



The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

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Child Sexual Abuse Trial School

October 11, 12 & 13, 2022

Governors Office Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

Topics Include:

- *Dynamics of Sexual Abuse & MDT Best Practices*
- *Corroboration*
- *491 Hearings, 492, Propensity Evidence & Preparing for Trial*
- *Issues in Forensic Interviewing*
- *Why, When & Where of Medical Exams*
- *Jury Selection & Opening Statements Lecture and Lab*
- *To Share or Not to Share*
- *Compassion Fatigue*
- *Direct Examination Lecture & Lab*
- *Cross Examination & Redirect Lecture and Lab*
- *Closing Arguments Lecture and Demonstration*

A Trial School for Prosecutors, Forensic Interviewers, Children's Division Investigators, Law Enforcement, and Medical Professionals (Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, SANES) involved with child abuse trials in Missouri. The Trial School will start on Tuesday, October 11th at 9 a.m. and end on Thursday, October 13th at 3:00 p.m.

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Pending**

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We encourage prosecutors, forensic interviewers, law enforcement, children's division investigators, victim advocates, physicians and medical professionals involved in child abuse trials to apply. Attendance is limited so please register as soon as possible. This trial school will consist of lectures, demonstrations and labs, where students will experience first hand the trial setting based on the facts of an actual child sexual abuse case. This course requires the active participation of attendees, including reading materials prior to arrival and preparing for labs on your own time.

Registration is limited. Once you are accepted to the course, there will be a **non-refundable registration fee of \$50** per participant. Registration cost total \$350 but Children's Act Task Force has generously provided 50 scholarships for interested prosecutors, forensic interviewers, children's division investigators, medical providers, and victim advocates in the amount of \$300, leaving **the total cost at \$50 to registrants**. If you register and find that you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. **No shows will be billed the entire \$350.**

TO REGISTER, please copy & paste this link into your browser:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=q5eaeneab&oeidk=a07ej8w4hiv761ba5ac>

REGISTRATION CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

You will receive a confirmation notice when you register and a subsequent separate confirmation notice of your acceptance into the course. Please do not submit payment until you have received the separate confirmation of your acceptance into the course. Scholarships are limited in number. Early registration is encouraged.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

Please contact Catherine Vannier, Special Victims Resource Prosecutor,
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Tuesday, October 11, 2022

9:00 AM to 9:15 AM ~ Opening Remarks

Room 450

9:15 AM – 11:00 AM ~

The Dynamics of Sexual Abuse & Multi-Disciplinary Team Best Practices

Room 450

Ben Miller, First Assistant, Callaway County Prosecuting Attorney

Micki Lane, Springfield Child Advocacy Center

11:00 AM – 11:10 AM ~ Break

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM ~ Forensic Interview Viewing & Discussion

Room 450

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ~ Lunch

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM ~ Breakout Session #1

1a: 491 Hearings, 492, Propensity Evidence & Preparing for Trial

Room 470 (prosecutors)

Jo Leigh Fischer, Chief Assistant, Johnson County Prosecuting Attorney

1b: The Why, When & Where of Medical Exams for Child Sexual Abuse

Room 450 (forensic interviewers, children's division investigators, law enforcement & medical providers)

Danielle Horton, M.D., Children's Mercy Hospital

Matt Selby, Stone County Prosecuting Attorney

2:15 – 2:30 PM ~ Break

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM Breakout Session #2

2a: Voir Dire/ Opening Statement Strategies (prosecutors)

Room 470

Amy Fite, Christian County Prosecuting Attorney

2b: What is My Name?

...and other important information all professional witnesses should know...

(forensic interviewers, children's division investigators & medical providers)

Room 450

Danielle Horton, M.D., Children's Mercy Hospital

Ben Miller, First Assistant, Callaway County Prosecuting Attorney

Matt Selby, Stone County Prosecuting Attorney

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 *cont'd*

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM ~ Break

**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM ~ Direct Examination:
Preparing Experts, Fact Witnesses, & Children for Testifying
Room 450**

Annie Gibson, Daviess County Prosecuting Attorney

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

8:00 – 9:15 AM ~ No Child Testifies Alone: A Battle Cry for the Team

Room 450

Ben Miller, First Assistant, Callaway County Prosecuting Attorney

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM Break

9:30 to 10:30 AM ~ Breakout Session #3

3a: Voir Dire & Opening Statement Lab (prosecutors)

Rooms 315, 460, 470

Please See Lab Schedule Board for Your Final Room Assignment

3b: Working Around Interview Blocks and Testifying in the Aftermath

Room 450 (forensic interviewers)

Amy Robins, Forensic Interviewer, Child Advocacy Services of Northeastern Missouri

3c: Addressing & Preventing Witness Intimidation (investigators)

Room 316 (medical providers, children's division investigators & law enforcement)

Matt Selby, Stone County Prosecuting Attorney

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM ~ Breakout Session #4

4a: Voir Dire & Opening Statement Lab *Continued* (prosecutors)

Rooms 316, 460, 470

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4b: Updates in Research & Child Interview Protocol Best Practices

Room 450 (medical providers, children's division investigators, law enforcement & forensic interviewers)

Amy Robins, Forensic Interviewer, Child Advocacy Services of Northeastern Missouri

Micki Lane, Forensic Interviewer, The Child Advocacy Center, Springfield

Danielle Horton, M.D., Children's Mercy Hospital

12:00 – 1:00 PM ~ Lunch

1:00 – 3:15 PM ~ Direct Examination Lab

Rooms 315, 316, 460, 470

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3:15 – 3:30 PM Break

3:30- 5:00 PM ~ Cross Examination & Re-Direct: Pit falls, Tips and Demonstrations

Room 450

Casey Brooks, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, St. Charles County

Amy Robins, Forensic Interviewer, Child Advocacy Services of Northeastern Missouri

Thursday, October 12, 2022

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM ~ Defense Cross Examination & Re-Direct Labs

Rooms 315, 450, 460, 470

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10:30 to 10:45 AM ~ Break

**10:45 to 12:00 PM ~ Maintaining Your Team,
Staying in the Game While Avoiding the Abyss,
Secondary Traumatization & Compassion Fatigue**

Room 450

Randi Spruill, Child Protection Center

12 PM to 1 PM ~ Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 PM Closing Argument Lecture & Demonstration

Room 450

Shana Mora, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Christian County

Jo Leigh Fischer, Chief Assistant, Johnson County Prosecuting Attorney

2:30 – 3:00 PM Closing Remarks

Room 450

End of Conference

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