Multi-disciplinary Approach to the Investigation of Child Abuse

With a Focus on Forensic Medical Examination of Children

Miami, Florida • April 26 & 27, 2004

Presented by Kristi House Child Advocacy Center

Institute for Children & Families at Risk, Florida International University School of Social Work

THIS CONFERENCE presents medical and legal leaders in the field who will share their expertise on the Multi-disciplinary approach to child sexual abuse investigation and prosecution. Spanning two days, the first day will feature presentations by experts and a keynote address at dinner by former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. The second day of the conference will be devoted to workshop break-out groups that will explore the effects of the medical exam on the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of a sexually abused child.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

• Social Workers
• Prosecutors
• Mental Health Professionals
• Health Care Providers
• Law Enforcement Specialists

TOPICS

• The Medical Exam
• Making the Diagnosis
• Anatomy of Abuse
• Physical Exam of the Child
• Expert Witness Testimony
• Medical Findings in Abused Children
• Investigation & Prosecution of Child Sexual Abuse
• The Medical Exam & Prosecution of the Case

CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

DAVID MURAM, MD is Senior Clinical Research Physician for Women’s Health and Reproductive Medicine at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is co-editor of the 1990 and the 2000 editions of Evaluation of the Sexually Abused Child which provides a step-by-step discussion of how to interview and clinically evaluate suspected child sexual abuse cases. Dr. Muram has published extensively and is a member of the editorial boards of Adolescent and Pediatric Gynecology Journal and Child Abuse Medical Update.

ASTRID H. HEGER, MD is an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Executive Director of the Violence Intervention Program at the Los Angeles County-University of South California Medical Center. Dr. Heger is an internationally recognized expert on the medical diagnosis of child abuse and neglect and sexual assault in all ages and established the use of photo-documentation for injuries associated with child abuse and sexual assault. She is co-editor of the textbook, Evaluation of the Sexually Abused Child.

ALLISON L. TURKEL, JD is a Senior Attorney at the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse where she trains child abuse professionals on the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and maltreatment cases and provides technical assistance to prosecutors, law enforcement, child protection workers, social workers and others. Prior to coming to her current position she served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office for nine and a half years and before that she was a police officer for eight years.
SCHEDULE
Both days will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Continental Breakfast. The conference program will run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day. On the first evening, a Reception and Dinner will be held. Attendees will be on their own for lunch each day.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2004

8:00  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30  WELCOME
All participants will attend all of the lectures listed below on this first day.

9:00-11:00  DAVID MURAM, MD
Anatomy of Abuse

11:30-1:30  ASTRID HEGER, MD
The Diagnosis of Child Sexual Abuse

1:30-2:30  LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:30-4:30  ALLISON L. TURKEL, JD
The Investigation and Prosecution of Child Sexual Abuse

4:30  ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:00  RECEPTION & DINNER
7:00  JANET RENO, KEYNOTE SPEAKER
The Multi-disciplinary Approach to Investigations and Prosecutions

Funding for this conference provided, in part, by the National Child Advocacy Center.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004

8:00  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Scheduling will permit conference attendees to attend four one-and-a-half hour workshops on this day. Topics are tentative, subject to speakers and participants’ preferences. Attendees will be asked to select preferences at time of registration.

8:30-10:00  WORKSHOPS
• Interaction on the Front End: Police and Child Welfare Investigators
• Physical Exam of the Child
• Expert Witness Testimony

10:30-12:00  WORKSHOPS
• Symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome
• The Effects of Delayed Disclosure on the Prosecution
• Multi-disciplinary Staffing

12:00-1:00  LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00-2:30  WORKSHOPS
• Crisis Counseling/Preparing for the Exam
• Sexually Transmitted Diseases
• When a Child Takes it Back: Recantation

3:00-4:30  WORKSHOPS
• The Defense Perspective in the Child Sexual Abuse Trial
• The Medical Report
• When There is No Case: Linking Families to Services

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JANET RENO, JD is an impelling attorney. She was the first woman to serve as a State Attorney in Florida and achieved a distinguished record while serving in Miami-Dade County where she worked against riots and the escalating drug-related crime in Miami of the 1980s. Ms. Reno was sworn into the office of U.S. Attorney General in 1993 and served until 2001, making her the first appointed female, and longest serving Attorney General in the 20th Century. As the chief law enforcement officer, Ms. Reno was responsible for the FBI, U.S. Marshals and U.S. Federal Courts attorneys. She directed her office during eight years of declining crime and drug-use rates. Ms. Reno believes in prevention and early intervention efforts to steer children away from gangs, drugs and violence. Her vision is that every community in America be organized with the building blocks necessary to create strong and healthy families, and strong and healthy children.
CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS

KOVENS CONFERENCE CENTER, on the Florida International University Biscayne Bay (North) Campus, is among the world’s top meeting facilities. It is nestled along Miami’s spectacular Intracoastal Waterway, right on FIU’s scenic Biscayne Bay Campus. It is ideally situated, approximately 15 miles from both the Miami International Airport to the south and Fort Lauderdale Airport to the north. The Center is also just minutes from downtown Miami and close to beautiful Miami Beach and the famous Art Deco district.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Twelve CEU credits are available to Social Workers. Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling Provider Number (School of Social Work #BAP-187 Exp. 3/31/05).

For Attorneys, the Multi Team Approach Course # 2576 4. 12.00 General CLER Credits.

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Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

REGISTRATION FEE

$279 per person includes all conference lectures and workshops, continental breakfast both days, breaks and the reception and dinner on the first evening. Attendees will be responsible for all travel and lodging expenses.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Three hotels located near the Kovens Conference Center (10-15 minutes by car) are each holding a block of rooms for this conference at group rates until March 25. Conference attendees should make their own reservations by contacting their hotel of choice and referencing the Kristi House/FIU Conference. Rates below are per room, per night and before applicable taxes are added.

The Residence Inn by Marriott Miami Aventura Mall ($110-161/night) 19900 West Country Club Drive Aventura, Florida 33180 Tel: (786) 528-1001

Courtyard Miami Aventura Mall ($89/night) 2825 NE 191st Street Aventura, Florida 33180 Tel: (800) 321-2211

Hampton Inn Miami North-Aventura ($79/night) 1000 S. Federal Highway Hallendale Beach, Florida 33009 Tel: (954) 874-1111

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For any questions or further details about the conference, please contact Ms. Terry Jackson at Kristi House, (305) 547-6839 or tjackson@kristihouse.org.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Written cancellations received at least 20 days prior to the beginning of the conference will be refunded, less a $75 administrative fee. No refunds can be made if cancellation is received within 20 days of the conference. Registrations are transferable.
CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

KRISTI HOUSE, located in the heart of Miami’s regional medical and court systems, provides a healing environment for child victims of sexual abuse and their families through community collaboration and system coordination. Housed in the state-of-the-art, child-friendly Orlowitz-Lee Child Advocacy Center, Kristi House provides coordination of the investigation, prosecution and treatment systems in an effort to protect children from further trauma.

INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES AT RISK was established at Florida International University’s School of Social Work in 1991 to conduct research, demonstration projects, training and technical assistance on social problems of children, youth, families, communities and the systems serving them. With a focus on prevention and intervention research, the Institute encompasses a range of family support strategies, refugee, immigrant and migrant service initiatives, as well as services and systems integration projects, training and instructional design for child welfare workers in South Florida.

SPACE IS LIMITED--REGISTER TODAY!

Deadline for registration: April 15, 2004

REGISTRATION FORM

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to register is April 15, 2004. Confirmation of attendance will be mailed. (Please complete a separate form for each participant.)

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

☐ Mr. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr. ☐ Other____

First Name __________________________ Last Name __________________________

Job Position/Title __________________________

Organization __________________________

Address __________________________

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☐ FULL CONFERENCE ..................$279
Includes all sessions April 26 & 27 and the Reception and Dinner the evening of April 26

☐ RECEPTION & DINNER ONLY .....$60
Reception, Dinner & Keynote Address by Janet Reno, Kovens Conference Center, Monday, April 26

PAYMENT INFO

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard)

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