

Calendar of Events

January 16, 2025
- December 18, 2025

The APSAC Prevention Series
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

The APSAC Prevention Series will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Member Registration: Free
Non-Member Registration: \$149
APSAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

January 16, 2025: Evaluation of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Policies in School Settings presented by Bart Klika, PhD, MSW

February 20, 2025: Prevention of Child Abuse: A Public Health Approach presented by Catherine Taylor, PhD, LCSW, MPH

March 20, 2025: Time to Get Serious: Child Sexual Abuse presented by Jon R. Conte, PhD

April 17, 2025: Driving Societal Change to End Child Sexual Abuse presented by Chris Yadon, MPA & Matt Hartvigsen, MPA / SAPREA

July 17, 2025: Advancing the CSA Field: Terminology Used in CSA Prevention – Field Survey Results, and Prevent Together’s National Plan to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse/Exploitation presented by Stacy Vaughan, DSW, CMSW

August 21, 2025: Safeguarding in Sport presented by Katie Hanna

September 18, 2025: Darkness to Light’s New Stewards of Children presented by Rhonda Newton, MEd

October 16, 2025: A Shift in Perspective: The Value in Utilizing a Universal Platform to Strengthen Child Abuse Prevention Efforts presented by Deborah Daro, PhD, MCP-HARC

November 20, 2025: Child Abuse Prevention for Clergy & Faith Leaders presented by Darrell Armstrong, MDiv, EdS-MFT, DDiv

December 18, 2025: No Hit Zones: A Simple, Low Cost and Promising Solution to a Complex and Key Risk Factor for Child Maltreatment presented by Stacie LeBlanc, JD, MEd

January 29, 2025
- December 19, 2025

The New York Foundling & APSAC Webinar Series on Controversial Topics

Zoom

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

EVENT DETAILS COMING SOON!

This link serves as event registration for 2025 webinar series. Alternatively, individual sessions can be purchased by selecting the specific dates on the Training Calendar.

General Admission (all 6 sessions): \$90.00

APSAC Members and The New York Foundling Staff Admission: Free

6 CE Credits (Social Work & Psychology) Non-Members: \$90.00

6 CE Credits (Social Work & Psychology) APSAC Members and NY Foundling: \$60.00

APSAC Members: You will receive your discount automatically when registering.

The New York Foundling Staff: Please email FontanaCenter@nyfoundling.org to request your entry code.

General Admission (individual sessions): \$30.00

APSAC Members and The New York Foundling Staff Admission: Free

1 CE Credit (Social Work & Psychology) Non-Members: \$30.00

1 CE Credit (Social Work & Psychology) APSAC Members and NY Foundling: \$20.00

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The sessions are scheduled to take place from 2 pm to 3 pm ET. This program will be conducted remotely utilizing live interactive webinars hosted on Zoom.

January 29th: Not Just Rivalry: The Invisibility of Sibling Aggression and Abuse presented by Corinna Jenkins Tucker, PhD, CFLE & Tanya Rouleau Whitworth, PhD

Cancellations:

No cancellations. No refunds. Registration is transferable. Requests for transfer to a future event will also be considered on a case-by-case basis. If you have any questions please email us at onlinetraining@apsac.org.

February 11, 2025
- February 11, 2025

APSAC Advisor- Clock In to Time Out: A Followup Clinical Training on the Family Time-Out In
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Even seasoned clinicians can frequently feel uncertain about how to address intense and chronic parent - adolescent conflict, especially that which periodically places individual family members at emotional and potentially physical risk. This webinar will provide a brief conceptual overview of a family-level intervention designed specifically to Behaviorally extinguish patterns of family conflict that typically occur around parent adolescent conflict dynamics. It will also guide clinicians through an example of how to provide the family with the necessary foundational psychoeducation within a single family session to start the work of reducing their harmful conflict over time.

Presenters: Samuel J . Fasulo, PhD; Whitney E . Waugh, PhD

February 13, 2025
- February 13, 2025

Zoom Chat: Empowering Professionals With Marketing AI
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Description: Want to incorporate AI into your professional work but need a starting point? This session will show you how to use AI marketing applications to strengthen your messaging and reach wider audiences.

Why attend?

Learn how AI tools improve outreach and work processes without replacing human connection and expertise.

What you'll take away:

*See the impact of Marketing AI on organizations through actual tools and examples
Start with simple AI tools to enhance your marketing strategy and measure results from week one
Test proven AI approaches to extend your reach and build systems to multiply your impact*

Get answers to:

*Which AI tools work best for your use case?
How do you maintain message accuracy with AI?
What tasks should stay human-led vs AI-assisted?*

Presenter: Erica Salm Rench

February 18, 2025
- February 18, 2025

APSAC Advisor- Corporal Punishment of Children in Homes and Schools: An Action Plan
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Corporal punishment (CP) is associated with a multitude of short- and long-term consequences for children which can negatively impact mental and physical health. However, many American adults continue to endorse the use of CP in both the home and school setting. Seventeen states continue to allow CP in public schools and the majority of states allow its use in the private school setting. Child advocacy professionals from a variety of disciplines must ensure that parents and American society in general are fully knowledgeable about CP use, understand its potential for negative outcomes for children, and are aware of healthy and effective alternatives to CP. This webinar will explore CP by defining different types, discussing consequences, describing challenges to eradication in the United States, and suggesting interventions by APSAC professionals to effect change to see the end of CP use in America.

Presenters: Ellen M. Chiocca, PhD, CPNP, APRN; Gail Hornor, DNP, CPNP, SANE-P

February 21, 2025
- February 21, 2025

Implementing NO HIT ZONES for preventing child maltreatment: Experiences from Sierra Leone
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Description: With this Zoom Chat Ibrahim Bangura, founder of Future Leaders Initiative, Sierra Leone and Dr. Lucien X. Lombardo of Old Dominion University and a member of the National No Hit Zone Committee in the US illustrate and discuss 6 strategic lessons from their work to bring NO HIT ZONES to Sierra Leone. We hope these comparative lessons sharpen the focus of lenses through which we view our professional prevention work and its connections to NO HIT ZONES.

Outline:

- 1. What to know about Sierra Leone: Children's Perspective*
- 2. Some background on Sierra Leone and violence in children's lives*
- 3. Sorting through the reasons to "not hit children"! Evidence, rights, dignity*
- 4. Community Sensitization and Awareness Campaigns: not just the NHZ location*
- 5. Training and Capacity-Building for Teachers: Adding perspective to 'teaching' on Teaching*
- 6. Youth and Child Engagement Through Peer Advocacy: generational change*
- 7. Parents2Parents (P2P) Community Support Groups: Sharing and Empowering to*
- 8. Issuing No Hit Zone Signage : Visibility to community*

Presenters: Ibrahim Bangura and Lucien Lombardo, PhD

February 25, 2025
- February 25, 2025

APSAC Advisor- Understanding the Needs of Infants and Toddlers in Child Welfare
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM EST

Despite a call for action to address the needs of infants and toddlers in the child welfare system, they continue to be overrepresented in allegations of abuse and neglect, substantiated cases of maltreatment, and entry into foster care. Given the ongoing unique needs for infants and toddlers involved with child protective services, the rising proportion of this age group with substantiated reports, and the importance of this developmental period, practitioners involved with maltreatment prevention and promotion of child and family well-being are in an important position to provide the necessary support for infants, toddlers, and families in need. Therefore, the goals of this presentation are first, to provide the necessary background information to understand the developmental impact of maltreatment on infants and toddlers; and second, to provide information on available resources and practice recommendations that practitioners can use to support infants, toddlers, and their families.

Presenters: Margaret Gillis, PhD & Jenifer Goldman Fraser, PhD, MPH

March 5, 2025
- April 30, 2025

The New York Foundling & APSAC Comprehensive Online 9-Week Course on all of the B's of Zoom

12:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

General Admission (entire 9-week course): \$160.00

APSAC Members and The New York Foundling Staff Admission: Free

18 CE Credits (Social Work & Psychology) Non-Members: \$90.00

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All sessions will take place from 12:00pm to 2pm ET on Wednesdays from March 5th to April 30th, 2025 remotely through the use of live interactive webinars over Zoom.

The program consists of nine 2 hour sessions. Applicants must register for the entire 9-week program. The training program will offer participating professionals the opportunity to acquire or enhance the competencies, skills and insights necessary to effectively work with children and families in the child welfare system. Please see course descriptions and course presenters below. All nine courses will be led by national experts in the field of child welfare and child maltreatment.

Event Details Coming Soon!

March 5th: Block Physical Abuse: Solutions presented by Stacie LeBlanc, JD, MEd, FAPSAC

*March 12th: Baffling, Bizarre, Beyond Belief Child Abuse Cases presented by Debra Esernio-Jenssen, MD, FAAP & Barbara Knox, MD
Resources*

*(FRIDAY) March 21st: Bogus Physical Abuse: Mimics of Maltreatment presented by Michelle Greene, DO
Resources*

*March 26th: Brains: Abusive Head Trauma presented by Randell Alexander, MD, PhD
Resources*

*April 2nd: Burns: Pediatric Burns and Their Medical Mimics in Child Maltreatment presented by Lauren Burge, MD
Resources*

April 9th: Bull: Medical Child Abuse: Detecting, Surviving and Healing from Unprecedented Bull presented by Rebecca Gill, M.D., Jordyn Hope & Brian Fleming

April 16th: Bones/Fractures presented by Dr. Adrienne Atezemis

*April 23rd: Brains and Backlash: Medical Diagnosis, Legal Controversies, and Prevention Strategies for Abusive Head Trauma presented by Vincent J. Palusci, MD, MS, FAAP, FAPSAC
Resources*

April 30th: Bruises and other Boo-Boos: Skin Injury presented by Dr. Adrienne Atezemis

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May 8, 2025
- May 8, 2025

**The APSAC GRAMMYS: Great Research Among Multidisciplinary Members Last Year
Zoom**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Each year, there are hundreds (if not thousands) of research articles published in a variety of journals in disciplines which address important issues in child abuse and neglect. These range from basic sciences, neuroscience, and psychology, to epidemiology, public health, medicine, law, law enforcement, and other areas that report new and potentially important information for professionals responding to child abuse and neglect. This presenters for this session will search the world's published literature for 2024 to review articles with information that can be used to improve practice and policy, while highlighting articles from APSAC's journal Child Maltreatment and publications which participants can use in their work and that reflect the best science across disciplines. These are foundational articles which provide information that can be transformative in the field and can assist the participants throughout their professional careers. The presenters will make the articles "accessible" to the participants and will discuss important aspects of their study design, study sample and generalizability of results.

Presenters: Vincent Palusci, MD, MS, FAPSAC & Stacie LeBlanc JD, MEd, FAPSAC

May 27, 2025
- May 29, 2025

Overview of Best Practices in Child Forensic Interviewing

Zoom

12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

This is the event registration for Overview of Best Practices in Child Forensic Interviewing?

Member Registration: \$575

Non-Member Registration: \$750

12 CE Credits (Social Work & Psychology): \$40

Event dates: May 27, 28, 29

Event time: 12pm - 4pm Eastern Time

**Participants must attend all 3 days in order to receive certificates of completion and CEs*

Description:

Child forensic interviews often provide key evidence to guide further investigation and to support decisions made about whether to pursue criminal prosecutions in cases involving maltreatment, exploitation, or exposure to violence, as well as civil child protection interventions. Consequently, many professionals have an interest in how these interviews are conducted and can benefit from an understanding of best practices in child forensic interviewing. This knowledge-based training will provide an overview of foundational principles and basic concepts for any professional who wishes to learn about current best practices in child forensic interviewing and APSAC's 2023 Practice Guidelines on Forensic Interviewing of Children.

Presenters: Patti Toth, JD & Liz Ghilardi, MSW, LCSW

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June 22, 2025
- June 26, 2025

2025 APSAC Colloquium - New Orleans, LA
Sheraton Hotel
500 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Pre-Conference Institutes: June 22
APSAC's 32nd Colloquium: June 23-26

Four days and multiple tracks featuring APSAC's distinguished mix of research and practice. These sessions will be filled on a 1st come 1st serve basis.

APSAC's 32nd Colloquium will bring high-quality interdisciplinary learning opportunities to child maltreatment researchers and practitioners across experience levels and professions. Extraordinary plenary speakers will join us and more than 130 sessions will be available! Sessions will be offered at beginning, intermediate, or advanced levels for professionals in mental health, social work, medicine, nursing, law, education, law enforcement, prevention, research, advocacy, child protective services, and allied fields.

Group Registration Discounts

APSAC offers a discount for groups of five or more at a savings of 10% off the regular registration rate for each attendee in the group. Use the discount code GROUPREG to activate this discount. ?

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Book your room here

The 2025 APSAC Colloquium will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. The discounted rate for conference attendees is \$225 per night.