



MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Conference

### Healing, Hope and Justice: An Advanced Conversation

#### Agenda

8:00-9:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15am Opening Remarks  
*Tom King, MACA Executive Director*

9:15-10:15am **Keynote:** Rediscovering the Beauty Within  
*Sasha Joseph Neulinger, Speaker, Filmmaker & Survivor*  
*Director, "Rewind" / Founder & President, Voice for the Kids*

One With Courage Award Presentation

10:15-10:30am Break

10:30am-12:00pm Breakout Workshop Session I

#### **Core DEC (Drug Endangered Children) Awareness – Identifying Children: A Collaborative Approach**

*Presenters: Eric Nation & Stacey Read, BA, MSW, National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children*

Room: Commons (lobby level)

#### **So You Can Identify a Victim of Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Now What? How Your Multidisciplinary Team Can Effectively Engage With Youth Who Are Being Exploited**

*Presenters: Rachel Niemiec, MSN, FNP-BC, SANE, Adult/Adolescent & Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner & Amanda Fowle, JD, Plymouth County District Attorney's Office*

Room: Ashland

#### **Turn Up the Beat: The Use of Music in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)**

*Presenters: Jessica Griffin, PsyD, UMASS Child Trauma Training Center & Jessica Wozniak, PsyD, Baystate Family Advocacy Center*

Room: Wayland

#### **It's Elementary: Legal Options for Sexual Assault Survivors in Primary and Secondary School**

*Presenters: Katrina Eberly, JD & Eleni Kalmoukos, JD, Victim Rights Law Center*

Room: Carlisle

#### **Understanding the Neurobiology of Acute Traumatic Events: From the Brain to Behavior**

*Presenter: Hilary Hodgdon, PhD, The Trauma Center at JRI*

Room: Middlesex

12:00-1:15pm Lunch Buffet

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1:15-2:15pm      **Plenary:** *Jen Abelson, Investigative Reporter and Co-Author of “I Have the Right To: A High School Survivor’s Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope,” by Chessy Prout*

2:15-2:30pm      Break

2:30-4:00pm      Breakout Workshop Session II

**The DEC (Drug Endangered Children) Approach: Moving From Awareness to Action**

*Presenters: Eric Nation & Stacey Read, BA, MSW, National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children*

Room: Commons (lobby level)

**CAC Response to Children With Problematic Sexual Behaviors: NY Perspective**

*Presenter: Renee Roman, LMSW, START Children’s Center CAC*

Room: Ashland

**Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Considerations for Children in Foster Care**

*Presenters: Heather Forkey, MD, UMASS Child Protection Program & Foster Care Evaluation Services / Roann Vecchia, LSWA, Department of Children & Families / Courtney Sans, JD, Worcester County District Attorney’s Office / Jessica Berry, JD, MSW, Children’s Law Center of MA / Charity Bell, MPA, Department of Mental Health & Foster Parent*

Room: Wayland

**Collecting Minimal Facts**

*Presenter: Anthony DeVincenzo, MA, Northeast Regional Children’s Advocacy Center*

Room: Carlisle

**Complex Trauma in Children: Influence on the Brain, Body, and Behavior**

*Presenter: Hilary Hodgdon, PhD, The Trauma Center at JRI*

Room: Middlesex

4:00      Conference Ends