21st Annual Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect Summit

Critical Threads in Child Welfare

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa
Acme, Michigan
Thursday, May 25 – Friday, May 26, 2017

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Valerie Maholmes, Ph.D.
Chief, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Pediatric Trauma and Critical Illness Branch
Former, Director of Research and Policy for the School Development Program, Yale Medical School of Medicine, Child Study Center
Named the Irving B. Harris Assistant Professor of Child Psychiatry
Recipient of the Executive Branch Policy Fellowship
The 21st Annual Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect Summit, Critical Threads in Child Welfare, will bring together a wide range of child welfare professionals to explore why hope matters and understand critical issues impacting children and families.

This day and a half conference includes a keynote presentation from national expert, Dr. Valerie Maholmes, Chief of the Pediatric Trauma and Critical Illness Branch at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Dr. Maholmes presentation will allow participants to gain insight and knowledge on how to maintain hope in the face of adversity.

Through a series of breakout sessions, participants will interact, collaborate, and further advance their understanding of critical issues facing the child welfare system. Topics will include an introduction to the Safe and Together model, exploring innovative community solutions for homeless youth, kinship family perspectives, the co-occurrence of substance abuse or mental health issues with domestic violence, helping a parent with developmental disabilities raise a child, the developmental effects of maltreatment in infancy and early childhood, and working with youth at risk of engaging in harmful or illegal sexual behavior.

Registration

Registration is open to all that work with children and families in a professional capacity. Registration is free of charge.

To register for the Summit please utilize the following link. [https://21stannualsummitcriticalthreadsinchildwelfare.eventbrite.com](https://21stannualsummitcriticalthreadsinchildwelfare.eventbrite.com).

Registration will end May 10, 2017.

Cancellation

The Summit has limited space and numbers. By providing adequate notice of a cancellation, another registrant will be afforded the opportunity to attend. To cancel your attendance please visit [https://21stannualsummitcriticalthreadsinchildwelfare.eventbrite.com](https://21stannualsummitcriticalthreadsinchildwelfare.eventbrite.com).
Food and Beverage

A continental breakfast will be provided both days of the Summit. Lunch will be provided on May 25, 2017. The Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect graciously provides meals.

Travel and Accommodations

Participants (or their agencies) are responsible for payment for transportation, overnight accommodations, meals outside of what is provided by the Summit, and other incidental costs.

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa has reserved a block of rooms for overnight accommodations at the State Rate plus fees for the Summit. Reservations can be made directly with Grand Traverse Resort and Spa at (231) 534-6000.

Questions

Any questions related to the Summit can be made to MDHHS-Conferences@michigan.gov
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### AGENDA

**DAY ONE: THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017**

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<td><em>David Mandel, LPC, Executive Director, Safe and Together Institute</em></td>
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<td>Out of the Box: Exploring Innovative Community Solutions for Homeless Youth</td>
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<td><em>Marlene J. Webster, Executive Director, Shiawassee Hope</em></td>
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<td>A3</td>
<td>Kinship Family Perspectives: Improving Outcomes for Families</td>
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<td><em>Lynn Nee, Project Coordinator, Michigan State University Kinship Care Resource Center</em></td>
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<td><em>Jan Wagner, Kinship Provider</em></td>
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| B1         | Panel Presentation: Co-occurrence of Substance Abuse or Mental Health Issues with Domestic Violence: Child Safety Considerations  
Moderator: Hon. Carol Hackett Garagiola (Ret.), Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board  
Panelists:  
- David J.H. Garvin, MSW, LMSW, Interim CEO/President, Chief Operating Officer, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County  
- Sheryl Pimlott Kubiak, PhD, Professor, Michigan State University  
- David Mandel, LPC, Executive Director, Safe and Together Institute  
- Jason Schwartz, LMSW, ACSW, MAC, Clinical Director, Dawn Farm  
- Seth Persky, Director of Office of Family Advocate, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
- Joyce Wright, Director of Training, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board |
| B2         | How the Village Can Help a Parent With Developmental Disabilities Raise a Child  
Jan Lampman, Executive Director, The Arc of Midland |
| B3         | The Developmental Effects of Maltreatment in Infancy/Early Childhood: Attachment-Based Treatment as a Solution  
Ann Stacks, Ph.D., Director, Infant Mental Health Program, Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute, Wayne State University |
| 4:00 p.m.  | Adjournment                                                                                  |

**DAY TWO: FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017**

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| 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. | Prevention, Policy and Practice With Youth at Risk of Engaging in Harmful or Illegal Sexual Behavior  
Elizabeth J. Letourneau, PhD, Director, Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse, Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health |
| 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. | Strengths and Grit...Rising out of the Darkness  
Beverlee Wenzel, Executive Director, The ROCK Center for Youth Development |
| 11:45 – 12:00 p.m. | Closing Remarks and Adjournment                                                            |
Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

The Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect is designed as a multidisciplinary task force committed to creating positive change in the child welfare system. The Task Force encourages innovative programs, develops protocols, sponsors training and education, and proposes legislation to enhance Michigan’s response to child abuse and neglect. The Task Force consists of 18 members appointed by the Governor with knowledge and experience relating to the criminal justice system and issues of child physical abuse, child neglect, child sexual abuse and exploitation, and child maltreatment related fatalities.

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Faculty Associate ~ Graduate School  
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