

Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
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&
The Mississippi County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
present



Making the Distance:

From Initial Disclosure to the Courtroom

The Investigation & Prosecution of Sexual Assault Cases

December 15, 2022

8:30 AM to 4 PM

Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center- North

601 West Marshall
Charleston, MO

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Participants will navigate a fact pattern involving an older teenage victim who may or may not be over the age of 18, starting with the initial disclosure, with a discussion of tips, strategies for interviews, evidence, charging decisions, addressing common defenses and case processing, so as to present the best possible case in court.

This course is P.O.S.T., 210 & CLE Certified.

This training is available free of charge to: Prosecutors, Prosecution Staff, Law Enforcement, Victim Advocates, Children's Division, Juvenile Office, Department of Mental Health, Adult Protective Services, Probation and Parole, Health Professionals and Children's Advocacy Center Staff. Other Similar Allied Professionals must obtain prior written approval for attendance from Conference Organizers.

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Agenda
(All times are estimated)

8:30 AM to 10:15 AM **The Initial Response**

Bringing in the Team, the Medical Forensic Examination & The Follow Up Interview

10:15 to 10:30 AM Break

10:30 to 12:00 PM **Building the Case, Part 1**

Identifying the Choices of the Perpetrator, Finding Corroboration, Context & Additional Interviews

12:00 to 1:00 PM Lunch *On Your Own*

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM **Building the Case, Part 2**

The Suspect Interview & Charges to Consider

2:15 to 2:30 PM Break

2:30 to 4 PM **Making the Distance**

Lack of Consent, Forcible Compulsion, Engaging the Victim & What You Know that Juries Don't

About the Presenter

Catherine Vannier After almost 11 years as a line prosecutor, Catherine became the first ever MOPS Special Victims Resource Prosecutor. For 15 years, Catherine has developed and expanded the program, continually adapting and improving her presentations based on feedback from past audiences. Catherine serves as an appointed member of the Missouri Rights of Victims of Sexual Assault Task Force, as well as the Missouri Supreme Court's Commission to Combat Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking. Catherine also staffs the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Best Practices Special Victims Sub-Committee. Catherine also sits on several other groups and committees, acting as a liaison between prosecutors and our allied professionals.