

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
- November 12, 2025

The New York Foundling & APSAC Webinar Series on Controversial Topics
Zoom

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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.

Skill Level: Introductory / Intermediate

General Admission (all 7 sessions): \$90.00

APSAC Members and The New York Foundling Staff Admission: Free

Up to 7 CE Credits (Social Work & Psychology) Non-Members: \$90.00

Up to 7 CE Credits (Social Work & Psychology) APSAC Members and NY Foundling: \$60.00

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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

March 27th: Social Conformity in Responses to Child Maltreatment: Awareness is Key presented by Thomas Mitchell, LPC-S, NCC

April 10th: The Hidden Factor: Unpacking Trauma in Justice Involved Youth presented by Akeem Marsh, MD, DFAACAP

July 23rd: Child Fatality Maltreatment Investigation and Prevention presented by Vincent J. Palusci, MD, MS & Leigh Bishop, JD

August 13th: Are Minimal Facts Interviews the Best Practice presented by Detective (ret.) Mike Johnson

October 8th: Are they the Next School Shooter? Breaking the Silo to Assess Risk presented by Ashley H. VanDercar, MD, JD

November 12th: Urban Arts and Trauma Systems Treatment: Creative Solutions for Psychological Trauma presented by Debangshu Roygardner PhD

Cancellations:

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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

Skill Level: Introductory / Intermediate

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

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All sessions will take place from 12:00pm to 2pm ET once a week 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 & Darrell Armstrong, EdS-MFT, MDiv, DDiv

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

*(FRIDAY) March 21st: Beyond 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, MD, Jordyn Hope & Brian Fleming

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

*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 Atzemis

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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 9, 2025
- May 9, 2025

APSAC Advisor- Using the Child Abuse Library Online (CALiOTM)-Finding Research to Support
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Title: Using the Child Abuse Library Online (CALiOTM)-Finding Research to Support Practice

Presenter: Muriel K. Wells, M.Ed., MLIS

Description: The Child Abuse Library Online (CALiOTM) was established in 2004 to address a gap in child abuse professionals' access to high-quality research needed to inform the multidisciplinary, coordinated response to child maltreatment. Over the past 20 years, CALiOTM has evolved from a small in-house resource into a globally recognized hub accessed by child maltreatment professionals and researchers worldwide. By providing evidence-based research, CALiOTM has significantly enhanced professionals' ability to deliver direct services to child victims of maltreatment and their families, including investigations, forensic interviews, medical examinations, mental health therapy, prosecution, advocacy, and more. Beyond direct-service delivery, CALiOTM also supports strengthening program development by providing the research needed to advance and sustain the work of child abuse professionals. This session will provide guidance and demonstration on conducting efficient and effective searches of the literature through CALiOTM that also apply to other research and bibliographic databases. Learn how to reduce your time and increase your productivity by searching like a pro.

May 16, 2025
- May 16, 2025

APSAC Advisor- Fostering Success: Holistic Support for College-Bound Foster Youth
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Title: Fostering Success: Holistic Support for College-Bound Foster Youth

Presenter: Sharva Yvette Hampton-Campbell, EdD, LSW

Description: This presentation proposes an in-depth exploration of the challenges faced by foster youth pursuing higher education, with a central focus on their academic, social, and emotional well-being. I will highlight the critical need for a comprehensive support system that goes beyond academics, addressing the unique hurdles faced by this demographic. Drawing on research, case studies, and successful intervention models, the presentation will provide practical strategies for institutions and communities to implement. I hope to inspire collaboration and commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive environment that empowers foster youth to thrive academically and personally.

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.

July 23, 2025
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Title: Are Minimal Facts Interviews the Best Practice

Presenter: Detective (ret.) Mike Johnson

Description: The primary mandate of a Child Advocacy Center is to provide its multidisciplinary team with an immediate response to an outcry in a trauma-informed and victim- and family-friendly facility. Many CACs have now created an additional layer that delays the start of an investigation and protective intervention – the Minimal Facts Interview.

Training First Responders (Law Enforcement/Patrol Officers, DHR/CPS) on how to conduct Minimal Facts Interviews or Essential Facts Interviews (Lyon 2024), Pre-Forensic Interviews, “Rogue” Interviews, Protective Assessment Interviews...has become common practice for many Children’s Advocacy Centers. Many now pre-screen victim outcries in the field to determine if a “referral” (NRCAC 2023) should be made to a CAC and an appointment scheduled – often days or even weeks later.

There is ZERO research to support this practice. There IS, however, research to support the cascading impact of the delayed forensic interview on the initiation of an investigation: delayed Law Enforcement and Child Protective Services response, delayed perpetrator interview, cooperation of non-offending caregivers, delayed forensic medical evaluation, delayed evidence collection, delayed safety/protective evaluations and subsequent criminal and family court prosecution.

This presentation seeks to shed light on the dangers of the minimal facts interview and will provide solutions to this practice.

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