

EVERYDAY HEROES CONFERENCE

Sleep Inn Conference Center, Minot, ND

October 24-25, 2023



Northern Plains
Children's Advocacy Center

AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Check In

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Unto the Third Generation: A Call to End Child Abuse in 30 Years

Presenter: Victor Vieth

Description: In this moving and hopeful address, learn the five obstacles that prevent us from ending child abuse and the sweeping changes now taking place in our child protection system that will enable us to significantly reduce and perhaps eliminate child abuse over the course of the next three generations.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. When Faith Hurts: Effective MDT Responses to the Spiritual Impact of Child Abuse

Presenter: Victor Vieth

Description: Many maltreated children are spiritually impacted by abuse and require a coordination of medical, mental health, and spiritual care. This presentation examines the research and explores creative reforms for bringing faith and child protection communities together to protect children and address their needs. The workshop also explores how MDTs can recognize and respond to spiritual injuries before, during and after the forensic interview.

Learning Objectives:

1. Receive an overview of research on the spiritual impact of child abuse.
2. Learn to recognize spiritual injuries and to address this dynamic before, during and after a forensic interview.
3. Learn best practice for coordinating medical, mental health, and spiritual care.
4. Learn of potential benefits to adding a chaplain to a CAC or an MDT.

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. We're Just Going to Talk: Presenting Your Case in Opening Statements and Closing Argument

Presenter: Victor Vieth

Description: Learn the importance of effective strategies and themes for opening statements and closing arguments in child abuse cases. You will learn a theme for presenting the case. You will learn specific arguments to persuade a jury that a child is telling the truth. You will learn to debunk common defenses in child abuse cases.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn to develop a theme for presentation to the jury.
2. Learn a set of arguments that can be advanced in nearly every child abuse case.
3. Learn common defense arguments and clear strategies for responding.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. When a Child Stands Alone: The Search for Corroborating Evidence

Presenter: Victor Vieth

Description: There is corroborating evidence in every case of child abuse, including cases of sexual abuse. Using actual vignettes, the presenter helps attendees see corroborating evidence that is almost always present but often missed. Working as team, students will learn to tear apart a child's statement and find the corroborating physical evidence in cases of child sexual abuse.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn to break apart a forensic interview to find corroborating evidence.
2. Learn to use photographs as corroborating evidence.
3. Learn to use corroborating evidence in the interviews and interrogations of suspects.

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (Optional) Free screening of the film *Sextortion: The Hidden Pandemic*



Watch the trailer
*Sextortion: The
Hidden Pandemic*

Sextortion: The Hidden Pandemic is an expose into the world of online grooming and sextortion of children—an increasingly growing threat in today's digitally connected world. By unsealing the US Department of Homeland Security case of a top gun pilot with hundreds of victims, and interviewing victims and their parents, this true-crime piece opens the eyes of viewers as to how this atrocious crime is becoming wide-spread. The film uncovers the hidden world of online enticement and exploitation of children—and what we can do to stop it.



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** **Part 1: Trafficking, Exploitation, Online Enticement: Crimes Hidden in Plain Sight**
Presenters: Jill Krone, Analena Lunde, Cassidy Halseth
Description: Learn the various platforms of recruitment, online enticement/grooming, along with current issues and challenges for law enforcement, juvenile justice system, and victim service providers when assisting victims (youth and adolescents) who face commercial sexual exploitation. Also learn the approaches and models currently used in North Dakota and nationally to identify, intervene with, and support this population and their families. The training will emphasize prevention and provide practical tips and resources to combat sexual exploitation of children.
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.** **Part 2: Trafficking, Exploitation, Online Enticement: Crimes Hidden in Plain Sight**
Presenters: Jill Krone, Analena Lunde, Cassidy Halseth
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.** **Lunch on your own**
- 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.** **Part 3: Trafficking, Exploitation, Online Enticement: Crimes Hidden in Plain Sight**
Presenters: Jill Krone, Analena Lunde, Cassidy Halseth
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.** **The Costly Impact of Vicarious Trauma**
Presenter: Tammy Ness
Learning Objectives:
- Expand understanding of types of trauma and frequency of trauma related incidences with general public and high risk populations.
 - Define Vicarious Trauma for helping professionals.
 - Identify symptoms of vicarious trauma and those specific to law enforcement and those working with crime.
 - Gain understanding of trauma's impact to the brain, the emotional rollercoaster and hypervigilance.
 - Learn how to manage symptoms in work/life to enhance functioning in personal life.
- 4:30 p.m.** **Conference Closing**



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PRESENTER BIOS

Victor Vieth

Victor Vieth, JD, MA, is the Director of Education and Research for Zero Abuse Project. In this role, he develops long-term strategy for expanding Zero Abuse Project and its programs nationally and internationally. He also teaches, publishes, creates programs and works on public policy issues related to child protection.

Victor is in demand as a nationally recognized expert in the field of interpersonal violence. He has trained thousands of child protection professionals from all 50 states, two U.S. Territories and 17 countries on numerous topics pertaining to child abuse investigation, prosecution and prevention. Victor has been instrumental in implementing 22 state and international forensic interview training programs and dozens of undergraduate and graduate programs on child maltreatment.

Victor gained national recognition for his work addressing child abuse in small communities as a prosecutor in rural Minnesota. He has been named to the President's Honor Roll of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. The Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association also named him one of the "21 Young Lawyers Leading Us Into the 21st Century." Victor is regularly asked to consult with legislators around the country regarding policy and reform and has testified in front of the United States Senate. Numerous foreign countries, including Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Columbia, have sought his expertise to guide them as they create and implement ground breaking child protection policies.

Victor has published countless articles related to the investigation, prosecution and prevention of child abuse and neglect. He is author of "Unto the Third Generation," a bold initiative that outlines the necessary steps we must all take to eliminate child abuse in America in three generations.

Victor graduated magna cum laude from Winona State University and earned his juris doctor from Hamline University School of Law (HUSL). While studying at HUSL, he received the American Jurisprudence Award for achievement in the study of constitutional law and served as editor-in-chief of the "Law Review."



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PRESENTER BIOS

Analena Lunde

Dr. Analena M. Lunde is currently employed with the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Victim Services Unit (VSU) as a Victim Witness Specialist for the western region of North Dakota. She has over 25 years of critical care nursing, flight medicine, forensics, and public health experience which has facilitated her work in both the human trafficking, violent crimes, sex crimes, and commercial sexual exploitation fields.

Dr. Lunde serves as a board member and advisor on various local, state, and national human trafficking, Victims of Crime Advocacy organizations, public health, and forensic nurse councils, actively participating in policy development, education, and practice translation. In addition, Dr. Lunde assists the communities in her region with developing best practice response protocols for trafficking survivors and victims of crime with various task forces (Internet Crimes Against Children and Cyber Crimes Unit), US Attorney's Office, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, ND Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and local law enforcement to identify and prosecute traffickers and offenders. As a Forensic Nurse Examiner, she has been called upon to provide expert opinion/testimony for specific adult and pediatric trial cases.

Dr. Lunde has over 1000 hours in training in the field of victim assistance. She earned her Doctorate in Nursing Practice and has trained nationally for the McCain Institute and the National Network for Youth on issues related to Human Trafficking. She continues to teach public health and leadership/management courses in both the baccalaureate and associate degree for various nursing programs nationwide. Dr. Lunde is a member of the Western Region Child Abduction Response Team (CART) alongside a group of experts who respond to endangered, missing, or abducted children. She is a certified SHARP trainer (Sexual Health and Adolescent Risk Prevention) through the North Dakota State University and Planned Parenthood Department teaching youth how to reduce risky behaviors. She is a group facilitator for Ending the Game, an evidence-based "coercion resiliency" curriculum that reduces feelings of attachment to traffickers and/or a lifestyle characterized by commercial sexual exploitation, thereby reducing the rate of recidivism among sex trafficking survivors. She currently delivers this curriculum at the Dakota Women's Correctional Center.

Dr. Lunde was awarded the 2022 NDBCI Civilian of the Year Award for her victim-centered work with victims of crime and the 2021 Circle of Excellence Award from Education Affiliates for her work in public health and mentorship for young nurse graduates. She was also recognized by the North Dakota Department of Health as the 2021 Health Equity Champion for the Western region of the Dakotas for her community outreach and advisory board member work with the New American/Foreign born/Immigrant (NFI) Advisory Board.



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PRESENTER BIOS

Cassidy Halseth (and Jab)

Cassidy Halseth lives in Minot with his wife Christal. They have 8 children, three at home, and five that are out on their own, but not visiting home enough! Cassidy has been a Special Agent with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and assigned to the Cyber Crime Unit since 2017. Prior to that S/A Halseth was a Detective and a Patrol Officer with the Minot Police Department from 2002 to 2017. Cassidy has been active in many things during his law enforcement career to include being a Certified Bomb Technician for the Minot Police Department for over 13 years, member of the Minot Police Department Bike Patrol Unit, President of the Minot Police Department Employees Union, President of the Special Operations Committee for the State of North Dakota, and a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force since 2012.



It was the joining of the Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce that has forever changed S/A Halseth's career in law enforcement. Since 2012 S/A Halseth has specialized in cases involving the victimization and exploitation of children. S/A Halseth has completed all necessary training and has become a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner through the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists and is certified in the use of several different forensic hardware and software tools. In January of 2023 S/A Halseth became the ICAC Commander for the state of North Dakota, overseeing over 100 task force members from over 50 affiliate agencies.



S/A Halseth is also a certified Electronic Detection K-9 handler. S/A Halseth attended the premier Electronic Detection K-9 school at Jordan Detection K-9 in Indianapolis, Indiana and was honored to be partnered with K-9 Special Agent Jab. S/A Halseth and Special Agent Jab now work side by side every day to catch child predators and work tirelessly to keep the children of our communities safe.



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PRESENTER BIOS

Jill Krone

Jill Krone is a Victim Witness Specialist for Eastern North Dakota currently employed with the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Victim Services Unit (VSU) and is a member of the North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force. Prior to her working for BCI, she was a Parole Officer for the State of North Dakota for 14 years and before that worked at the Clay Co Jail as a Correctional Officer for 8 years. Jill is a graduate from the University of Minnesota-Duluth with a Bachelor of Arts with a double major of Sociology and Criminology. She is also a Certified Brain Injury Specialist experienced in the epidemiology of brain injury and rehabilitation management.



Jill's work with the Human Trafficking Task Force, Cyber Crimes Unit, and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) statewide teams includes, providing training, technical assistance, and crisis support for victims of crime to include exploitation and trafficking. In her role as a Victim Witness Specialist for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) covering the Eastern region of North Dakota, Jill provides direct services to victims of violent crimes ensuring that the needs and the rights of crime victims and witnesses are met through compliance with the law, and with respectful, trauma-sensitive, and fair treatment.



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Tammy Ness

Tammy Ness, LCSW, PLLC began her career in 1989 with William County Social Services as a child protection and foster care worker following graduation from Minot State University. In 1991 she returned to Minot to work on the Children and Family Unit at North Central Human Service Center as a child sexual abuse expert but also continued work with children and families around all mental health needs for youth. In 2004, Tammy returned to the University of North Dakota to obtain her Master of Social Work degree where she graduated in 2005. In 2013, she was promoted to Clinical Director on North Central Human Service Center until her retirement in February 2021.

Today, Tammy operates her own full-time private practice where she sees all age groups providing therapy for trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship issues using individual, group and couple modalities. Tammy is also the clinical consultant for the Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center in Minot where she provides clinical supervision to the therapy staff and consultation to the agency director.



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