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**The 14th Annual
Northern New England Conference
on Child Maltreatment**



Continuing the tradition of state-of-the-art,
practical, and evidence-based education for
all professionals working with
abused and neglected children

**September 24-25, 2009
Wyndham Portland Airport Hotel
South Portland, Maine**

Program brochure available on the web at
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About Spurwink Services

Spurwink Services is a nationally accredited non-profit organization that provides mental health and educational services and evidence-based treatment to effectively meet the diverse needs of individuals and families facing emotional, behavioral and developmental challenges. Our primary areas of service include: residential and day treatment for youth; residential and day services for adults; outpatient services; and community-based programs.

Spurwink Services is a critical component of Maine’s health care system and has gained a reputation for excellence in treatment and service delivery throughout Maine and beyond. A principal goal of the agency is to provide a stable, emotionally supportive environment that is the least restrictive and the most effective in helping clients reach their full potential. Individualized care and treatment are the cornerstone of the agency’s mission and values.

With 850 caring professionals working throughout southern and central Maine, Spurwink Services is pleased to be able to help and support children, adults and families in their efforts to lead healthy and productive lives.

About Spurwink’s Child Abuse Program

Developed in response to the need for expert diagnostic and treatment services for Maine children who may have been abused, this clinical program provides medical, forensic interview and psychological child abuse evaluations and treatment. Program staff have particular expertise in the assessment and treatment of children for abuse. The program’s combination of individual and team services allows our clinical staff to choose the best mode of evaluation and treatment for every child and family.

During the past year, the Child Abuse Program provided services for several hundred children and adults. The main office is located at 17 Bishop Street in Portland. Phone: 1-800-260-6160 or 207-879-6160.

Conference Goals

The goal of the Northern New England Conference on Child Maltreatment is to provide multi-disciplinary training to professionals who are involved in child abuse evaluations, investigations, prosecution, and treatment. Attendance at this conference is intended to increase professional skills and knowledge in the prevention, recognition, assessment and treatment of all forms of child maltreatment.

Mail completed registration to:
Spurwink Services
Attention: Jana Arsenault
125 Presumpscot Street #7
Portland, Maine 04103

CONFERENCE COST:

\$180 for Both Days; \$99 for One Day

A group of five or more people from the same organization registering at the same time for the full conference will receive a 10% discount.

I am signing up for:



- Both Days (9/24 & 9/25)
- Day One only (9/24)
- Day Two only (9/25)

____ Psychologist ____ Nurse ____ Physician ____ Counselor ____ Educator ____ Social Worker ____ Other: (Please specify) _____

Please mark your profession below:

Directions and confirmation will be mailed upon receipt of completed registration

The Speakers

Kelley Bowden, MS, RN is the Perinatal Outreach Nurse Educator at Maine Medical Center. Her duties have included 18 years working in the NICU, caring for premature babies and babies with birth defects, coordinating the neonatal transport team, and liaison with referring hospitals.

Frank Chessa, Ph.D., is Director of Clinical Ethics at Maine Medical Center. He is formerly an Assistant Professor in Philosophy at Bates College and has taught, written and worked in medical ethics for 25 years.

Dr. Charles Grimes spent two years as a Pediatric Radiology Fellow at Children's Hospital Boston following which he returned to Maine Medical Center as an attending radiologist. For several years he was the medical director of the Pediatric Radiology Section. Since 2004 he has served as the Chief of Radiology. Dr. Grimes is currently the co-chair of the Clinical Ethics Committee and is a Clinical Professor of Radiology at the University of Vermont.

Lt. Brian McDonough is a 24-year veteran of the Maine State Police currently managing a team of detectives in the southern criminal division. He has been involved in the investigation and oversight of homicides, suspicious and unexplained deaths, child deaths, child abuse and other major crimes for the past 16 years.

Stephen J. Meister, MD is the Medical Director for the Family Health Division of the Maine CDC. In 2003 and again in 2007, Dr. Meister received recognition by the American Academy of Pediatrics with a Special Achievement Award for his work with the Pediatric Rapid Evaluation Program, a program developed to evaluate the medical and mental health needs of children entering foster care in Maine.

Dr. Tamas Peredy completed training programs in Emergency Medicine and Medical Toxicology. Dr Peredy took over as Medical Director of the Northern New England Poison Center in 2006. He is active in areas related to substance abuse, hyperbaric medicine, local Toxicology and Disaster Preparedness. He continues to work in the Maine Medical Center Emergency Department and sees inpatient consultations.

Chris Ragsdale, MSW, LCSW is the Licensed Clinical Social Worker and forensic interviewer for The Levine Children's Hospital's Pediatric Resource Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. The forensic interviews performed by Chris involve multiple investigative jurisdictions to include: The Department of Social Services; local law enforcement and federal entities such as The Federal Bureau of Investigations, The United States Postal Inspector, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Lawrence R. Ricci, MD is a child abuse pediatrician and co-director of the Spurwink Child Abuse Program.

Dr. Sue Righthand is a psychologist in independent practice. She has extensive experience working with juveniles and adults who sexually offend, as well as children and adults who experience or perpetrate child maltreatment and other forms of violence. Dr. Righthand has co-authored *Child Maltreatment Risk Assessments: An Evaluation Guide*, *Juveniles Who Have Sexually Offended: A Review of the Professional Literature*, the *Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol II*, and related research articles.

Joyce Wientzen, LCSW is a forensic interviewer and co-director of the Spurwink Child Abuse Program.

Audience

The Northern New England Conference on Child Maltreatment is intended for a multi-disciplinary audience, including professionals from the fields of nursing, mental health, law, child welfare, law enforcement, child advocacy, emergency services, and medicine.

Registration

The Conference registration form can be found in the back of the brochure. The registration fee includes entry to all sessions, speaker materials, daily continental breakfast, refreshment breaks, and Continuing Education Certificates. Return completed registration form with payment information to:

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Attention: Janka Arsenault
125 Presumpscot Street, #7
Portland, Maine 04103.

A confirmation letter will be sent to you prior to the Conference date. Questions? Call 207-321-6080 ext 111 or email: jarsenault@spurwink.org

Cost

In consideration of the economic downturn and the financial constraints of many agencies and providers, the entrance fee for this conference has been lowered in hopes that it will be affordable for all who wish to attend. The fee for two days' attendance is \$180; one day is \$99.

Continuing Education Credits and Contact Hours

Spurwink Institute is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Spurwink Institute maintains responsibility for the program. All participants will receive five contact hours per day. **Please note that any participant who attends less than 80 percent of a program each day will not receive a certificate of attendance. (NO exceptions will be made.)**

Refund and Cancellation Policy

Participants who cancel their registration less than 10 business days prior to the conference will incur an administrative fee of \$25. **NO REFUNDS** will be given if cancellation is less than seven days prior to the conference.

Wyndham Portland Airport Hotel

The Wyndham Portland Airport Hotel is conveniently located across from Maine's largest mall (the Maine Mall) at 363 Maine Mall Road in South Portland. For hotel reservations, call 207-775-6161.

Thursday September 24th

- 7:45 Registration
- 8:25 Introduction: Lawrence R. Ricci, M.D.
- 8:30 **Interviewing the Non-Offending Caregiver during the course of a Sexual Abuse Investigation (Part 1) with Chris Ragsdale**
Interviewing the Non-offending Caregiver (NOC) in a child sexual abuse case is crucial. Part 1 of this presentation will assist professionals in understanding the reactions of the NOC and the impact of those reactions on the child. Attendees will also understand how to utilize information from the interview to assist in supporting or refuting allegations of abuse.
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **Interviewing the Non-Offending Caregiver during the course of a Sexual Abuse Investigation (Part 2) with Chris Ragsdale**
Interviewing the Non-offending Caregiver (NOC) in a child sexual abuse case is crucial. Part 2 of this presentation will assist professionals in developing specific interview techniques to elicit details to facilitate their investigation. Specific strategies will play a role in supporting or refuting allegations of abuse.
- 11:45 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 **Medical and behavioral health needs of children in out of home care, an historical perspective with Steve Meister**
This talk presents recent data from Maine and States around the country on the medical and behavioral health needs of children in foster care.
- 2:00 **The Impact of Substance Use During Pregnancy with Kelley Bowden**
This presentation will review the short and long term effects on the infant and child when alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs are used during pregnancy.
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 **What a "Sex Offender Evaluation" Can & Cannot Do: Assessing Risk Without a Crystal Ball. Sue Righthand**
This presentation will discuss the use and misuse of sex offense specific evaluations. The research basis for these assessments and sex offense recidivism measures will be reviewed briefly. Ideas for best practice assessments will be presented.

Friday September 25th

- 7:45 Registration
- 8:25 Introduction: Lawrence R. Ricci, M.D.
- 8:30 **Imaging Assessment of the Abused Child with Charles Grimes**
The lecture will include a brief history of the recognition of child abuse, and imaging techniques for evaluation of skeletal injury, cerebral injury and abdominal injury.
- 9:30 **Orthopedic Aspects of Physical Abuse with Larry Ricci**
This presentation will review the common orthopedic presentations of inflicted and accidental injuries with special emphasis on how to tell the difference and what tests to order.
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **Recantation: How to distinguish a valid disclosure of sexual abuse in the face of recantation with Joyce Wientzen**
This presentation will review the common presentations of child sexual abuse disclosures with particular emphasis on recantation and it's multiple causes.
- 11:45 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 **Are there limits to parental authority to refuse medical care for minors? With Frank Chessa**
Dr. Chessa will discuss the ethics of medical decision making for minors, including limits to parental authority to direct medical care. He will discuss several cases that have drawn national attention and will review judicial responses to allegations that parents are refusing necessary medical care for a child.
- 2:00 **Law Enforcement Investigation of Serious Abuse with Brian McDonough**
Topics will include law enforcements initial response to complaints; crime scene preservation, examination and reconstruction; investigative procedures with hospitals and medical personnel; interviewing parents, caregivers and preparing investigations for prosecution.
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 **Toxicological Issues related to the Maltreated Child with Tamas Peredy**
This presentation will discuss the epidemiology of substance abuse during pregnancy and early childhood and describe the diagnostic challenges in the detection of toxic substances particularly prescription medication and drugs of abuse.