



# The Advisor

**North Carolina Professional Society on the Abuse of Children**

An Independent Affiliate of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children  
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## Letter from the President

Dear NCPSAC Members,

It is a privilege to be the President of NCPSAC and a part of our revitalization efforts. As the new President of NCPSAC it will be a goal to continue to strengthen the trainings offered and relationships NCPSAC has ongoing and enters into in the future.

In our last newsletter we briefly discussed the slowing of momentum for our organization due to a few reasons. Now, NCPSAC has picked up momentum and has begun to put in place many facets that will ensure the success of NCPSAC as we move forward. There are new additions to the board (Alisa Ashe, Heather Bukard, David Kiger, and Beth Osbahr) that were detailed in our last newsletter and once again these individuals bring a unique perspective and will bring enthusiasm and a passion to the protection of children.

Once again, the board will direct our efforts in two directions those being: recognition of NCPSAC through public relations and renewed regional training for professionals and seeking partnerships to re-establish an annual two-day statewide conference on all aspects of child maltreatment. These items will be a tremendous success because of our membership as well as our board participation to see that NCPSAC is a success moving forward.

In closing, I challenge all members of NCPSAC, as well as past and current board members, to critically think about what NCPSAC stands for and to ensure that every moment possible we are all doing everything we can to improve the lives of children and adolescents not only in our state but around the country. This comes through being committed to the prevention of child maltreatment in every facet and working together at every level.

Sincerely,

Kerry A. Graves, MSW  
NCPSAC President  
Child Welfare Education Collaborative Coordinator  
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# Multidisciplinary Team Child Abuse Conference

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## *Improving the Lives of Children through Multidisciplinary Teams*

Children's Advocacy Centers emphasize the coordination of investigation and intervention services by bringing together professionals and agencies as a multidisciplinary team (MDT) to create a child focused approach to child abuse cases. This training will offer a practical framework for participants to aspire to the National Children's Alliance Best Practices to enhance collaboration and communication in daily practice of child abuse investigations. Next, this training offers an excellent opportunity for current and developing Eastern North Carolina MDTs to build professional support systems in respective disciplines and at the community team level. Finally, participants will gain the technical support and resources needed to increase long term sustainability and growth as a community-based multidisciplinary team.

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

9:00-4:30

New Bern Church of God

1230 Colony Drive, New Bern, NC

Download a brochure and register online at: [www.ncpsac.org](http://www.ncpsac.org)

7.0 contact hours-Registration: \$30 (\$50 after 11/6/09)

Target Audience: Community-based Multidisciplinary Teams, Law Enforcement, Social Workers, Prosecutors, Mental Health Providers, Medical Providers, School Personnel, Guardian ad Litem, Crisis Intervention, Child Advocates, Community Protection Teams and Community Child Fatality Prevention Teams

### Faculty:

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Laura Parker, JD,  
Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor for the NC Conference for District Attorneys

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The NC Professional Society on the Abuse of Children  
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Promise Place and  
Eastern Area Health Education Center

## APSAC and NCPSAC Support Regional Child Abuse Training in Gaston County

On Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 150 people attended a one day regional training entitled, *“Providing Treatment for Traumatized Children and Their Families: A Community Approach”* in Dallas, NC. Donna Potter, a Clinical Training expert in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and other trauma-specific evidenced based treatments from the Department of Psychiatry at Duke University was the featured speaker. This training focused on understanding the impact and need for treating trauma symptoms in children as well as developing a course of action for providing evidenced based treatment for traumatized children and their families.

Both the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and the NC Professional Society on the Abuse of Children generously supported this training which was presented by the Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Council of Gaston County. This was the first of two regional trainings in the United States sponsored by APSAC this year to encourage and support evidence based practices and programs by partnering with existing state and local organizations. Dr. Ronald C. Hughes, President of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, attended the training and spoke to the participants about APSAC’s mission and goals. APSAC also sponsored the lunch keynote speaker, Dr. Benjamin E. Saunders, of the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina. His presentation, *“Top Ten Reasons Why We Don’t Use Evidence Supported Treatments and What Can Be Done About It,”* was well received.

### The Fifteenth Annual Reflections Symposium on Child Abuse and Neglect

By: Laura Parker

Several members of the NCPSAC board are pleased to have attended and participated in the Fifteenth Annual Symposium on Child Abuse and Neglect presented by the Children’s Advocacy Centers of North Carolina. The Symposium was held September 29 to October 1, 2009, in Lake Junaluska, NC. Numerous distinguished child abuse professionals presented. Dr. Sharon Cooper, an internationally renowned expert in child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against children, was the Keynote and Plenary speaker. The Symposium also featured speakers Hunter Glass, a specialist in street gangs, and Lt. Michael Prodan, a criminal profiler with the SC Law Enforcement Division. In addition, NCPSAC board member Dr. Elaine Cabinum-Foeller, Medical Director of TEDI Bear CAC, presented on Expert Testimony, providing guidance for medical and mental health witnesses on how to give clear and compelling testimony in the courtroom. NCPSAC board member Laura Parker, Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor with the NC Conference of District Attorneys, also presented on Cross-Examination of the Defendant in child sexual abuse cases.

During the Plenary session, current President of NCPSAC, Kerry Graves, [MSW, Child Welfare Education Collaborative Coordinator, N.C. State University], announced this year’s recipient of the Kim Crews Memorial Award: Dr. Rebecca Socolar, former director of the Child Medical Evaluation Program. The award will be formally presented at the NCPSAC Multidisciplinary Team Child Abuse Conference “Improving the Lives of Children Through Multidisciplinary Teams” on November 13, 2009 in New Bern, NC.

The Symposium was a very successful conference and we’re looking forward to next year.

**North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force**  
**2009 Action Agenda Status Report at Close of 2009 Legislative Session**  
**Submitted by Kathy Johnson, Co-Chair of the Intentional Death Committee of the CFTF**

**Perinatal Death Reduction**

- Seek a recurring appropriation of \$250,000 per year to continue the support of the Safe Sleep Campaign aimed at reducing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome as well as infant deaths due to suffocation/strangulation.
  - *This is in the state budget at \$150,000 non-recurring.*

**Intentional Death Reduction**

- Seek a recurring expansion appropriation of \$1.4 million per year for the Child Medical Evaluation System to provide diagnostic services to children suspected of being victims of child maltreatment.
  - *This System has been included in the continuation budget of the Division of Social Services.*
- Seek a recurring new appropriation of \$1.2 million per year for statewide implementation of the NC Child Treatment Program, an evidence-based set of services that successfully ameliorate residual trauma from child maltreatment.
  - *This Program is not in the state budget. Efforts are underway to approach foundations to provide bridge funding until the state budget can accommodate this important Program.*
- Recommend that North Carolina meet the requirements of the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act by requesting that interagency agreements be established in each county that would allow local Departments of Social Services to access criminal records databases through the Sheriffs' Offices.
  - *The CFTF has facilitated a process to establish the necessary interagency agreements. The SBI, the Sheriff's Association, the Division of Social Services, and the Local DSS Association are collaborating partners. PS. This will be in effect in December 2009!*
- Seek a non-recurring appropriation of \$400,000 (to be spent over two years) for the State Agency for Public Telecommunications to provide matching funds in the development and implementation of a public awareness campaign in support of the PURPLE Crying Program to reduce the occurrence of Shaken Baby Syndrome.
  - *S244 and H478 included this appropriations request. Due to the severe budget shortfall, this new initiative is not included in the state budget.*

**Unintentional Death Reduction**

- Endorse efforts of the Department of Insurance to protect children by banning the sale of novelty lighters in North Carolina.
  - *S652 was enacted and will be effective on October 1, 2009.*
- Seek legislation and/or administrative strategies to enhance student safety around school buses by reducing the illegal passing of stopped school buses.
  - *H440 would assure that pictures taken of drivers committing stop arm violations are acceptable evidence. It also makes it a felony if a student is killed due to an illegal pass of a stopped school bus. H440 was enacted and becomes effective on December 1, 2009.*
- Endorse efforts to protect children in the labor force.
  - *Two bills were submitted. H22 will enhance reporting and surveillance requirements on the part of the Dept. of Labor. H23 will increase penalties on employers who violate child labor requirements. Both bills were enacted.*
- Endorse efforts to enhance off-highway vehicle safety by expanding the availability of safety training for children and by establishing an extensive trails program for safe OHV recreation. These efforts would be supported by a registration fee for all-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles.
  - *H86 was submitted and passed by two House committees, and is in the House Appropriations Committee for consideration in the next session.*

# Lunch at Your Desk and Learn

The Wisconsin Professional Society on the Abuse of Children is offering free web seminars or “webinars” that are open to all APSAC members. Remember the time change.

**Thursday, November 19, 2009** 12:00-1:00 PM CST (1:00-2:00 PM EST)

This webinar will feature the article, “*Mothers, men, and child protective services involvement*” from the Child Maltreatment journal, Vol 14, Number 3, August, 2009

The discussion will be facilitated by the author, Lawrence M. Berger. CLE credits applied for.

Space is limited. You can register on the APSAC website at [apsac.org](http://apsac.org). Just click on the Events and Meetings menu. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

**Thursday, December 17, 2009** 12:00-1:00 PM CST (1:00-2:00 PM EST)

This webinar will feature the article, “*Motivational interviewing and child welfare: what have we learned?*” from the APSAC ADVISOR, Vol 21, No. 2, spring, 2009. Authors Melinda Hohman, Ph.D. and Lisa Salsbury, MSW

The discussion will be facilitated by the Raelene Freitag. CLE credits applied for.

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## **Training Opportunities**

Free Lunch time Web-seminars with the Wisconsin Professional society on the Abuse of Children on November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. You can register on the APSAC website at [apsac.org](http://apsac.org).

### **APSAC’s 2010 Advanced Training Institutes**

January 24-25 The APSAC Advanced Training Institutes are being held in conjunction with the 24th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment. You can register on the APSAC website at [apsac.org](http://apsac.org). Just click on the Events and Meetings menu.