



Montana Children's Justice Conference

AGENDA

February 27-29, 2024

Best Western Plus GranTree Inn - Bozeman



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DAY ONE: Tuesday, February 27

12:30–1:00 p.m. **Registration**

1:00-1:30 p.m. **Introductions & Overview of the Agenda**

Mary Leffers Barry, Chief Criminal Deputy Lewis and Clark County Attorney;
Treasurer, Children's Alliance of Montana Board of Directors

1:30-2:00 p.m. **Opening Remarks**

Austin Knudsen, Montana Attorney General

Bryan Lockerby – Administrator, Division of Criminal Investigation
Montana Department of Justice

Montana Department of Justice Children's Justice Award

2:00-3:30 **Be The Difference – What You Do Matters**

Gaelin Elmore, Speaker, Facilitator -- From foster care, abuse, and homelessness, he had an adverse childhood that led him to the NFL, and to stages across the country, aiming to inspire, encourage, and equip others to think differently about their work and its long-term impact on others.

3:30–3:45 **Break**

3:45-4:45 **Research and Practice Update**

Paula Samms, LCPC, Director, Lewis and Clark County Child Advocacy Center,
a Program of AWARE

4:45–5:00 **Wrap Up and Evaluations**

DAY TWO: Wednesday, February 28

8:30 – 9:00 **Coleen Magera Children's Champion Award Presentation**

Christina Powell, CEO, Help Center Inc. – Gallatin County Child Advocacy Center
Chair, Children's Alliance of Montana Board of Directors

9:00-11:30 **"Erasing the Gap - The Importance of Building Connections"** – Provide skills to support your work to increase problem-solving; emotional, mental, and physical health; and resiliency of youth. This session will challenge and inspire you to further your work with youth to help them overcome the challenges of adversity and trauma.

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11:30-1:00 **Lunch (on your own)**

1:00-2:30

Exploring Alternative Hypothesis - An integral part of every forensic interview should be the exploration of various hypotheses that lead to an allegation. But how do you do this without leading the child to a suggested alternative? We will discuss confirmation bias, how to mitigate this along with open-ended ways to address hypothesis testing.

Crimson Barocca, LCSW-C - Crimson is the Manager of Forensic Interview Research & Education at Center for Hope Forensic Services (formerly Baltimore Child Abuse Center).

Nicole Lytle, PhD. - Nicole E. Lytle is an associate professor of social work and child advocacy at Montclair State University.

2:30-2:45

Break

2:45-4:45

The Caregiver Interview -- Best practices applied to improve the quality of information gathered from adults -- specifically outcry witnesses in sexual abuse cases. Aspects of the Cognitive Interview will be reviewed as they apply to learning a structured approach to caregiver interviews. MDT approach, video recording and timing of interviews will be reviewed.

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Wrap Up – Evaluations

DAY THREE: Thursday, February 29

8:30-10:00

Digital Crimes – An Update on Technology Trends and Dangers for Youth

Brian Cassidy, ICAC Commander and Agent - Crime Information Bureau of the Division of Criminal Investigations, Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) GIAC Certified Computer Forensic Examiner (GCFE).

10:00-10:15

Break

10:15-12:00

Documenting Physical Abuse Injuries

Dr. Kathryn Wells, MD, FAAP - Executive Director, Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, University of Colorado School of Medicine.

12:00 – 12:10

Evaluations and Adjourn. Thank you for Attending and Safe Travels.

