

Save the Date!

The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
&
Missouri Network Against Child Abuse
present

Child Sexual Abuse Trial School 2024

September 17-19, 2024
Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference
Center
Columbia, MO

Trial school will be
certified for at least 22
hours of POST, CLE,
and 210 credit.



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! This is a Trial School for Prosecutors, Forensic Interviewers, Children's Division Investigators, Law Enforcement and Medical Professionals involved with child sexual abuse trials in Missouri. The Trial School will start on Tuesday, September 17th at 8:00 a.m. and end on Thursday, September 19th, at 4:00 p.m.

The Children's Justice Act Task Force has generously provided funding for a majority of this year's trial school, allowing attendees to pay only \$50 for the three-day school. The remainder of the cost of the trial school—\$402—will be covered by the CJA funding.

CJA funding is for tuition only. Attendees and their agencies will pay their own lodging, mileage, and meals. Breakfast is included if the attendee lodges at Stoney Creek; lunch and snacks will be provided each day through the Trial School.

A hotel block will be established for a discounted rate of around \$105/night.

Be on the look-out for application information, coming by May 1st!



Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

7:15 AM-8:00 AM Registration

8:00 AM-8:05 AM Welcome, Introduction & Course Overview

8:05 AM-9:05 AM Multi-Disciplinary Team Best Practices Update

9:05 AM-9:30 AM Forensic Interview Viewing and Discussion

9:30 AM-9:45 AM Break

9:45 AM-11:00 AM Special Considerations with Charging Decisions in Sexual Abuse Cases

11:00 AM-12:15 PM Propensity, 491/492

12:15 PM-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM-2:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSION

1a: Voir Dire Strategies

(Prosecutors)

1b: Investigating Allegations of Abuse: Corroborating the Evidence

(Investigators, forensic interviewers, and medical providers)

2:20 PM-3:35 PM BREAKOUT SESSION

1a: Voir dire lab

(Prosecutors)

1b: How to be an Ineffective Witness at Trial

(Medical providers, investigators, and forensic interviewers)

3:35 PM-3:50 PM Break

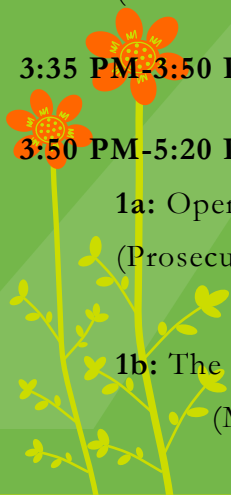
3:50 PM-5:20 PM BREAKOUT SESSION

1a: Opening Statement Strategies

(Prosecutors)

1b: The Why, When, & Where of Medical Examinations for Child Sexual Abuse

(Medical providers, investigators, and forensic interviewers)



Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

8:00 AM-9:15 AM Qualifying as an Expert Witness and Daubert Hearings

9:20 AM-10:35 AM BREAKOUT SESSION

1a: Opening Statement Lab

(Prosecutors)

1b: Challenges for Medical Providers on the Witness Stand

(Medical professionals)

1c: Testifying as a Forensic Interviewer

(Forensic interviewers)

1d: Overcoming the Mistake of Age Defense with Investigation

(Investigators)

10:35 AM-10:50 AM Break

10:50 AM-12:20 PM Direct Examinations: Fact Witnesses and Children

12:20 PM-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM-1:45 PM INTRODUCTIONS AND WITNESS PREP

1:50 PM-3:50 PM Direct Examination Lab

3:50 PM-4:05 PM Break

4:05 PM-5:20 PM: BREAKOUT SESSION

1a: Presenting Medical Evidence in Court

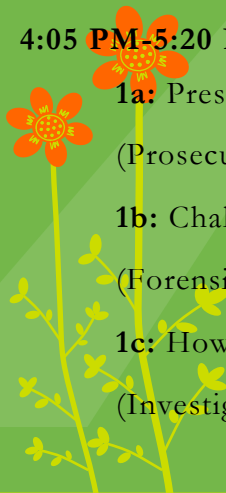
(Prosecutors and medical providers)

1b: Challenges in the Forensic Interview & Advanced Interview Topics

(Forensic interviewers)

1c: How to Handle Witness Tampering

(Investigators)



Tentative Agenda

Thursday, September 19, 2024

8:00 AM-9:15 AM Defense Cross Examination: Pitfalls, Tips, and Demonstrations

9:20 AM-11:20 AM Defense Cross Examination Labs

11:20 AM-11:35 AM Break

11:35 AM-12:50 PM Closing Argument Lecture & Demonstration

12:50 PM-1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM-2:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSION

1a: Closing Argument Lab

(Prosecutors)

1b: Session(s) TBD for other MDT members

2:45 PM -4:00 PM Staying Afloat When Your Boat is Sinking

4:00 PM – 4:05 PM Closing Remarks

