



Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & Intervention Symposium
Thursday February 4th, 2021
This event will be held virtually.

AGENDA

08:00 AM – 08:15 AM Welcome & Introductions

Christine R. Harms, Director, CSSRC

Margaret M. Ochoa, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist, CSSRC

08:15 AM – 09:45 AM Plenary – Preventing School Employee Sexual Misconduct

Dr. Charol Shakeshaft, Virginia Commonwealth University

Ten percent of students in grades K to 12 report being the target of sexual misconduct by a school employee, most often a teacher or a coach. In 2020, that is 5.3 million students. These children have life-long responses to the trauma they faced. This presentation focuses on the policies and practices that form a standard of care for the prevention of sexual abuse of students. Warning signs of a culture where employee sexual misconduct is likely to occur will be described. Prevention policies, training, hiring, supervision, and reporting expectations for creating a safe environment for students will be presented.

09:45 AM – 10:00 AM Break

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Plenary – The Pornification of Sexual Violence: A Guide for K-12 Professionals

Dr. Amber Morczek, Nevada State College

Pornography, much like sexual violence, is pervasive and is especially significant within the context of rape culture; a cultural framework that condones, minimizes, trivializes, satirizes, and eroticizes gender-based violence. However, despite its obvious permeation into our cultural vernacular and collective notions about sexuality and consent, pornography is rarely discussed as an antecedent to sexual violence unless said violence involves children. Accordingly, this presentation will not only discuss current trends in the mainstream pornography industry and the violent content therein, but it will also examine how pornography is influencing the attitudes and behaviors of both young people and adults alike.

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM Lunch Break

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM Plenary – Are Your Graduates College-Ready When it Comes to Sexual Assault Prevention?

Christopher Gallo, Chief Deputy District Attorney, 18th Judicial District

Madison Lengel, SART Coordinator, Victim-Witness Legal Assistant, 18th Judicial District

There is no surefire way to guarantee a sexual assault will not happen to your daughter, son, sister, best friend, or roommate. It can happen to anyone regardless of age, gender, race, or socioeconomic status. So, if there isn't a 100% definite solution for prevention, should we even bother to talk about it? The answer is YES! This presentation tackles what most universities, and even high schools, are too afraid to discuss when attempting to recruit new students and why as professionals we should start that conversation. It gives young adults several facts, figures, tips, and tricks to help prevent and raise awareness of sexual assaults. Join the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office Special Victims Unit Chief Deputy District Attorney Chris Gallo and Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator Madison Lengel as they begin the conversation of prevention, and if necessary, the difficult process of healing.

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM Break

2:00 PM– 3:30 PM Plenary – Human Trafficking & Online Sexual Exploitation—Case Studies from the CBI

Katelyn Jenkin, CBI

This presentation will reveal how we investigate child predators engaging with youth online and the patterns in which they lure youth to sexually exploit and traffic them. Using real life cases that I have personally worked on as our examples, we will discuss best practices to find occurrences of illegal online behavior between children and adults, and the tools you can utilize to educate youth and their adults to prevent it.

3:35 PM Adjourn

Please note: Certificates of attendance will be available after submitting a completed evaluations. Thank you!



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Speakers

Christopher Gallo, J.D.

Christopher Gallo is the Chief Deputy District Attorney of the Special Victims Unit in the District Attorney's Office for Colorado's 18th Judicial District, (which comprises Arapahoe, Douglas, Lincoln and Elbert counties). The Special Victims Unit is dedicated to the prosecution of sexually based offenses, and crimes against children. As a member of that unit for six years, and then as Chief, Chris almost exclusively prosecutes cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children, the internet exploitation of children, and human trafficking. Chris has worked for the DA's office since 2004, and has prosecuted thousands of criminal cases at all levels from the lowest misdemeanors to first-degree murders.

Katelyn Jenkin, CBI

Katelyn Jenkin is the Human Trafficking Investigative Analyst housed in the Sex Crimes Unit of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. She has been with the CBI for nearly 5 years and has been with the Sex Crimes Unit working human trafficking and child sexual exploitation cases since the beginning of January 2019. She is also a part of the Colorado Cyber Guardian Task Force house within Homeland Security Investigations, where she works on federal child sexual exploitation material cases. Katelyn utilizes her Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelors of Arts in Criminal Justice from the University of Northern Colorado to continue to pursue her dream of making her home state a safer and better place to live.

Madison Lengel, SART Coordinator/Victim-Witness Legal Assistant, 18th Judicial District

Madison Lengel has been with the 18th Judicial District since 2018 as the Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator. She grew up in rural Eastern Colorado, which just so happens to be part of the 18th Judicial District. Upon graduation of high school, Madison attended Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colorado, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice. Her passion is mental health, and she has used her work as the Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator to train both professionals and individuals in the community about the complexity of sexual assault and how these cases affect survivors.

Amber Morczek, PhD

Amber Morczek is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Nevada State College. Dr. Morczek's teaching and research interests include gender-based violence, pornography and sexual violence, and institutional corrections. Accordingly, her research has been published in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Family & Intimate Partner Violence Quarterly, the International Journal of Cyber Criminology, Sexuality & Culture, and the Sexual Assault Report. Additionally, she has delivered presentations to the following local, state, and federal agencies: Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault, New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Battered Women's Justice Project, Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, and the Rape Crisis Center in Las Vegas. Dr. Morczek can be reached via email at amber.morczek@nsc.edu.

Charol Shakeshaft, PhD

Charol Shakeshaft has been studying sexual abuse for nearly three decades. Dr. Shakeshaft completed a report mandated by the U.S. Senate that presented state of the art information on the prevalence of educator sexual misconduct as well as recommendations to the Senate and House of Representatives for federal, state, and local prevention initiatives. She is currently directing a study funded by the Centers for Disease Control study on prevention of school employee sexual abuse of students. Dr. Shakeshaft is a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University.