

Presentation Descriptions

Presentation: Kids@ Risk

Conference Track: Law Enforcement

**Dt. Thomas Chung
Deborah Freier, J.D.**

Special Victims Unit Assistant Prosecutor, Deborah Freier, and Detective Thomas Chung will discuss their experiences handling child exploitation investigations including grooming, the availability and dangers of child-created content, resources and the roles of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The presentation will discuss the importance of supervising children who use internet-capable devices and the ease with which children can be exploited through social media.

Presentation: Clergy Abuse

Conference Track: Law Enforcement

Robert D. Laurino

Since the early 2000's, clerical child abuse has become a global issue. In this presentation, veteran sex crimes prosecutor Robert D. Laurino will shed light on his experiences leading the NJ Clergy Abuse Task Force. As well as providing a comprehensive review of civil law statutes for New Jersey in relation to victims of clerical child abuse.

Presentation: The Real Heroes

Conference Track: Social Work

Dave Pelzer

This rare heart-felt program is given by a man whose life was saved by a system that many ridicule as being useless and incompetent. This highly emotional presentation pays tribute to those who have dedicated their lives to making a difference in the life of a child, while at the same time educating the general public of the challenges faced by those in their chosen field. Dave carefully weaves the story of how his life was saved by teachers, a school nurse, the police department, social services, and the foster care system. This is the perfect keynote for those within the system who are in need of a positive shot in the arm from a man who, too, has dedicated his life to helping others. Throughout the program, Dave's sense of humor draws respect away from national sports celebrities and Hollywood icons, to those truly making a difference with our country's children every day: The Real Heroes. This presentation will pay homage to the countless individuals who are on the front lines in their battle to save the children and encourage others to get involved in their community by revealing the importance of their assistance.

Presentation: Forensic Nurse Examiner

Conference Track: Medical

Christine Ruggiero, RN, FN-CSA, CFN, CFC, DABFN

Forensic Nurse Examiner and Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator, Christine Ruggiero will explain the multiple roles of the forensic nurse examiner in sexual assault cases, evidence collection, and trial testimony. The presentation will focus on understanding the roles of the forensic nurse, their value in sexual assault cases and the benefits of having a forensic nurse in sexual assault cases.

Presentation: Working With Unaccompanied Minors

Conference Track: Social Work

Lizbeth Veliz, LPC

This workshop will provide an overview of immigration and unaccompanied children specifically residing in NJ. It will provide a better understanding of the circumstances that lead this vulnerable population to coming to the US and the adjustment to a new culture, the barriers/challenges they face on a day to day basis, and how we can help.

