

Children with Disabilities and Crime Victimization

**July
28-29, 2014
St. Martinville**

**July 31-
August 1, 2014
Alexandria**

The Children's Justice Act Task Force is sponsoring two 2-day training events in July for those who work with child victims of abuse and/or neglect. This specialized training will focus on child victims with disabilities.

Studies have long established that children with developmental or other disabilities are disproportionately criminally victimized. One study found that among persons with developmental disabilities, as many as 83% of females and 32% of males are the victims of sexual assault. Victimization rates for persons with disabilities is highest for sexual assault (more than 10 times as high) and robbery (more than 12 times as high). There are a number of factors related to children with disabilities susceptibility to interactions with the criminal justice system. In addition to these factors, many significant barriers exist, both real and perceived, that limit investigation and prosecution of these cases.

Specific techniques must be developed to effectively interview child victims with disabilities. The unique characteristics of intellectual disability, autism, cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities warrant discussion on how best to treat, interview, and accommodate victims with these types of disabilities. Participants will gain experience through this training in developing their own skills in interviewing child victims with disabilities. Front line child protective service personnel are often faced with children with disabilities who have been a victim of a crime. Without specific training on how to interview victims with disabilities, the interviewer may become frustrated and fall short in obtaining the necessary information to forward the case for prosecution.

Additionally, participants will be exposed to and be challenged to apply Just Culture practices for creating safer systems for children with disabilities. This training will emphasize advanced knowledge and practice skills and is appropriate for child welfare and social workers, investigators, managers, supervisors, therapists and other law enforcement personnel.

Approved: 10 Hours CLE and 11 Hours SW CEU

Sign Up for St. Martinville:

July 28-29, 2014

<http://cvd14-stmart.eventbrite.com>

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The Presenter: Scott J. Modell received his Ph.D. from the



College of Education at Florida State University in 1997. Dr. Modell is currently serving as the Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Most recently he has served as the Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Prior to moving to Tennessee, Dr. Modell spent 15 years as a Professor at California State University, Sacramento. Over the last 5 years, he additionally served as Director of the university's Autism Center for Excellence. He is an expert in disability etiology, characteristics, interview techniques, and abuse. He has authored five books and has over 100 published articles and abstracts. Dr. Modell has been an invited speaker for a number of conferences for law enforcement throughout the country. Over the past 10 years, he has consulted with multiple law enforcement agencies regarding disability abuse and serving as an expert witness. Dr. Modell has taught for the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), California District Attorneys Association (CDAA), National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission, National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA), and the Singapore National Council of Social Service. He has conducted workshops and trainings reaching thousands police officers, child protective service and adult protective service professionals across the country. He has received international recognition for his work in the area of disability abuse and interview techniques for individuals with developmental disabilities. In addition to his scholarship, Dr. Modell is widely recognized at the local, state, and national level for the provision of community-based services for individuals with disabilities. Through his community-based programs and public school experience, Dr. Modell has worked with thousands of children and adults with disabilities. He has been highly regarded in his community and throughout the country for his expertise, passion, and quality programs.

Learning Outcomes:

- Outcome 1:** Participants will identify incidence of disability and the incidence of disability abuse and its impact.
- Outcome 2:** Participants will achieve a new attitude and perspective toward the disability culture.
- Outcome 3:** Participants will be able to identify the unique characteristics of individuals with disabilities that make them susceptible to abuse and use this information to assist in conducting effective interviews.
- Outcome 4:** Participants will develop and practice specific interviewing skills to effectively interview victims with intellectual disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities.
- Outcome 5:** Participants will be able to understand and apply Just Culture practices as they relate to creating safer systems for children with disabilities in their own field of work.
- Outcome 6:** Participants will be able to identify practical applications of resilience engineering in their own field of work.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WHERE & WHEN:

July 28 - 29, 2014

**St. Martin Sheriff's
Training Academy**

1815 Terrace Highway
St. Martinville, LA 70517

July 31- August 1, 2014

**Learning Center for
Rapides Parish**

1410 Neel Kearby Blvd.
Alexandria, LA 71303

Who Should Attend?

Attorneys, DA Offices/Judges
Child Advocates
Child Welfare Workers
First Responders
Forensic Interviewers
Law Enforcement Personnel
Social Workers
School Admin./Teachers/Counselors
Early Education Personnel

Registration Fee: \$100 for 2 days

Includes: class materials and 2 lunches

Attendees must pre-register and pay fees online. There will be no on-site registrations

This training is provided by the *Louisiana Children's Justice Act Task Force.*

Each session is limited to 100 attendees.

You will want to get registered as soon as possible as these sessions fill fast.

Hotel information for those needing it will be sent in the confirmation information. We will not be providing any financial support for attendees.

QUESTIONS?

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985-624-3514

(Form for faxing available on registration site if needed)

FAX YOUR REGISTRATION

If you would like to participate as an attendee at either site and you are experiencing difficulty with the online registration—you can fax a registration to us and we will work with you to get it confirmed. This is first come, first served—send your info right away.

REGISTER ME!

I want to sign up for:

Time

Price

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9:00am-4:00pm

\$100

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Credit Card Billing Information

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We will email you a confirmation after we have registered you.

Remember—you must receive confirmation from us showing that you are on the list as it may be filled. We want to be sure we have enough room for all!

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