

MINCA 2017 CAC/MDT Professional Development Conference

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APRIL 23 • SUNDAY

2:00pm – 4:30pm **A Early Conference Check-In** Registration/Exhibitor Area
Avoid the Monday morning check-in rush. Check-in for the conference and pick up your conference packet early on Sunday afternoon.

2:30pm – 4:30pm **M MINCA Board of Directors Meeting** Directors Ballroom
A regular board meeting for the Michigan Chapter of the National Children's Alliance. Listed time is approximate.

5:00pm – 11:30pm **A 7th Annual CAC/MDT Conference Opening Reception** Level 17 Ballroom
Join us in the Grand Traverse Resort reception room for a fun and informal kick-off to the annual CAC/MDT professional development conference. Gather with old friends, greet new people, meet those voices from phone calls, and speak to other CAC/MDT members from across Michigan. Take advantage of this opportunity to network and form relationships with MINCA staff, volunteers, board members, and CAC leaders from Michigan and the Midwest region. There will be door prizes, such as Kindle Fire HD tablets and gift baskets, but you must be present to win.

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APRIL 24 • MONDAY

7:30am – 8:30am	A Conference Check-In & Continental Breakfast	Registration/Exhibitor Area
	Check-in for the conference, pick up your conference packet, and enjoy a continental breakfast before your day begins. This is a great time to network with your peers and visit exhibitors.	
8:30am – 8:45am	A Welcome & Opening Announcements	Michigan Ballroom
	<i>Speakers: Tom Knapp</i> Join us before Monday's plenary session for opening announcements and important conference logistics information. We will also review CAC movement's accomplishments and milestones from across Michigan over the past year.	
8:45am – 10:15am	P A Voice for the Voiceless	Michigan Ballroom
	<i>Speakers: Erin Merryn</i> Erin Merryn shares her story of overcoming sexual abuse as a child - from the secrets she kept to breaking her silence. Erin shares how a Children's Advocacy Center played a key role in her healing and how she reclaimed her voice. After finding her voice, Erin traveled down a dark road of nightmares, flashbacks, and finally finding the answer to heal her life and become a voice for the voiceless.	
10:30am – 12:00pm	I Session 1D: Strategies for Effective Offender Based Investigations	Peninsula Ballroom
	<i>Speakers: Jim Twardesky</i> No two child abuse cases are exactly alike and different offenders use different methods to perpetrate their abuse. Focusing on the Offenders Behavior can help you to develop a profile for the offender which will guide your investigation towards evidence that corroborates the child's disclosure. We will look at how to develop an offender profile and use it to better investigate the child abuser.	
10:30am – 12:00pm	O Session 1A: Leveraging Your MDT for Serious Physical Abuse Cases	Council Room
	<i>Speakers: Dr. Sarah Brown</i> The MDT approach has been highly successful in delivering victim-centered services and improved outcomes after child sexual abuse. Learn how this model can be leveraged to increase investigative quality after serious child physical abuse. We will analyze cases where MDT collaboration lead to confessions and successful case outcomes for victims.	
10:30am – 12:00pm	O Session 1B: Erin's Law	Michigan Ballroom
	<i>Speakers: Erin Merryn</i> Growing up, Erin learned tornado, bus, and fire drills, DARE, and "stranger danger" was taught every year, but one thing Erin never got was personal body safety. Erin describes how the only education she got was from her abusers and that was to keep it a secret. Erin explains her mission to give children the voice she never had through personal body safety taught in public schools. In 2010, she went on a crusade to get Erin's Law passed in all 50 states. She describes the law, what it will do, the process of getting it passed, success stories, and where Michigan stands with the law. Erin will give audience tools on how to make Erin's Law successful in Michigan to protect children from abuse.	
10:30am – 12:00pm	V Session 1C: Engagement, Assessment, & Treatment Planning	Mackinac Ballroom
	<i>Speakers: Liana Lowenstein</i> This workshop will outline an innovative model for assessing children and families. Creative engagement and assessment activities will be presented. Participants will learn how to translate assessment information into a treatment plan, and guidelines for report writing will be discussed. Participants will receive a packet of assessment activities that they can use immediately in their practice.	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	A Lunch & Exhibitor Visit Time	Tower Ballroom
	Lunch will be provided for conference attendees. This is also a good time to visit the exhibitors and network with other attendees.	

1:00pm – 2:30pm	C Session 2E: Prevention Education: A Closer Look	Council Room
	<p><i>Speakers: Tanya Muehlbauer</i></p> <p>Prevention education into schools is an area of consideration or growth for many CACs. We will look at developing a strategic plan and maximizing existing resources. This presentation will cover components such as building a school file, collecting feedback and follow up. Stepping into the classroom; top five challenges you are likely to experience, classroom management tips and insight. We will close this session with the seven pearls of prevention education followed by questions.</p>	
1:00pm – 2:30pm	I Session 2H: Facilitated Peer Review (Part 1)	Peninsula Ballroom
	<p><i>Speakers: Andra Chamberlain</i></p> <p>**This session is intended for those attendees that will also attend Part 2**</p> <p>Research demonstrates and practitioners agree that forensic interviewers “continue to maintain or improve their skills only when they regularly review their own and other’s interviews closely, discussing their strategies, successes, and mistakes with other interviewers” (Lamb, 2009). This formalized peer review process will provide participants the opportunity to observe recorded forensic interviews of children and engage in critique and discussion of interviewer techniques, as well as examine current research and literature related to the field of forensic interviewing.</p>	
1:00pm – 2:30pm	O Session 2F: Overcoming Obstacles on the MDT	Michigan Ballroom
	<p><i>Speakers: Jeff Bishop</i></p> <p>This workshop will involve key MDT members that worked together on a complex case involving 3 suspects and 1 child victim who was physically and sexually abused multiple times. We will discuss as a team how to overcome obstacles within the MDT.</p>	
1:00pm – 2:30pm	V Session 2G: Creative TF-CBT Techniques for Traumatized Children (Part 1)	Mackinac Ballroom
	<p><i>Speakers: Liana Lowenstein</i></p> <p>**This session is intended for those attendees that will also attend Part 2**</p> <p>Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) is an empirically-supported psychotherapy model for treating traumatized children and adolescents. The effectiveness of the approach is enhanced by integrating creative, developmentally appropriate interventions so children will engage in treatment. TF-CBT is a components-based approach. The treatment components are: Psychoeducation, Relaxation, Affective modulation, Cognitive processing, Trauma narrative, In vivo mastery, Conjoint child-parent sessions, and Enhancing safety. Creative therapeutic techniques will be presented for each of the eight treatment components. Therapeutic games, art, stories, and other engaging activities will be presented for use with traumatized children and youth. Workshop participants will come away with many new and innovative techniques and strategies to add to their existing repertoire.</p>	
2:30pm – 3:00pm	A Afternoon Break & Exhibitor Visit Time	Registration/Exhibitor Area
	<p>Snacks will be provided for the afternoon break. This is a great time to visit with the exhibitors and network with your peers.</p>	
3:00pm – 4:30pm	I Session 3H: Facilitated Peer Review (Part 2)	Peninsula Ballroom
	<p><i>Speakers: Andra Chamberlain</i></p> <p>**This session is intended for those attendees that also attended Part 1**</p> <p>Research demonstrates and practitioners agree that forensic interviewers “continue to maintain or improve their skills only when they regularly review their own and other’s interviews closely, discussing their strategies, successes, and mistakes with other interviewers” (Lamb, 2009). This formalized peer review process will provide participants the opportunity to observe recorded forensic interviews of children and engage in critique and discussion of interviewer techniques, as well as examine current research and literature related to the field of forensic interviewing.</p>	

3:00pm – 4:30pm **I Session 3J: What Else Could It Be?** Michigan Ballroom
Speakers: Dr. Sarah Brown
You are called about a child who "doesn't look right down there." There is suspicion of sexual abuse, but what else could it be? We will review photos and videos of unusual anatomy, skin conditions, infections, and accidental injuries that are not suspicious for abuse. Investigators, CAC staff who do triage/intake, and medical professionals are all encouraged to attend.

3:00pm – 4:30pm **O Session 3I: Innovative Approaches to Reaching Rural Communities** Council Room
Speakers: Bethany Law
This breakout will help those in rural, underserved counties, discuss and evaluate options for the provision of Child Advocacy Center and multidisciplinary team programming and services for their communities. It draws from the experience of operational mobile initiatives that utilize this innovative approach and provides practical, real-life solutions and options to those in communities which may benefit from alternative solutions to the traditional multidisciplinary team response to child abuse investigations.

3:00pm – 4:30pm **V Session 3G: Creative TF-CBT Techniques for Traumatized Children (Part 2)** Mackinac Ballroom
Speakers: Liana Lowenstein
This session is intended for those attendees that also attended Part 1

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APRIL 25 • TUESDAY

7:30am – 8:15am **A Conference Check-In & Continental Breakfast** Registration/Exhibitor Area
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8:15am – 9:45am **P Superhero Recharge** Michigan Ballroom
Speakers: Jim Holler
Chief Holler will have your multidisciplinary team laughing hysterically with this highly funny yet emotional keynote that is designed to touch the heart of each person within the team. He will challenge them to work as a team, putting aside personal feelings, attitudes and any inhibitions team members may have, in order to conduct better abuse investigations. Audiences will leave this rousing keynote pumped up and ecstatic about making a profound difference at every level in the multidisciplinary team.

10:00am – 11:30am **I Session 4L: Understanding & Investigating Child Burn Injuries** Michigan Ballroom
Speakers: Jim Holler
Infants and toddlers are most likely to be burned intentionally. Child abuse burn victims are typically under the age of 10 with the majority of them being under the age of 2. Immediate identification of intentional burn victims by those individuals first responding to the call for assistance is crucial because most of the victims are unable to speak for themselves. This workshop will provide law enforcement officers and CPS workers with information that will assist them in distinguishing the difference between intentional and accidental burns. It will also assist the investigator by providing methods that can be used in recreating the incident to help prove or disprove the caregiver's statements as to how the burns were sustained.

10:00am – 11:30am **I Session 4N: It's About Time: Children's Memory & Abilities** Peninsula Ballroom
Speakers: Andra Chamberlain
Practice and research suggests that eliciting information from a child victim or witness concerning time is especially difficult. Investigators and prosecutors often want to determine the dates when incidents occurred, the number of times events were repeated, or the sequence of differing events. Forensic interviews are often

derailed as interviewers attempt to balance the needs of multidisciplinary team members with the temporal abilities of a child.

This training will present findings from the research, as well as address the implications for children and others involved in an investigation, forensic interview, or prosecution. Practical recommendations and interview strategies for gathering temporal information will be discussed.

10:00am – 11:30am **O Session 4M: Team Zero: Engaging Communities for Safe & Healthy Children** Council Room

Speakers: Hannah Rodriguez

Team Zero is an ever-growing collective of individuals and organizations committed to bringing the rate of child sexual abuse in our region to...ZERO. Team Zero is a program of the Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center and is designed to be the movement through which members from all sectors of the community can engage and take action toward creating a safe and healthy region for children.

10:00am – 11:30am **V Session 4K: Engaging Resistant Caregivers** Mackinac Ballroom

Speakers: Cindy Bridgman

When helping children, it is helpful (at least) and necessary (at best) to develop a working relationship with their caregivers. In this session insights and tips on understanding resistance, assessing for safety, as well as building relationships with those identified as resistant will be provided.

11:30am – 12:30pm **A Lunch & Exhibitor Visit Time** Tower Ballroom

Enjoy the provided lunch and network with other conference attendees. There is also time to visit the exhibitors.

12:30pm – 2:00pm **P Building the Plane as it Flies** Michigan Ballroom

Speakers: Nancy Chandler

After more than thirty years of Children's Advocacy Center development, much has been accomplished in the movement to protect children and to hold offenders accountable. New workers come into child protection from many different professions, ready and willing to partner with others to do the best for children at risk for abuse. It is also incumbent upon us, however, to also remember how the movement has grown so far and so fast. A good knowledge of our past helps us to ensure that we do not fall back into old patterns of behavior, rather that we continue a future that is bright for children and for our teams. In this plenary session, information will be delivered about the earliest beginning of the CAC movement, how we learned as we grew, perfecting the process of the development and support for children and for our Children's Advocacy Centers.

2:15pm – 3:45pm **C Session 5P: Leadership Skills for Nonprofit Managers** Michigan Ballroom

Speakers: Nancy Chandler

One of the most difficult aspects of working within a multidisciplinary environment is that the lines of leadership and reporting authority are almost always of the dotted line variety. Key questions for CAC directors and their counterparts are 1) how do we lead people over whom we have no authority, and 2) how do we engage others to work together in a mutually beneficial and respectful way 3) How do we create a work environment where both "boomers and millennial s" can find fulfillment? In this workshop we will discuss strategies that work to make us all better leaders and to enhance the work of the team to provide better services for the children we serve.

2:15pm – 3:45pm **I Session 5R: Interviewing Children About Repeated Abuse** Peninsula Ballroom

Speakers: Andra Chamberlain

Many children experience multiple abusive events and on multiple occasions. When abuse is long-standing, children typically develop and report "script" or "gist" memories, which actually are a compilation of multiple events. Forensic interviewers often struggle when attempting challenged to assist children in recalling particular episodes that are helpful for investigative purposes and for making legal decisions. This can be a daunting task for the children who have experienced the most abuse or those who are young or have cognitive challenges.

This training will review the research on the formation of episodic and script memories for repeated events. Alternative interview approaches will be discussed, as well as, a review of common interview practice in this area. The training will provide practical suggestions, as well as cautions.

2:15pm – 3:45pm **O Session 5Q: Human Trafficking: A Michigan Reality** Mackinac Ballroom

Speakers: Jane White

This workshop identifies strategies for identifying and responding to human trafficking focusing on the vulnerabilities of potential victims and the response from those who encounter victims of labor and sexual exploitation. The challenges of working in anti-trafficking efforts are presented with the re-enforcement of the necessity of collaboration and connection occurring.

2:15pm – 3:45pm

V Session 50: Makerspace: Sensory Based Groups for Traumatized Youth

Council Room

Speakers: Shyra Williams

This workshop will focus on the benefit, strategies, interventions, and considerations important to facilitating group work with traumatized youth. Workshop content will introduce participants to themes, sensorybased activities, and expressive art projects to implement in the group setting. Participants will leave the workshop with new tools for their therapeutic toolbox!
