

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



present

Making the Distance:

From Initial Disclosure to the Courtroom
The Investigation & Prosecution of Sexual Assault Cases

April 27, 2023
8:30 AM to 4 PM

Ozark National Scenic Riverways Visitor Center
404 Watercress Rd.
Van Buren, MO 63965

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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 9:45 AM **The Initial Response**

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

9:45 to 10 AM Break

10 AM to 11 AM **The Initial Response, Cont'd**

Engaging the Victim

11 AM to 12:00 PM **Building the Case**

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 2:00 PM **Building the Case, Cont'd**

The Suspect Interview

2:15 to 2:30 PM Break

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM **Building the Case, Cont'd**

Charging Considerations

3:00 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 16 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 Subcommittee. Catherine also sits on several other groups and committees, acting as a liaison between prosecutors and our allied professionals.