



42nd Annual Michigan Statewide Conference
CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT
PREVENTION, ASSESSMENT, AND TREATMENT

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 21-22, 2024



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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The Michigan Medicine Child Protection Team and the Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Conference Planning Committee welcome you to the **42nd Annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect: Prevention, Assessment, and Treatment** on Monday and Tuesday, October 21-22, 2024.

This two half-day **virtual** conference features noted national and Michigan experts who will address a range of topics in the field of child abuse prevention, assessment, and treatment. Each day will consist of one 90-minute keynote and two 75-minute presentations.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The conference is designed for prevention specialists, social workers, child welfare professionals (Children's Protective Services, Foster Care, Adoption), juvenile justice services, physicians, nurses, mental health and other medical professionals, attorneys, law enforcement, child advocacy professionals, and educators. Community members are also welcome to attend.

CONFERENCE GOALS

At the conclusion of the conference, participants will be able to effectively diagnose, recognize, intervene, and plan treatment of child abuse and neglect. Specifically, participants will understand and be able to implement:

- Recent advances in the field and applications to practice.
- Improved recognition of abused and neglected children in complex presentations.
- Improved recognition of the source of child behavior when children are abused and neglected.
- Successful intervention and treatment plans for children.
- Successful prevention models in child abuse and neglect.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates: Monday and Tuesday, October 21-22, 2024

Time: Conference sessions begin Monday and Tuesday at 8:30 am and end at 1:00 pm.

Online information: After registering, participants will receive a separate Zoom registration confirmation, with a web link and instructions for joining. Please allow 3-5 days to receive your Zoom confirmation. Reminder emails with the web link will also be sent prior to the conference.

CONFERENCE FEES AND REGISTRATION

Monday only: \$75
Tuesday only: \$75
Monday & Tuesday: \$150

A reduced fee of \$50 for one day or \$100 for two days is available to students.

HOW TO REGISTER: Registration is online. Please visit our website for information: www.canconferenceuofm.org

CANCELLATION POLICY: There are no refunds or substitutions for this conference.



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ACCREDITATION

The University of Michigan Medical School is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Michigan Medical School designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This conference has been approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative. The Training Approval Number is MICEC 0056 for a maximum of 7.0 continuing education clock hours to be earned over this two-day period. Attendees should only claim credit commensurate with their extent of participation in the event.

The conference has been registered with MCOLES for the use of 302 funding.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact us at: info@canconferenceuofm.org.

CONFERENCE PLANNERS

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PRESENTERS



Gaelin Elmore

Adverse Experiences Advocate
Former NFL Player
Gaelin Speaks
Eden Prairie, MN

Gaelin Elmore is a dynamic and nationally sought-after keynote speaker, trainer, and thought leader. He works with organizations and people to become belonging-informed in order to help children overcome trauma and unleash their potential. Gaelin's passion and energy for his work stems from his heart for justice and his own lived experience. His own belonging journey has led Gaelin to the National Football League, and now stages, board rooms, and organizations, all across the country,

aiming to inspire, encourage, and equip others to think differently about their work and its long-term impact on others. Gaelin now lives in Eden Prairie, MN, where he gets to experience the purest form of belonging as a husband to his wife, Micaela, and dad to their two daughters, Laniah and Tatum.



R. J. Gillespie, MD, MHPE, FAAP

Pediatrician
The Children's Clinic
Portland, OR

R.J. Gillespie, MD, MHPE, FAAP is a general pediatrician with The Children's Clinic in Portland. From 2007 through 2010 he worked as the Medical Director of Quality Improvement for the Children's Health Alliance, and from 2010-2016 he was the founding medical director for the Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership. He is the co-author of *The Trauma-Informed Pediatric Practice: A Resilience-Based Roadmap to Foster Early Relational Health* from the AAP Press. He currently conducts clinical research in parental Adverse Childhood Experiences and does training and consultation in screening and referral for trauma in pediatric practices. He has been active in multiple state and national advisory committees, most recently for the

American Academy of Pediatrics Addressing Social Health and Early Childhood Wellness (ASHEW) and the Pediatric Approach to Trauma Training and Resilience (PATTER) Projects. He attended medical school at Oregon Health Sciences University, graduating in 1997, and completed his residency and chief residency at Rush Children's Hospital in Chicago, Illinois in 2001. He also earned a Master of Health Professions Education from University of Illinois - Chicago in 2007.



Detective Sergeant Thomas Gladney III

Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force
Sergeant/Team Lead, Lansing Computer Crimes Unit
Michigan State Police
Lansing, MI

Detective Sergeant Gladney is from Comstock, Michigan. He graduated from Ferris State University in 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree majoring in criminal justice and minoring in information security and intelligence. He also obtained a certification in homeland security digital forensics and security. He was hired by the Michigan State Police in 2016, and was initially assigned to the Paw Paw Post as a trooper. In

2019 he transferred to the Computer Crimes Unit as a Detective Trooper, and in 2021 he was promoted to Detective Sergeant over the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) Lansing Office. CCU includes both the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and the digital forensics lab.

PRESENTERS



Sommer Howser, DSW, LMSW, BSW, E-RYT, YACEP

Doctor of Social Work
Texas State University
Austin, TX

Dr. Sommer Howser, LMSW, BSW, E-RYT, YACEP, is a sexual assault survivor leader, Doctor of Social Work, educator, and specialized social worker supporting persons in Texas who may be impacted by all forms of exploitation. She is trained in Trauma-Focused CBT, Motivational Interviewing, Trauma-Informed Yoga, harm reduction, suicide prevention, play-based therapy, crisis intervention, and child maltreatment assessments. Dr. Howser works with clients across the life span, while holding a

special interest and care for persons impacted by complex trauma and/or human trafficking. She does this advocacy work in Texas with an open heart and a Trauma-Informed Care lens. Dr. Howser is also an Experienced Yoga Alliance Registered Yoga Teacher (E-RYT) in Central Texas, with a background in supporting PTSD, first responders, and persons impacted by gender-based violence.



Mishka Terplan, MD, MPH, FACOG, DFASAM

Medical Director and Senior Research Scientist
Friends Research Institute
San Francisco, CA

Dr. Mishka Terplan is board certified in both obstetrics and gynecology and in addiction medicine. His primary clinical, research, public health, and advocacy interests lie along the intersections of reproductive and behavioral health. He is Medical Director at Friends Research Institute and adjunct faculty at the University of California, San Francisco where he is a Substance Use Warmline clinician. Dr. Terplan has active grant funding and has published extensively on health inequities, discrimination, and access to treatment and is internationally recognized as an expert in the care of pregnant and parenting people with substance use disorder. He has spoken at local high schools and before the United States Congress and has

participated in federal and international expert panels primarily on issues related to gender, reproduction, and addiction.



Jimmy Widdifield, Jr., MA

Project Director, Training and Technical Assistance
National Children's Advocacy Center
Oklahoma City, OK

Jimmy Widdifield is a licensed Professional Counselor (Oklahoma) and training and technical assistance provider in child maltreatment, trauma, and adversity. He is the Project Director for the Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Grant for Child Abuse Professionals at the National Children's Advocacy Center. This national grant provides multi- and interdisciplinary TTA on child maltreatment to optimize professional development in the field. Mr. Widdifield has extensive experience providing TTA to

child maltreatment professionals and has presented locally, nationally, and internationally with an emphasis on the research and treatment of youth with problematic sexual behavior. Mr. Widdifield is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a graduate of the Interdisciplinary Training Program in Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

TIME	EVENT
8:30 AM	Welcome, Opening Remarks KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Test and Consequence: Health Professional Complicity and Alternatives to Family Separation Presenter: <i>Mishka Terplan, MD, MPH, FACOG, DFASAM</i>
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	PRESENTATION: Meeting Belonging Needs Presenter: <i>Gaelin Elmore</i>
11:30 AM	Break
11:45 AM	PRESENTATION: Sextortion Concerns and Modern Trends Presenter: <i>Detective Sergeant Thomas Gladney III</i>
1:00 PM	Session Adjourns

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

TIME	EVENT
8:30 AM	Welcome, Opening Remarks KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Supporting Families to Promote Early Relational Health: 100 Little Conversations in Primary Care Presenter: <i>R.J. Gillespie, MD, MHPE, FAAP</i>
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	PRESENTATION: Trauma Bonding Presenter: <i>Sommer Howser, DSW, LMSW, BSW, E-RYT, YACEP</i>
11:30 AM	Break
11:45 AM	PRESENTATION: Myths versus Facts: Children and Teens with Problematic Sexual Behavior Presenter: <i>Jimmy Widdifield, Jr., MA</i>
1:00 PM	Conference Adjourns

ABOUT THE PRESENTATIONS

MONDAY KEYNOTE, 8:30AM

Test and Consequence: Health Professional Complicity and Alternatives to Family Separation

Presenter: *Mishka Terplan, MD, MPH, FACOG, DFASAM*

Summary: In this keynote presentation, Dr. Terplan will critically review the history and practice of mandatory reporting for substance exposed newborns. Particular attention will be paid to drug testing and interpretation, professional society recommendations, and racial inequities along the child welfare pipeline. Alternatives to the current model of surveillance and resources for community building will be provided.

Objectives: Participants will be able to discuss professional society recommendations for substance use assessment at time of birth; identify racial inequities along the child welfare pipeline; and name an alternative to reflex child welfare report for substance exposure.

MONDAY, 10:15AM

Meeting Belonging Needs

Presenter: *Gaelin Elmore*

Summary: Belonging is a crucial, innate need that influences our daily decisions, motivation, problem-solving, and overall well-being. Genuine belonging fosters resilience and positive health outcomes in us, and those that we serve. This workshop addresses the fundamental need to belong as it pertains to young people navigating trauma. Attendees will be empowered to embrace belonging and bridge the gap for others while offering a fresh perspective and intention for impactful work.

Objectives: Participants will be able to explain why belonging is a fundamental need for everyone; describe how belonging impacts development; and identify what adults can do to support the belonging needs of youth.



ABOUT THE PRESENTATIONS

MONDAY, 11:45AM

Sextortion Concerns and Modern Trends

Presenter: Detective Sergeant Thomas Gladney III

Summary: Detective Sergeant Gladney will discuss how sextortion, one of the fastest growing types of cyber crime, looks in today's world. This presentation will cover current trends related to sextortion, including common victims, red flags, and possible courses of action for victims.

Objectives: Participants will be able to define what sextortion is; explain what a "typical" sextortion event looks like; cite examples of red flags to look out for to identify potential sextortion; and provide tips on how to protect yourselves and others.

TUESDAY KEYNOTE, 8:30AM

Supporting Families to Promote Early Relational Health: 100 Little Conversations in Primary Care

Presenter: R. J. Gillespie, MD, MHPE, FAAP

Summary: Parents and caregivers experience real-world challenges in promoting early relational health in their children. Primary care pediatrics is poised to address these barriers and to promote supportive relational health in day-to-day interactions using interventions that are readily available to any professional who works with families and children. Understanding the common barriers to safe, stable, nurturing relationships (SSNRs); promoting supportive relationships; and transforming traditional safety-based anticipatory guidance into 100 little conversations is an opportunity to transform and improve the lives of the families we care for. Attending to relational health is one of the most important preventive measures that professionals who care for kids can embark upon.

This keynote presentation will provide a connection between trauma-informed care and relational health care by addressing the three key steps described by the Harvard Center for the Developing Child to improve outcomes for children and families: reduce sources of stress, promote supportive relationships, and enhance core life skills. Practical interventions for achieving these steps will be reviewed.

Objectives: Participants will be able to discuss the connections between trauma-informed care and relational health in general pediatrics; describe common barriers to safe, stable, nurturing relationships (SSNRs) that can be addressed to mitigate the effects of toxic stress; and recognize interventions that can be done to support relational health in early childhood.

TUESDAY, 10:15AM

Trauma Bonding

Presenter: Sommer Howser, DSW, LMSW, BSW, E-RYT, YACEP

Summary: Trauma bonding can make it challenging for persons impacted by trafficking and intimate partner violence in seeking long term safety. This presentation will help providers in understanding trauma bonding, interventions, and pathways to empower victims in their path to recovery.

Objectives: Participants will be able to define trauma bonding; discuss the role of trauma bonding in trafficking and intimate partner violence; and interrupt the cycle of trauma bonding.



ABOUT THE PRESENTATIONS

TUESDAY, 11:45AM

Myths versus Facts: Children and Teens with Problematic Sexual Behavior

Presenters: Jimmy Widdifield, Jr., LPC

Summary: Children and teens engage in sexual behaviors that range from developmentally expected to problematic and harmful. However, professionals often misinterpret normative behaviors and are also unequipped to effectively address genuine problematic sexual behaviors (PSB). As a result, many children and teens with PSB do not receive the types of services that support a helpful multidisciplinary coordinated response nor healthy behavioral functioning and family healing. This workshop will provide information to help professionals distinguish normative from problematic sexual behavior in children and teens, identify potential contributing factors to the behavior, dispel common misconceptions about these behaviors and children and teens, and have a more robust and evidence-informed response to these cases.

Objectives: Participants will be able to summarize characteristics of children and teens with problematic sexual behaviors; apply research findings to dispel four persistent and adverse myths about children and teens with problematic sexual behaviors; and formulate strategies to enhance professional response to cases of children with problematic sexual behavior.

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