7:15 A.M.

MONDAY

Welcome

Keynote: Scott Burns, Executive Director, National District Attorneys Association

Plenary Sessions (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning)
See the following pages of this brochure for descriptions of plenary sessions.

TUESDAY

Plenary Sessions

WEDNESDAY (Specialized Tracks)

Track 1: Trial and Prosecution Strategies
Track 2: Responding to Child Victims and Families
Track 3: Investigation

THURSDAY (Specialized Tracks a.m.)

Track 1: Prosecution and the Forensic Interview
Track 2: Culturally Diverse Children
Track 3: Investigation, Crime Scenes and DNA

Plenary Sessions in the afternoon

FRIDAY

Plenary Sessions

Endnote: Unto the Third Generation: A Call to End Child Abuse Within 120 Years.
Victor Vieth, Director, National Child Protection Training Center, National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children, Winona, MN

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS, FRIDAY NOON

Course Agenda available at: www.ndaa.org, choose child abuse from menu at right, then click on Agenda for this course.

P L E N A R Y S E S S I O N S I N C L U D E :

Keynote: What You Do Does Matter!

Each professional involved in the fight against child abuse does make a difference with each case that they handle, each child that they provide services to, and each child they remove from an abusive environment and with each prosecution that holds the abuser responsible for violating our most precious resource. Yet, the work can be frustrating, overwhelming and depressing. In this motivational talk the history of the fight against child abuse will be detailed, the steps that NCPA and others are taking to address these challenges and a call for continued teamwork and leadership will be proposed.

Dynamics of Child Victimization

This session will cover the short and long term effects of abuse on children, how it impacts their normal development and what professionals can do to intervene on the child's behalf.

Medical Evidence of Child Maltreatment

This session will provide a basic overview of the medical knowledge necessary to understand neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and abusive head trauma cases as well as addressing new concerns and issues in the field.

Linguistics and Interviewing Children

This session will cover the normal development of children from birth through age eighteen in language and thought processes and identify the capabilities of children at various developmental stages to understand and utilize language when disclosing abuse.

Investigating Child Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse and Neglect Cases

This session will discuss the link between a successful prosecution and a thorough investigation of all physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect claims and address special trial tactics for prosecuting challenging, limited evidence, child abuse cases. This session will also examine how to locate and preserve the crime scene, what to look for at the crime scene and how to collect evidence at the crime scene.

Juvenile Sex Offenders

When the sex offender is himself or herself a child, the system and society have difficulty sorting out the complex issues involved. Due to these complexities and the fluid ever changing nature of the juvenile justice system, there is usually a lack of consensus on how to adequately handle juvenile sex offenders. As a result, police and prosecutors have difficulty deciding how to appropriately investigate and prosecute these offenders. Investigation and legal issues particular to juvenile offenders will be addressed in this workshop. Prosecutorial and investigative tactics will be offered that reflect the unique nature of juvenile sex offending.

Emerging Issues in Technology

This session looks at the current trends in technology and how these are being used to abuse children. Issues with "sexting," P2P cases and smart phone technology will be discussed.

Children Lie, Don't They? Developmental Influences on Lying and Deception in Children

This session will provide an overview of research in the field of children's memory and suggestibility and address how to defend the forensic interview against suggestibility attacks.

Technology-Facilitated Crimes Against Children

This session will assess the multidisciplinary team investigation into crimes that use technology to abuse children.

This is a tentative listing of sessions to be offered. Some sessions may change based on the availability of speakers.

Methamphetamine and Drug Endangered Children

The proliferation of methamphetamine use and labs has created a new danger for our children. This session will discuss the investigation and prosecution of cases where meth is involved and how to best protect the children found in that environment.

Defending the Investigative Interview: Tips for Direct of an Interviewer

This session will address how to effectively defend the forensic interview and how to cross examine defense experts challenging that interview.

Vicarious Trauma

This session will address how to stay fresh in your job, reduce stress, and prevent burnout.

Endnote: Unto the Third Generation: A Call to End Child Abuse Within 120 Years

In this moving, hopeful address, students will learn the five obstacles that prevent us from ending child abuse and will learn of sweeping changes now taking place in our child protection system that will enable us to significantly reduce and perhaps eliminate child abuse over the course of the next three generations. The endnote is based on a scholarly work that was published in the Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma and in the Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy, Fall 2006.