

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY • SEPT. 30TH - OCT. 2ND 2024



New York State Children's Alliance 2024 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

EMPOWERING PROFESSIONALS TO RESPOND
TO CHILD ABUSE



Welcoming:

Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, CSEC & Victim Advocates,
Child Protective/Child Welfare Personnel, Probation Officers, Medical Providers,
Mental Health Professionals, School Personnel, Community Outreach & Education Staff,
and others working with children

AT-A-GLANCE

NEW THIS YEAR!

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR:

MON., SEPT. 30TH
3:30pm-5:00pm

DAY ONE:

OCT. 1st

8:00-8:30
Breakfast &
Registration

8:30-8:45
Welcome

8:45-9:45
Keynote

9:45-10:00
Break/Move to Rooms

10:00-11:15
Session 1

11:15-11:30
Break/Move to Rooms

11:30-12:45
Session 2

12:45-1:45
LUNCH

1:45-3:00
Session 3

3:00-3:15
Break/Move to Rooms

3:15-4:30
Session 4

5:00pm
Networking Reception

DAY TWO:

OCT. 2ND

8:00-8:45
Breakfast & Awards

8:45-9:00
Break/Move to Rooms

9:00-10:15
Session 1

10:15-10:30
Break/Move to Room

10:30-12:30
Closing Presentation
& Raffles

REGISTRATION

The purpose of this Conference is to develop and enhance professional skills in prevention, recognition, assessment, and treatment of all forms of maltreatment.

EARLY BIRD COST: \$140 per person before August 9th

REGISTER BY: [REGISTER HERE](#) or Scan Code

QUESTIONS? troth@nyschildrensalliance.org



PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR: Sept. 30 / 3:30-5pm

A Case Study of the Abduction at Moreau State Park

PRESENTED BY: Jennifer Buckley-Assistant District Attorney, Bureau Chief, Special Victims Unit, Matthew Britten-Senior Investigator, NYS Police & Nicole Iwaniec- victim advocate, Harriet M. West CAC

Join us for an engaging pre-conference workshop Monday afternoon as we explore the real-life kidnapping case that took place in October of 2023 in Saratoga Springs, NY. Listen to an analysis of the case that contributed to the successful recovery of the child.

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE: 8:45am-9:45am



From Stuck to Empowered: Maintaining Momentum through Trying Times

Cody Byrns is an internationally recognized speaker and a number one best-selling author. In May of 2013, Cody's life was drastically changed. While stopped at a red light on the highway, Cody was rear-ended by a box-truck that failed to stop. As a result, he was considered dead until first responders saw his hand move.

He received many injuries that day, including severe burns to almost 40% of his body. After years of countless surgeries and rehabilitation, Cody has chosen to not allow his scars to keep him bound in bitterness and defeat. Instead, he uses his story to uplift others.

DAY ONE:

**TUESDAY
OCT. 1**

WORKSHOP SESSION 1: 10:00am-11:15am

1A Developing Digital Safety, Empathy and Mindfulness

PRESENTED BY: Richard Guerry, founder of the Institute for Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication (IROC2.org)

1B Respectful Engagement: Strategies for Working with Tribal Nations

PRESENTED BY: Tim Boehlert, Oneida Nation Police Department

1C Righting the Ship: Taking a Rural CAC from Sinking to Thriving

PRESENTED BY: Amy Lingerfelt, Director of A Caring Place Child Advocacy Center

1D Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC): Looking Inside the Box-Part 1

PRESENTED BY: Tammy Sneed, Director of Connecticut's Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team (HART) for the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Office of Human Trafficking Services

WORKSHOP SESSION 2: 11:30am-12:45pm

2A Noah's Law: Addressing Physical Abuse and Child Torture in New York State

PRESENTED BY: Shelley Hitzel, Executive Director, Child Advocacy Center of Niagara and Captain Tracy Steen, Niagara Falls Police Department

2B The Importance of a Medical Exam

PRESENTED BY: Nancy Harris, Acting Medical Manager, Regional CAC Program

2C Updated Accreditation Standards for CACs: What We've Learned in the First Year

PRESENTED BY: Alyssa Todd, Accreditation Coordinator, National Children's Alliance

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WORKSHOP SESSION 3: 1:45pm-3:00pm

3A Leveraging AI for Enhanced Operations and Outreach in CACs

PRESENTED BY: Myia Hill, Communications Manager, NRCAC & Patty Mullin, Director of Communications, NYSCA

3B How MDTs Can Better Serve Plain Clothes Communities

PRESENTED BY: Hope Anne Dueck, Director of ABetterWay

3C Trauma-focused Treatment with Children & Their Non-Offending Caregivers

PRESENTED BY: Dominique Altamari, LCSW, Therapist, The New York Center for Children & Rebecca Jacobs, LMSW, Bilingual Therapist, The New York Center for Children.

3D New Rape is Rape Bill: One Month In

PRESENTED BY: Joe Muroff, Executive Chief, Special Victims' Division, Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County

WORKSHOP SESSION 4: 3:15pm-4:30pm

4A Strategies for Interviewing a Reluctant Child Witness

PRESENTED BY: Kim Madden, MEd, LCMHC, Child Forensic Interview Specialist and Trainer, National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC)

4B Collide: Finding Where the Role of the Forensic Interviewer and the Family Advocate Meet & A Trauma Informed Guide to Support Victims & Families

PRESENTED BY: Jane Straub, Director of Training, CornerHouse

4C Wellness: A Multi-Dimensional Approach

PRESENTED BY: Chris Streno, retired Captain of the Town of Vestal Police Department

4D Bridging the Communication Gap: Effective Strategies for Engaging with Limited and Non-Speaking Individuals

PRESENTED BY: Olivia Harrison

DAY TWO:
WEDNESDAY
OCT. 2

BREAKFAST & AWARDS: 8:00am-8:45am

WORKSHOP SESSION 1: 9:00am-10:15am

1A Serving Neurodivergent Children in the Rural CAC

PRESENTED BY: Amy Lingerfelt, Director of A Caring Place Child Advocacy Center

1B Data Insights for Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: An Analysis of Calls to the WhatsOk Helpline from Youth with Questions about their Sexual Interests & Behaviors

PRESENTED BY: Jenny Coleman, Director of Stop It Now! and Csenge Bodi, Research Project Manager, WhatsOk

1C Prevention Cannot Succeed Without Parents

PRESENTED BY: Adrienne Simeone Founder/Director of the Mama Bear Effect

1D Arrests Don't Always Occur: Victim-Centered Principles when Conducting a Criminal Investigation

PRESENTED BY: Matthew Strenger, Owner & Lead Instructor at Stegner Consulting & Training LLC

CLOSING PRESENTATION/RAFFLES: 10:30am-12:30pm

Case Study: "Missing to Murdered"

PRESENTED BY: John Witherspoon, Defend our Children

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Chair Yoga: take some time to relax with various sessions throughout Tuesday

Saratoga Networking Reception: *New this year at the Holiday Inn*, Tuesday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Award Presentations: Wednesday, 8:30am-8:45am

Raffle Prizes: Wednesday following the Closing Presentation

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE: available for all attendees

CONFERENCE CEUs: CEU credits will be offered by The New York Foundling and are available for Mental Health Counseling, Social Work, and Psychology. Check in for CEUs will be at the registration table.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Hotel Address: Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs 232 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Please follow the link [HERE](#) to book in the NYSICA room block at the Holiday Inn.

Once on the Holiday Inn home page, scroll down to dates of travel: check-in Tuesday,

October 1st and check-out Wednesday, October 2nd. Then, press the green search button

and you will find the room rates. Rooms available on a first come first serve basis.

If you have any questions, please contact us at nysca@nysca.org.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

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