

McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center Presents:



**STAND
AGAINST
CHILD
ABUSE
CONFERENCE**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 • ONCENTER • SYRACUSE, NY

Join Us...

Tuesday, September 27th from 8:00am - 3:45pm

THIS CONFERENCE IS INTENDED FOR:

School Personnel, Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Probation Officers,
Child Protective/Child Welfare Personnel, Mental Health Professionals,
Medical Providers, and other Professionals Working with Children

COST:

\$90 per person

\$80 per person for Early Bird Registration (registered by August 26th)

\$75 per person if FOUR (4) or more register together from the same company

FREE PARKING-Oncenter Garage, 800 South State St., Syracuse, NY 13202

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

8:00 to 8:30am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 to 8:45am	Welcome
8:45 to 9:45am	Keynote Presentation
10:00 to 11:30am	Workshop Session 1
11:30 to 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30 to 2:00pm	Workshop Session 2
2:15 to 3:45pm	Workshop Session 3
3:45pm	End of Conference

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: 8:45 to 9:45am



Putting the Odds in Your Favor

Presented by: Mario Arnauz Bonds

We think we fully comprehend that courage, creativity and determination are critical to our success. However, you will quickly see how much we all still have to learn about the innate power of these concepts when you hear the story of Mario Arnauz Bonds.

Bonds decided that his tumultuous childhood of abuse, abandonment, and adjusting to, and ultimately accepting, going totally blind, would not define him. He discusses how he made the choice to persevere and he inspires audiences to do the same.

BIO:

Mario Arnauz Bonds is a Motivational Speaker, Singer/Songwriter, Author, and Star of NBC Universal's The Glee Project. He comes from a large family and after losing both his vision and his parents, he experienced a childhood the likes of which few of us can even imagine. He suffered abuse, abandonment, and homelessness, but never hopelessness. Bonds has a degree in Journalism from George Mason University and is a gifted technology expert. He is the author of **Without Sight but Full of Vision**, and will demonstrate what it truly means to overcome adversity.

WORKSHOP SESSION 1: 10:00 to 11:30am

OPTION 1A

From Victim to Survivor: “Ways to Reclaim Your Power”

Presenter: Mario Arnauz Bonds

Bonds offers audiences an in depth look into the emotional, physical and sexual abuse he experienced as a child and teenager. This presentation of survival will inspire audiences to not let their “yesterday” conquer “today.” Bond will illustrate methods to heal and move forward.

OPTION 1B

Working with Survivors of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC): A Trauma Informed Mental Health Perspective

Presenter: Autumn Porubsky, PsyD

The workshop is designed to help provide an understanding of CSEC on a national and local level, as well as, provide specific information about interviewing this population within a child advocacy model.

BIO:

Autumn Porubsky, a licensed clinical psychologist at the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic at Upstate University Hospital, has conducted hundreds of forensic interviews with children. She specializes in providing treatment for children who have experienced trauma.

OPTION 1C

Types of Internet Victimization

Presenter: Todd Grant, New York State Police Investigator

Internet crimes are often thought of as victimless. Nothing could be further from the truth. Predators contact teenagers and children over the internet and victimize them by enticing them through online contact for the purpose of engaging them in sexual acts. Learn tips and tricks for working with children who have been victims of Internet crimes and receive information on new trends.

BIO:

Todd Grant has 13 years with the New York State Police, and he has worked investigations, computer crimes, and undercover assignments.

OPTION 1D

Self-Care for Those in the Trenches

Presenter: Susan Haas-Cunningham, LMFT/PhD

This workshop focuses on the necessity of intentional self-care, and maintaining one's well-being, when working with the pain and suffering of others. Common responses to stress, how it can lead to burn out, and compassion fatigue will be discussed.

BIO:

Suzanne Haas-Cunningham, PhD is a marriage and family therapist whose business, The Syracuse Institute for Healing Relationships, provides clinical service to individuals, couples, families and training professionals.

OPTION 1E

Working With Adolescent High Risk Victims (repeated in session 2)

Presenter: Catherine De La Paz, Detective, Dallas Police Department-Child Exploitation Squad

This workshop will provide techniques for practitioners to better identify the needs of adolescents engaged in high risk situations/behaviors and provide a safe environment for intervention and follow up. This will include preparation for interview, establishing rapport with an uncooperative victim, identifying and overcoming common barriers, and compartmentalizing complex information about multiple exploiters.

BIO:

Detective Catherine De La Paz is a 30-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, assigned as a detective in the High Risk Victim and Trafficking Unit within the Child Exploitation Squad for the last 14 years. She is an instructor for a variety of agencies and has trained internationally regarding high risk youth/prostitution interviews.

WORKSHOP SESSION 2: 12:30pm to 2:00pm

OPTION 2A

ACE Study: Adverse Childhood Experiences

Presenter: Dr. Alicia Pekarsky, MD, FAAP

This workshop will provide an overview of the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Study, which is designed to look at the associations between child maltreatment and health and well being later in life. Dr. Pekarsky will highlight several specific adverse childhood experiences including child abuse, neglect, and other household challenges. She will integrate the story of one of her recent patients to illustrate the effects of ACEs at the micro level.

BIO:

Dr. Pekarsky is among one of just over 200 pediatricians in the U.S. that are board certified in child abuse pediatrics. Dr. Pekarsky is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, and trains and educates medical learners.

OPTION 2B

ADVOCACY: A Panel Discussion

Presenters: Ivy Schoff, Victim Witness Coordinator-U.S. Attorney's Office; Monira Alozaime, Victim Assistance Supervisor-Onondaga Co. District Attorney's Office; & Colleen Merced, Assoc. Director-McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center

This collaborative panel discussion aims to 'unpack' what advocacy actually means and the different types of victim advocacy. The panel will explore the implications of advocacy at different stages of the criminal justice process, as well as the State and Federal level.

BIOS:

Ivy Schoff is the Victim Witness Coordinator for the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of NY and works to ensure that all victims are treated with dignity and respect and afforded their federal crime victim's rights.

Monira Alozaime is with the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office as the Victim Assistance Supervisor. Prior to this position, she was a social work/victim advocate at Vera House.

Colleen Merced has 14 years of experience as a Victim Advocate working with youth in Spanish Harlem and domestic violence and sexual assault victims. She is the Associate Director at McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center.

OPTION 2C

Safeguarding Youth in the Real and Digital World

Presenter: Pam Weaver, Deputy Exec. Director-National Center for Missing & Exploited Children-NY Branch

During this session participants will learn how adults and children can better understand safety risks and use self-protective strategies to educate, engage and empower children to be responsible digital citizens. Participants will explore the online risks and be introduced to NetSmartz Internet Safety resources and KidSmartz.

BIO:

Pam Weaver is the Deputy Executive Director for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, NY Regional Office. She has presented abduction and sexual abuse prevention safety education programs for over 21 years throughout NY State.

OPTION 2D

CASE STUDY:

Kidnapping and Exploitation in an Amish Community

Presenter: Lisa Fletcher, Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney, Project Safe Childhood Coordinator, Northern District of NY

This case study discusses the investigation into the abduction of two Amish sisters in upstate NY by a local couple intending to use them as sex slaves and keep them hidden in their residence indefinitely. The presenter will discuss the investigative steps taken in locating the suspects, as well as subsequent computer forensic searches leading to the identification of an additional four children abused by the couple. There will be a discussion of how charging decisions were made and determined between parallel state and federal prosecutions.

BIO:

Lisa Fletcher has worked as an Assistant District Attorney in NY County (Manhattan), and as a Senior District Attorney in Onondaga County. In 1999, she joined the U.S. Attorney's Office. In 2010, she was named the District's Project Safe Childhood Coordinator.

OPTION 2E

Barriers to Identifying Trafficking Survivors in LGBTQ Communities

Presenter: Lynly Egyes, Esq.

Youth who identify as LGBTQ may be disproportionately affected by human trafficking. They face higher rates of discrimination and homelessness, making them especially vulnerable to traffickers. This workshop will cover barriers to identifying survivors in LGBTQ communities.

BIO:

Lynly S. Egyes, Esq., is the legal director of the Sex Workers Project at the Urban Justice Center. Ms. Egyes is a trained facilitator with ten years of experience conducting trainings throughout the U.S. and Mexico on topics including Immigration Relief for Trafficking Victims, Screening and Interviewing Trafficking Victims, Trafficking Victims' Rights, LGBTQ Trafficking Victims, Working with LGBTQ Youth, and Working with Homeless Youth.

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WORKSHOP SESSION 3: 2:15 to 3:45pm

OPTION 3A

Identifying Child Physical Abuse: Red Flag or Red Herring?

Presenter: Jamie Hoffman-Rosenfeld, MD

This presentation will review the current literature on identifying abusive injuries with an emphasis on sentinel injuries and cutaneous mimics.

BIO:

Dr. Hoffman-Rosenfeld's career began 25 years ago at Jacobi Hospital /Bronx developing a Family Advocacy Program. Her work today includes a busy clinical service, training endeavors throughout NYC, a consultant to NYC's Administration for Children's Services intra-agency Child Fatality Review Panel, & Nassau County's Child Death Reviews.

OPTION 3B

NCMEC's Exploited Children Division Resources: CyberTipline & Child Victim Identification Program

Presenter: Ashley Hennekey, Supervisor-Child Victim Identification Program, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

This session provides an overview of resources for law enforcement and prosecutors working Internet-facilitated crimes against children. Learn how NCMEC can generate, deconflict, and corroborate cases & offer assistance in child pornography prosecutions. Actual case examples and success stories will be utilized.

BIO:

Ashley Hennekey is a Supervisor with the Child Victim Identification Program at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children-NY Branch. She has participated in investigative training programs on online child exploitation and provided technical assistance to law enforcement in the U.S., as well as abroad.

OPTION 3C

Child Abuse Investigations: From Disclosure to Successful Prosecution

Presenters: Rick Trunfio, First Chief Assistant District Attorney

This workshop focuses on an Multidisciplinary Team approach to investigating and successfully prosecuting child abuse investigations.

BIOS:

Rick Trunfio is the First Chief Assistant District Attorney for the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office. He previously served as Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Bureau.

OPTION 3D

How Vicarious Traumatization Affects Burnout and Turnover

Presenter: Tracey Reichert Schimpff, MA, LMFT

Stress is the number one cause of burnout, illness, and decreased productivity in America, especially in the field of helping others. This workshop will examine the process of vicarious traumatization, where professionals are emotionally influenced by their exposure to the stories and experiences of perpetrators and trauma survivors.

BIO:

Tracey Reichert Schimpff is a licensed marriage and family therapist and serves as the Director of Clinical Services in the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy at Syracuse University.

OPTION 3E

LESS IS MORE: A Trauma Informed Response for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspicions of Child Abuse

Presenters: Maureen Foran-Mocete, Sr. Community Outreach & Education Specialist and Jami Ryan, Community Outreach & Education Specialist—McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center

This training is designed to give school and childcare personnel, along with medical, mental health, and other therapeutic providers the tools needed to optimally respond when a child discloses or indicates that he or she may be a victim of sexual and/or physical abuse. Mandated Reporters will be provided with enhanced knowledge and skills necessary to successfully respond to abuse allegations.

BIOS:

Maureen Foran-Mocete has educated children from Pre-K to 12th grade, developed training and development programs, and taught in the refugee community. Presently, she is the Sr. Community Outreach & Education Specialist at McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center working in 50 schools presenting prevention and education programs.

Jami Ryan has worked at McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center for over 5 years, both as a Victim Advocate, and currently as a Community Outreach & Education Specialist. Jami works with students in schools implementing safety programs and also educates adults on how to keep kids safe.

REGISTER BY: Wednesday, September 21st

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