When Words Matter: Emerging Issues in Forensic Interviewing

October 9-12, 2012 • Saint Paul, MN

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What attendees have said about When Words Matter 2011:

“This was another fine conference put on through the cooperation of NCPTC, CornerHouse and the presenters. The conference is a terrific example of effective multi-discipline work.”

“Gave me great information to take back to my work. Added bonus is that 5 people from my office will benefit for a much lower cost. That was a selling point in getting my agency to send me to the conference.”

“Excellent is the correct word. I have 20+ years of experience as a prosecutor of child sexual assaults and I learned a lot (and I am quite up on this stuff, so that says a lot!). There was not one presentation that did not exceed my expectations. Also the facility and location was a great choice. It was comfortable, exciting and close to fun and not hard to get to!”

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“When las Palabras Importan 2012” tendrá interpretación en español (gratis). ¡Mire dentro!”
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**Conference Agenda**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

7:00-8:00 Registration
8:00-8:15 Opening Remarks – Victor Vieth, Director, NCPTC
8:15-8:20 The Face of Evil: Regards to Child Torteure, Before and During and All the Forensic Interview

Suzanna Tapierz, Director, Victim Services for the Prosecution of Child Abuse

Barbara Rivers, MD, University of Wisconsin

This workshop addresses the ways and methods of interview and provides multidisciplinary training with strategies for the forensic interview, pre-trial, cross-examination, and trial interview.

10:09-10:15 Break

8:30-9:45 Through the Mind of the Sex Offender: Conducting Forensic Interviews with an Understanding of Sex Offender Typologies

Mike Johnson, Psychologist, Director, Bay Area of America

Not all sexual offenses are committed by predators; this workshop will help you to understand the psychology of offenders and will help you to ask questions that will rule out the child from the type of abuse or sex involved. This workshop introduces you to different interviewing techniques and encourages you to consider whether the child is concealing evidence as well as questions in proving the case in court.

12:30-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:45 The Internet of the Pornography on Child Development

Mindy E. Ettanko, MD, MPH, Licensed Psychologist

While many researchers have been interested in the effects of online pornography on children and teens, what do we really know about this problem? This workshop will explore research findings and concerns regarding the effects of viewing online pornography, whether accidentally or perhaps by use of an adult or learning or training agency.

2:45-3:00 *Printing* Children’s Discretion: Suggestibility in Forensic Interviews

Amy Russell, Deputy Director, National Child Protective Training Center

Children suggestible is a heavily debated in the field of child maltreatment, and research continues to demonstrate that children can be made to make false claims. However, claims researchers make the difference in their interviews with children, including using parental coaching, cannot be used as evidence or results for policy making or for use in court. This workshop will demonstrate why children present such a challenge and what research-based practices recommendations and identify techniques to defend against attacks of the interview.

**Wednesday, October 10, 2012**

8:00-8:15 *Why Did You Show the Child Naked Pictures?* A Mini-Trial on the Use of Anatomical Diagrams

Stephanie Smith, Associate Director, Training and Development of the National Child Protection Training Center

Joe Det Rezen, Pasco County Attorney’s Office

During the development of a forensic interview, the examiner may need to use anatomical diagrams. During the occurrence of the interview, the use of the diagram is critical. This workshop will provide the mechanism for both the examiner and participants to understand the use of diagrams in a courtroom.

10:09-10:15 Break

11:15-12:00 Conducting the Forensic Interview with a View on the Medical Examination Room

Mark Hudson, MD, FirstWitness Children’s Resource Center

This workshop presents real interview scenarios where the child was not available in a case of child sexual abuse, and what questions may be helpful in determining a child’s history of maltreatment.

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:45 Overcoming Difficult Situations in Forensic Interviews…What Questions Do I Ask Next?

Rita Johnson, Forensic Interview Specialist, National Child Protective Training Center

This workshop highlights the difficulty face the interviewer when a case presents a difficult interview situation. Participants will have a chance to work on difficult situations and receive feedback on their responses.

2:45-3:00 *Opening* Confronting Difficult Situations in Forensic Interviews—What Questions Do I Ask Next?

Rita Johnson, Forensic Interview Specialist, National Child Protective Training Center

This workshop focuses on the ways the interviewer can overcome difficult situations during forensic interviewing and improving those tough questions. The workshop will provide strategies for handling these situations.

3:30-4:45 Break

**Thursday, October 11, 2012**

8:00-9:30 Interviewing Native Children: Incorporating the Historical Trauma Model in the Forensic Interview

Kathryn England-Aytes, National Child Protection Training Center

This workshop will provide an overview of the best practices in conducting an interview with a child of Native American descent, and the challenges these interviews.

9:30-10:45 Break

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12:30-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:45 The Neighborhood of Sexual Abuse & Sexual Exploitation of Children in Strip Clubs

Vicki Walla, Director, National Child Protective Training Center

A large percentage of trafficked or sexually exploited children are victimized in strip clubs. This workshop promotes the following suggestions to address this issue before, during and after the forensic interview. This workshop also promotes concrete suggestions for policy makers to better understand the impact of criminal sexual offenses.

2:45-3:00 *Opening* Interviewing with a Child with Autism

Anna Kate Miller, Forensic Interviewer, CornerHouse

This workshop provides strategies for working with children and other multidisciplinary team members when working with a child with autism against victimization.

**Friday, October 12, 2012**

8:30-9:30 Recent Research Affecting Forensic Interviews, Investigations and Prosecutions

Chris Nowell, Executive Director, National Children’s advocacy Center

This workshop provides an overview of the latest research studies that will affect forensic interviewing and child maltreatment investigations and prosecutions.

9:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 Preventing Defenders on the MDT – It Works For Us!

Lyle E. Brown, Senior Assistant St. Louis County Attorney

Lanya Zinn, Assistant Public Defender, Duluth

For many years the First Witness MDT has included “all of the usual suspects” – Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Medical Professionals and a Jurisprudence. Imagine the surprise of trial lawyers when the MDT defender requested they be represented. Learn how that process worked and how that is working for a MDPT. Learn too, how that has been integrated into the presence of a public defender in the monitoring during actual interviews. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, as well – to make an informed decision if this is a practice you would like to consider in your local jurisdiction.

11:15-12:00 Breakfast

11:15-12:30 Monitoring Team Etiquette, Trials and Tribulations: We Can Do it Better…

Michael Scholl, Training Coordinator/Trainer, First Witness Child Abuse Resource Center

This workshop includes a careful discussion of one of the most ignored faults of the forensic interview: the role of interview, interviewers. The workshop will learn how to overcome difficult situations during forensic interviewing and interviewing those tough questions. The workshop will provide strategies for handling these situations.

12:30-1:30 Break

1:30-2:45 *Opening* Narrative Practice: Does it Work With All Protocols?

Mindy E. Ettanko, MD, MPH, Licensed Psychologist

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2:45-3:00 *Closing* What does it mean to be multicultural?

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**Who Should Attend:**

In addition to forensic interviewers, the course is ideal for child abuse prosecutors, child protection attorneys, law enforcement officers, social workers and medical or mental health professionals who work with maltreated children. Although When Words Matter is ideally suited for graduates of any course teaching the CornerHouse Forensic Interview Protocol RATA®, individuals who have not attended one of these courses are also welcome to attend. Please note that the RATA® protocol, taught as CornerHouse and the numerous state programs, will be emphasized at the conference.

**Location, Accommodations, and Registrations:**

NCPCT is proud and excited to host When Words Matter in its home state of Minnesota! When Words Matter 2012 will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Saint Paul Riverfront in downtown Saint Paul. Rooms will be available upon registration and can be reserved by calling (651) 292-1900. A partial discount has been negotiated for attendees who reserve their room at this conference. The special rate is $121.00 per night. To receive the discounted rate, each room sold, $2 will be donated back to NCPCT.

651-292-1900 to reserve your room today or visit our website to reserve your room online!

**Fees**

(Registration also available online at www.ncptc.org):

$300 Early Bird Registration (if payment post-marked by 8/31/12)

$350 Registration Fee (online registration closes at 12:00pm CST on 5/10/12; paper registration forms must be received by this date)

$375 Late Registration Fee (received after 10/5/12)

Registration refund cut-off date: 8/18/12 (We will receive an administration fee of $25 for each refund, no exceptions)

Interested in exhibiting or distributing materials? Visit www.ncptc.org to register as an exhibitor. We even offer discounts for nonprofits!
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When Words Matter 2012 will offer Spanish interpretation of the entire conference.
To download our registration form in Spanish, visit www.ncptc.org.

“Cuando las Palabras Importan: Temas emergentes en Entrevista Forense” estará el 9-12 de octubre 2012 en Saint Paul, MN. El congreso informativo y innovador reunirá expertos reconocidos a nivel nacional de áreas diferentes en la protección de menores. Los temas serán útiles para los fiscales, vigilantes de leyes, personas de los servicios de protección de menores, los entrevistadores forenses, los representantes de víctimas, los psicólogos de menores, profesionales médicos, y otras personas que entrevistan a los menores o les preparan a los niños para el juicio. Para los servicios de interpretación, por favor, va a www.ncptc.org y escoge “Training Conferences,” entonces, “When Words Matter 2012” para descargar nuestro impreso de registración en español.

Questions? Please contact us!
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New! CornerHouse Sponsored Events
Reception and CAC Tour on Monday, October 8th!
CornerHouse is pleased to invite all When Words Matter Conference attendees to a reception and tour of our Children’s Advocacy Center. Transportation to and from the hotel will be provided from 4-6 pm Monday, October 8th. Please join us for this networking event. Register at http://www.cornerhousemn.org/WWMOH by Monday, September 24th.

Pre-Conference Workshop for ChildFirst/Finding Words State Faculty and Coordinators
When Words Matter is pleased to sponsor a pre-conference workshop Monday, October 8th from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. We will use the time to address questions and issues facing ChildFirst/Finding Words programs. Sessions will be offered for coordinators on managing state programs. Sessions will be offered for faculty on managing state programs. Sessions will be offered for faculty on managing state programs. Sessions will be offered for faculty on managing state programs. Sessions will be offered for faculty on managing state programs. Sessions will be offered for faculty on managing state programs. Sessions will be offered for faculty on managing state programs. Sessions will be offered for faculty on managing state programs. Sessions will be offered for faculty on managing state programs. Sessions will be offered for faculty on managing state programs.