



Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Training Conference

SPEAKER BIOS

Introduction and

Update on State and Federal Meth Legislation

Rob Bovett, JD, Legal Counsel, Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association

Since 1992, Rob Bovett has been a lawyer with Lincoln County, with clients such as the Sheriff's Office, Health Department, Children's Advocacy Center, and the Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team. Rob also serves as legal counsel for the Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association, and is the author of Oregon's meth lab control laws. Rob is a member of the Governor's Meth Task Force, where he serves as Chair of the Drug Endangered Children Subcommittee. Rob also participates in the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children and the National Methamphetamine Chemicals Initiative, and is co-founder of the Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. Rob is married and has four teenagers, so Rob is aging a bit faster than normal.

Level 1 Drug Endangering Environments ("Meth Labs")

Eric Schober, Lieutenant, Portland Police Bureau

Eric Schober has spent 22 years in law enforcement, 16 of those in the field of narcotics investigations. Eric spent much of his law enforcement career assigned to the Portland Police Bureau's Drugs and Vice Division (DVD) as Meth Lab Coordinator. Eric has investigated or supervised the investigation of over 500 meth labs. Eric was recently promoted to Lieutenant.

Managing Level 1 Drug Endangering Environments

Craig Durbin, Captain, Oregon State Police

Craig Durbin has prior experience as an Oregon drug recognition expert (DRE), an Oregon DRE instructor, and a narcotics task force supervisor. Craig has given instruction in narcotics for police agencies, judicial organizations, universities, and public and private sectors. Until recently, Craig served as Commander of the Oregon State Police Drug Enforcement Section. In that position, he worked on legislative concepts and bills, and gave testimony before the Oregon State Legislature on issues which that involve search and seizure, narcotics, and forfeiture. Craig is a member of the Governor's Meth Task Force and the Oregon Meth Watch Program. Craig was recently promoted to Captain of the OSP Gaming Division.

Theodora Tsongas, PhD, Epidemiologist, Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)

Theodora Tsongas, PhD, MS, has been an epidemiologist with Oregon Public Health, coordinating the Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance System for the past 5 years, serves on the Drug Endangered Children Subcommittee of the Governor's Meth Task Force, and is a member of the board of the Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.

Medical Effects of Drug Endangering Environments on Children

Carol Chervenak, MD, Medical Director, ABC House

Carol L. Chervenak, M.D., has been the medical director of ABC House, the child victim assessment center for Linn and Benton counties, since 1997. Carol serves on the Advisory Council for Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Subcommittee of the Oregon Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force. She helped establish a medical protocol for assessing children found at methamphetamine lab sites, and has lectured extensively to physicians and other child abuse professionals in the area of child physical and sexual abuse, drug endangered children, and the effects of methamphetamine use by pregnant and nursing women. Carol is also a presenter with the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (NADEC).

Karen Phifer, LCSW, Clinic Operations Supervisor, CARES Northwest

Karen's work duties include supervision of the Intake Counselors and Child Abuse Specialists called in to see child abuse victims after hours. Additionally, Karen has helped to develop the Drug Endangered Child Protocol for CARES Northwest and Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. Before coming to CARES Northwest, Karen was the Child Abuse & Neglect Medical Social Worker at Doernbecher Children's Hospital for ten years. In addition to her other job requirements, Karen is also currently providing psychosocial ward consultation for suspected abuse cases at Emanuel Children's Hospital.

Investigation of Level 2 Drug Endangering Environments

and

The DEC Case in Court

Craig Stoelk, Detective, Salem Police Department

Detective Craig Stoelk has served 28 years in law enforcement, the past 19 years investigating sexual assault, child abuse, and homicide. Craig has investigated in excess of 3,000 abuse cases. Craig is also a member of the Marion County Child Abuse Response Team (CART), and the Marion County child fatality review team, where Craig was a principal author of that protocol. Craig has been an instructor and trainer in many related fields for a variety of entities, including, but not limited to, the Department of Human Services, Chemeketa Community College, and the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force.

Sarah Morris, JD, Deputy District Attorney, Marion County

Sarah Morris is a 1996 graduate of Willamette Law School. From 1995 to 1996, Sarah served as a certified law clerk with the Marion County District Attorney's Office, and since 1996 has been a Deputy District Attorney, serving with various divisions, including misdemeanors, juvenile delinquency and dependency, and the felony drug team. Since 2000, Sarah has been assigned as a prosecutor on the child abuse and sexual assault team. Sarah also participates in the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (NADEC), and is co-founder of the Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (OADEC).

Dawn Hunter, Department of Human Services

Dawn Hunter earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Lewis and Clark College, and a Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance from Oregon State University. Dawn has worked for the Marion County Branch of DHS Child Welfare since 1984, the majority of that time in protective services. For the past 5 years, Dawn has been a supervisor for the protective services unit.

Forensic Interview Techniques

Kim Penna, Forensic Interviewer, Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center

Kim Penna is a forensic interviewer at the Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center in Newport, Oregon and serves on the Lincoln County Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team. She is a board member and presenter for the Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (OADEC). She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from San Diego State University, and received graduate education in psychology with interest in developmental psychopathology from the University of Oregon. Kim has interviewed hundreds of children regarding sexual and physical abuse, neglect, witness to violent crime including homicide, and drug endangerment.

Addiction, Treatment, and Reassembling Families

Eric Martin, MA, CADC III, Director, Addiction Counselor Certification Board of Oregon

Eric Martin is Executive Director of the Addiction Counselor Certification Board of Oregon and is an Instructor with the University of Oregon and the Oregon Child Welfare Division. Known for his insight and humor into the brain-behavior connection of alcoholism and drug abuse, Martin also sits on Oregon Governor Kulongoski's Advisory Board on Drugs and Violent Crime.

Jay Wurscher, CADC II, Child Welfare, Department of Human Services

Jay Wurscher is currently the Alcohol and Drug Services Coordinator for Oregon's Department of Human Services child welfare group. He works in the Children, Adults and Families Office and Child Protective Services Division in Salem. He is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor and has been in the field of addiction treatment and prevention since 1982. His experience includes the jobs of addiction counselor, clinical supervisor, program manager for a community based prevention program, and trainer. Jay teaches seminars and summer courses at the University of Oregon and spent six years as the addictions counselor in a State of Oregon Child Welfare branch (formerly called SCF/CSD), working with substance abusing families involved in the child welfare system. He is married and has two children. Jay moved to Oregon in 1983 from Minnesota. Since then he's gained a bunch of weight, wears glasses, and is losing his hair. Happily, he's not on any medication and eats whatever he wants, as he really likes food and refuses to contribute to the 40 billion dollar a year diet industry.

Mental Health Care for Drug Endangered Children

Dawn Sly, LCSW, Counselor, Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center

Dawn Sly graduated from Oregon State University in 1992 with a B.S. in Psychology, and from Boise State University in 1996 with an MSW. She received her License in Clinical Social Work (LCSW) in 1998 while working as a child and family therapist in a day treatment setting in rural Lincoln County, Oregon. She has been a home visitor for the past 8 years, and has dealt with a variety of issues including: Domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health issues, challenging behaviors, and child neglect and abuse. Dawn has been in private practice for the past 2½ years and provides contracted clinical services to several community programs throughout Lincoln County. She has over 5 years of experience working with CSC Head Start as the Mental Health and Disabilities Services Coordinator. Dawn contracts with the DHS Child Welfare program to provide clinical services and consultation to social workers and the visitation staff in the Coached Parenting Program. Dawn routinely provides consultation and training services to Lincoln County domestic violence programs, including the women's shelter. Additionally, Dawn facilitates assessment and treatment services for children and families at the Children's Advocacy Center, including the provision of counseling for Drug Endangered Children. Her clinical specialties and interests include: Trauma and attachment, child development, early childhood mental health, and challenging behaviors.