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## Child Sexual Abuse Trial School

September 19, 20, and 21, 2023  
Moberly Area Community College  
Moberly, Missouri

A trial school for Prosecutors, Forensic Interviewers, Children's Division Investigators, Law Enforcement, and Medical Professionals (Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, SANE) involved with child sexual abuse trials in Missouri. The Trial School will start on Tuesday, September 19th at 8:00 a.m. and will end on Thursday, September 21st at 4:00 p.m.

### Topics Include:

- Special Considerations with Charging Decisions in Sexual Abuse Cases
- Overcoming the Mistake of Age Defense with Investigation
- Case Preparation: 491/492, Propensity, and Pretrial Motions
- Advanced Forensic Interviewing
- Challenges for Medical Providers on the Witness Stand
- Practice trial labs, from Voir Dire to Closing Argument
- How to be an Ineffective Witness

Courses will be certified for POST, 210, and CLE credit.

Funding Provided in Part by the Children's Justice Act Task Force

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We encourage prosecutors, forensic interviewers, law enforcement, Children's Division investigators, medical professionals, and other MDT members involved in child sexual abuse trials to apply. Individuals can apply, but preference will be given to MDT members who apply as part of a team. Attendance is limited so please register as soon as possible. This trial school will consist of lectures, demonstrations, and labs, where attendees will get firsthand experience participating in trial procedure based on the facts of an actual child sexual abuse case. This course requires the active participation of attendees, including case materials to read prior to arrival at the trial school, as well as preparing for labs on the attendee's own time the evenings of the trial school.

Registration is limited to 60 attendees. Once you are accepted to the course, there will be a **non-refundable registration fee of \$50** per attendee. The entire cost of this training is \$405 per person, but Children's Justice Act Task Force has generously provided 60 scholarships in the amount of \$355, leaving **the total cost for the trial school at \$50 per attendee**. 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 \$405.**

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

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejqr7d9d8499ba0b&llr=q5eaeneab>

**REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 19, 2023, OR WHEN THE TRIAL SCHOOL REACHES 60 PARTICIPANTS.**

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.

The room rate for this conference is **\$98.00 plus tax**. Call Comfort Inn in Moberly, MO (660) 833-4094 to make reservations after acceptance into the trial school. **Participants are responsible for their own overnight rooms**. Please mention Missouri Office of Prosecution Services for the discounted room rate.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

Please contact Kayla Womble, Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor  
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## Child Sexual Abuse Trial School Agenda

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### Tuesday, September 19, 2023

**8:00 AM-8:30 AM Registration**

Auditorium

**8:30 AM-8:45 AM Welcome, Introduction & Course Overview**

Auditorium

Kayla Womble, Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

Dr. Terra Frazier, Child Abuse Pediatrician, Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City

Amy Robins, Forensic Services Program Director, The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri

**8:45 AM-10:00 AM Multi-Disciplinary Team Best Practices Update**

Auditorium

Benjamin Miller, Prosecuting Attorney, Callaway County

Micki Lane, Training Education Director/Forensic Interviewer, Springfield Child Advocacy Center

**10:00 AM-10:15 AM Break**

**10:15 AM-11:00 AM Forensic Interview Viewing and Discussion**

Auditorium

Amy Robins, Forensic Services Program Director, The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri

**11:00 AM-12:15 PM Special Considerations with Charging Decisions in Sexual Abuse Cases**

Auditorium

Kayla Womble, Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

**12:15 PM-1:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 PM-2:15 PM Case Preparation and Strategies: Pretrial Motions, Propensity, 491/492**

Auditorium

Shana Mora, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Christian County

## **Tuesday, September 19, 2023 (continued)**

### **2:15 PM-3:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSION**

#### **1a: Voir Dire Strategies**

Auditorium (prosecutors)

Tristin Estep, Deputy Chief Counsel-Public Safety Division, Missouri Attorney General's Office

#### **1b: Investigating Allegations of Abuse: Corroborating the Evidence**

Steffes Conference Room (investigators, forensic interviewers, and medical providers)

Jo Leigh Fischer, Chief of Litigation, Lee's Summit City Attorney's Office

Randi Spruill, Director of Forensic Interviewing Services, Child Protection Center Kansas City

State Technical Assistance Team Investigator, to be determined

### **3:45 PM-4:00 PM Break**

### **4:00 PM-5:30 PM BREAKOUT SESSION**

#### **1a: Voir dire lab**

Please see lab schedule for your room assignments (prosecutors)

#### **1b: How to be an Ineffective Witness at Trial**

Auditorium (medical providers, investigators, and forensic interviewers)

Tiffani Clark, CAC Director, Synergy Services Child Advocacy Center

Amy Fite, General Counsel, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

### **6:00 PM-8:00 PM Optional Networking Dinner (location TBD)**

## **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

### **8:00 AM-9:15 AM BREAKOUT SESSION**

#### **1a: Opening Statement Strategies**

Auditorium (prosecutors)

Amy Fite, General Counsel, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

#### **1b: The Why, When, & Where of Medical Examinations for Child Sexual Abuse**

Auditorium (medical providers, investigators, and forensic interviewers)

Dr. Terra Frazier, Child Abuse Pediatrician, Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City

### **9:15 AM-10:30 AM Qualifying as an Expert Witness and Daubert Hearings**

Auditorium

Jo Leigh Fischer, Chief of Litigation, Lee's Summit City Attorney's Office

## **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 (continued)**

**10:30 AM-10:45 AM Break**

### **10:45 AM-12:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSION**

#### **1a: Opening Statement Lab**

Please see lab schedule for your room assignments (prosecutors)

#### **1b: Challenges for Medical Providers on the Witness Stand**

Room to be determined (medical professionals)

Dr. Terra Frazier, Child Abuse Pediatrician, Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City

#### **1c: Working Around Interview Blocks and Testifying in the Aftermath**

Room to be determined (forensic interviewers)

Amy Robins, Forensic Services Program Director, The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri

#### **1d: Overcoming the Mistake of Age Defense with Investigation**

Room to be determined (investigators)

Tristin Estep, Deputy Chief Counsel-Public Safety Division, Missouri Attorney General's Office

State Technical Assistance Team Investigator, to be determined

**12:15 PM-1:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 PM-2:30 PM Direct Examinations: Preparing Experts, Fact Witnesses, and Children for Testifying**

Auditorium

Annie Gibson, Prosecuting Attorney, Daviess County

**2:30 PM-2:45 PM Break**

**2:45 PM-5:00 PM Direct Examination Lab**

Please see lab schedule for your room assignments (all attendees)

## **Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**8:00 AM-9:15 AM Secondary Traumatization and Compassion Fatigue**

Auditorium

Randi Spruill, Director of Forensic Interviewing Services, Child Protection Center Kansas City

## **Thursday, September 21, 2023 (continued)**

### **9:15 AM-10:30 AM Defense Cross Examination: Pitfalls, Tips, and Demonstrations**

Auditorium

Casey Brooks, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, St. Charles County

Amy Robins, Forensic Services Program Director, The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri

### **10:30 AM-10:45 AM Break**

### **10:45 AM-12:30 PM Defense Cross Examination Labs**

Please see lab schedule for your room assignments (all attendees)

### **12:30 PM-1:15 PM Lunch**

### **1:15 PM-2:30 PM BREAKOUT SESSION**

#### **1a: Presenting Medical Evidence in Court**

Auditorium (prosecutors and medical providers)

Casey Brooks, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, St. Charles County

Dr. Terra Frazier, Child Abuse Pediatrician, Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City

#### **1b: Advanced Forensic Interviewing**

Steffes Conference Room (forensic interviewers)

Micki Lane, Training Education Director/Forensic Interviewer, Springfield Child Advocacy Center

Amy Robins, Forensic Services Program Director, The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri

#### **1c: How to Handle Witness Tampering**

Blue Room (investigators)

Annie Gibson, Prosecuting Attorney, Daviess County

### **2:30 PM -4:00 PM Closing Argument Lecture & Demonstration**

Auditorium

Jo Leigh Fischer, Chief of Litigation, Lee's Summit City Attorney's Office

Shana Mora, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Christian County

### **4:00 PM – 4:05 PM Closing Remarks**

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