



# Keeping Children Safe

SCVP Summer Institute

July 29, 30, 31, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Workforce Building

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July 29: Meaning of Child Abuse, Statistics Associated with Child Abuse, Warning Signs and Early Detection of Child Abuse, Responding to the Victim, Mandated Reporting, Forensic Interviewing of Children

8:00-8:50

Sign-In

9:00-9:50

*Session 1: Understanding the Scope of the Problem:* What is child abuse? Myths and Facts about child abuse. What are the types of abuse? Why are children abused? What are the statistics on child abuse? Learn the basics about child abuse and how prevalent this problem exists. Presenter: Claire Lewis, Greater Richmond SCAN.

10:00-10:50

*Session 2: The Color Purple:* Warning signs of child abuse. Learn to identify signs of child abuse and the importance of early detection. Presenters: Brooke Dumm & Monica Ratliff, SCVP.

11:00-11:50

*Session 3: Bringing Hope:* Responding to disclosure of child abuse. Learn how to: respond to abusive behavior, review practical skills for listening to a child's disclosure, respond to a parent or guardian, and identify the guiding principles for responding to a disclosure. Presenter: Dr. Michele Laaksonen, SCVP.

12:00-12:50

Lunch

1:00-1:50

*Session 4: See It, Hear It, Report It:* What it means to be a mandated reporter. Learn the legal responsibilities and the process of reporting child abuse. Presenter: Chasity Fitzpatrick, DSS.

2:00-2:50

*Session 5: Through the Eyes of a Child:* Forensic interviewing of children and conducting child abuse investigations. Learn the purpose of a child forensic interview, the stages of the interview, and the technique and structure for interviewing children in cases of alleged abuse. Presenter: Gretchen Brown, CA, Powhatan County.

3:00

Adjournment

**July 30: Role and Responsibilities for Teachers and Administrators, Family and Peer-to-Peer Abuse, Placement Decisions, Internet Exploitation, Effects of Child Abuse on School Performance**

8:00-8:50	Sign-In
9:00-9:50	<b><i>Session 6: It's All About Control:</i></b> Understanding coercive domination in teen dating violence and peer-to-peer abuse. Learn how today's youth are faced with dating violence, bullying, digital abuse, and how schools can deal with these social issues. Presenter: Stephanie Davis, GR SCAN.
10:00-10:50	<b><i>Session 7: The Dark Side of the Web:</i></b> Child Internet exploitation. Learn how predators target and lure children through the Internet. Presenter: Sgt. Stephen Anders, SOVA- ICAC.
11:00-11:50	<b><i>Session 8: Growing Up in Darkness:</i></b> The effects of domestic and sexual abuse on student performance and how witnessing abuse affects a child's academic and behavioral performance. Learn how child abuse and neglect, whether witnessed or experienced, can affect a child's physical, psychological, and social well-being. Presenter: Dr. Michele Laaksonen, SCVP.
12:00-12:50	Lunch
1:00-1:50	<b><i>Session 9: Educational Matchmaking:</i></b> Using I.Q. in the proper placement of students. Learn how I.Q. scores can predict how well children will perform in various educational environments, identify strengths and weaknesses in learning styles, and how misplacement has serious ramifications for the student, the classroom, and the school. Presenter: Dr. Michele Laaksonen, SCVP.
2:00-2:50	<b><i>Session 10: Hope for the Future:</i></b> Panel discussion on victim and perpetrator impacts from a criminal justice perspective.
3:00	Adjournment

**July 31: School's Role in Advocacy, Educator's Toolkit, Available Programs, Review of School's Policies that Address Childhood Violence and School Safety**

8:00-8:50	Sign-In
9:00-9:50	<b><i>Session 11: Making a Difference:</i></b> Role of schools faced with domestic and sexual abuse. Implications for teachers and administrators. Learn how teachers and administrators play a vital role in helping children have happy, healthy childhoods and through collaboration every child can experience the childhood he/she deserves. Presenter: Dr. Mark Lineburg, Superintendent, Halifax County Public Schools.
10:00-10:50	<b><i>Session 12: Be Their Voice:</i></b> Victim advocacy from a school's perspective. Learn the educator's roles and responsibilities in the areas of identification and support of a child who observed or experienced abuse. Presenter: Amy Johnson, GR SCAN.
11:00-11:50	<b><i>Session 13: From Victim to Survivor:</i></b> Child trauma toolkit for educators. <b><i>Improving Lives:</i></b> Learn the curriculum programs available to school divisions that SCVP can provide. Topics include <i>Feelings and Emotions, Safe Touch, Personal Boundaries, Healthy Relationships, Consent, and Safe Dates</i> . Presenter: Peggy Miller, SCVP.
12:00-12:50	Lunch
1:00-1:50	<b><i>Session 14: Stand Up. Step Forward:</i></b> Child abuse and children with disabilities. Learn the signs associated with abuse with special needs children and how abuse affects these children. Learn, from a cultural competency perspective, how abuse is viewed, and the special interviewing strategies needed in such cases. Presenter: Ian Danielsen, Longwood University.
2:00-2:50	<b><i>Session 15: Reducing Risks:</i></b> Participants will create or revise their plan to reflect school policies that address childhood violence and school safety. Presenters: SCVP Staff.
3:00	Closing, Evaluation, and Adjournment