

Definitions

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- **Child Welfare** – Sessions in this track address current issues affecting child welfare system policies, programs, and practices. This track is aimed at a systematic approach or overview of the Child Welfare System. This may include evidence-based interventions, state and federal policy initiatives, innovative projects, and current research.
- **Domestic Violence** – Domestic Violence topics include children witnessing domestic violence, teen violence, interpersonal violence, family violence, and domestic violence in military families. Submissions should address clinical interventions for children exposed to domestic violence and secondary effects. Submission should BRIEFLY describe the basic topic, but the CORE of the presentation is expected to provide intermediate or advanced information that elicits discussion and reflection.
- **Forensic Interview** – Sessions in this track address current issues in research and practice related to interviewing child victims of abuse and witnesses to violent crime, including special populations, presentation of evidence, and cultural considerations.
- **Global Perspectives** – Sessions in this track address international perspectives on child maltreatment and domestic violence.
- **Early Childhood Mental Health** – Sessions in this track include screening, assessment, treatment, system coordination and reflective practice as applied to younger children who have experienced traumatic life events. Sessions should include a neurobiological or epigenetic framework when applicable. Sessions should BRIEFLY describe the basic topic, but the CORE of the presentation is expected to provide intermediate or advanced information that elicits discussion and reflection. Sessions need to use multiple methods of learning to assist with integration of material.

Additional key terms/concepts:

- Developmental psychopathology
 - Complex developmental trauma
 - Impact of in-utero exposure to opioids/alcohol
 - Neurorelational/Dyadic psychotherapy
 - DC 0-5 multi-axial assessment
 - Transdisciplinary treatment
 - Caregiver health
- **Investigations** – Sessions in this track address law enforcement in the areas of physical, sexual, homicide, neglect and domestic violence. Sessions may include multi-victim cases; cold cases; multidisciplinary approaches; cases where substance abuse, cultural issues, gender issues, or technology played a part in guiding the case. Provide practical and implementable information.
 - **Legal** – Sessions in this track address current issues in prosecution of child abuse and neglect from the initial report to the closing argument at trial, children as witnesses, and MDT members as witnesses.
 - **Medical for Medical Professionals** –
 - **Medical for the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)** –

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- **Mental Health/Trauma Counseling** – Sessions in this track include issues related to screening, assessment, research, treatment, and system coordination as applied to clinical practice with children and families that have experienced traumatic life events. Sessions should consider applicability across rural/urban communities, and across populations including various cultural, ethnic, religious, and sexual orientation/identity groups. Sessions should BRIEFLY describe the basic topic, but the CORE of the presentation is expected to provide intermediate or advanced information that elicits discussion and reflection. Sessions are encouraged to use multiple methods of learning to assist with the integration of material into practice.
Additional key terms/concepts:
 - Peritraumatic phase treatment
 - Trauma treatment via telemental health
 - Sexual/physical abuse treatment
 - Child witness to domestic violence
 - Co-occurring disorders: trauma/substance abuse
 - Treatment of severe neglect
 - Complex developmental trauma
 - Intergenerational trauma
- **Prevention** – Sessions in this track address the prevention of first time incidents of child maltreatment among individuals or families from the general population (primary prevention) or among high-risk groups (secondary prevention). Example workshop topics include parent-mediated programs, home visiting, assessment of risk, protective, and promotive factors for first time child abuse incidents, cultural issues in preventing maltreatment, and community-level prevention of child maltreatment.
- **Scientific Sessions** – Sessions in this track highlight cutting edge research to advance the knowledge of participants and inform the implementation and sustainability of child and family maltreatment prevention and intervention practices, processes, policies, and system reforms. This track will share research findings to ensure that evidence-based and evidence-informed models, practices, and strategies are embedded into our work with children and families. Scientific Sessions are shorter presentations (30-45 minutes) addressing complementary topics within a single 90 minute meeting session; institutions can submit 2-3 sessions together, or conference staff will group submissions around a subject.
- **Secondary Traumatic Stress** – Secondary traumatic stress topics in the areas of measurement, strategies and related frameworks or resources. Sessions should be designed to be specific to the attendees of the current tracks of the conference (law enforcement, child protection, mental health, investigations, medical etc.) as they will be part of those tracks this year. Please submit with STS as the primary track and choose the appropriate secondary track from the other options. Sessions should go beyond the basic definition of the issue and provide concrete strategies to measure and/or address the issue of secondary traumatic stress of the workforce.

We are also looking for lunch time sessions that will be focused on experiential experiences and that are relatable to all professions.

- **Victim Support and Advocacy** – Sessions in this track include family engagement, assessment and comprehensive coordinated case management services, including psychoeducation, crisis intervention, safety planning, access to victims' rights and crime victim compensation, referrals and supportive services based on national standards and current trends.
- **Trauma Informed Systems** –

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