

PREVENT

Building Alliances Against Child Sexual Abuse

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE | THURSDAY, APRIL 2
BRAID MILL

Philadelphia
Children's
Alliance

FIGHTING TO END CHILD SEX ABUSE

AGENDA

APRIL 2ND, 2026 BRAID MILL

9:30AM-9:55AM | Registration, Breakfast, & Introduction

10:00AM-11:30am | Session 1: Zero Abuse Project

11:30AM-11:40am | BREAK

**11:40-1:00PM | Session 2: Philadelphia Children's Alliance
Forensic Interviewer training and panel**

1:00PM-1:45PM LUNCH

**1:45PM-3:15PM | National Center for Missing and Exploited
Children**

3:15PM-3:25PM | BREAK

3:15PM-5:00PM | Change the Conversation Workshop

HOW TO PARENT WHEN YOU KNOW TOO MUCH

10:00AM-11:30AM

Alison Feigh, MS

**Director of Jacob Wetterling Resource Center
Zero Abuse Project**

SPEAKER BIO: Alison Feigh, MS, is the Director of Jacob Wetterling Resource Center, a program of Zero Abuse Project. In her 20+ years of missing children advocacy, she works with students, parents, youth workers, faith leaders, law enforcement and the media to help prevent childhood abuse and abductions. Alison's work also includes writing curriculum for youth-serving organizations, training professionals about online challenges kids face and advocating for families of the missing. She is the author of two children's books and co-author of a textbook, "Sex Crimes and Offenders: Exploring Questions of Character and Culture." She was awarded the 2024 Visionary Voice Award from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. Ms. Feigh was also awarded the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN.



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PCA FORENSIC INTERVIEWERS' PANEL

11:40AM-1:00PM



Colleen Getz, MSW, LSW
Director of Forensic Services/ PCA

SPEAKER BIO: Colleen Getz has worked as a Forensic Interview Specialist at PCA for the past 15 years, conducting more than 2,600 forensic interviews of alleged victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and witnesses to violence. As the Director of Forensic Services at PCA, Colleen is responsible for the recruitment, training, and supervision of the Forensic Interview Specialists and the Custodian of Records. Colleen facilitates and participates in peer review of her own and others' forensic interviews internally, regionally, and nationally. Colleen testifies in court regarding forensic interviews and ensures the use of state-of-the-art methodologies in the forensic interview department. Colleen has conducted trainings of social workers, attorneys, judges, mental health and medical professionals on the Children's Advocacy Center model, engaging and interviewing child witnesses, and the dynamics of child sexual abuse.

Before coming to PCA in 2010, Colleen worked in Philadelphia's child welfare system in foster/kinship care and adoptions. Colleen enjoys that as Director of Forensic Services she is able to create a safe space for children to be able to talk about their experiences. Colleen holds a Master's Degree in Social Work and is licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Carolina Castano, M.S.
Lead Forensic Interviewer/ PCA

SPEAKER BIO: Carolina graduated from Drexel University with a Master's Degree in Forensic Science in 2012 and has been working as a Bilingual Forensic Interview Specialist at the Philadelphia Children's Alliance (PCA) since 2015, becoming the Lead Forensic Interviewer in 2019. At PCA, she conducts forensic interviews with children who are currently involved in an investigation of sexual or physical abuse and witnesses to violence. In her time at PCA, Carolina has completed over 2,500 interviews in both English and Spanish. Originally from Colombia, Carolina has made it a priority in her career to work with the Spanish-speaking population while also educating others on the importance of cultural competency. Carolina moderates a national bilingual forensic interview peer review for the Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Centers and has conducted presentations at various conferences such as the Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference and Virginia Crimes Against Children Conference. Prior to coming to PCA, Carolina worked as a Youth Services Coordinator in a Latina Domestic Violence Program providing counseling and education to children who witnessed domestic violence in the home. Carolina enjoys working children and is passionate about providing a safe place for children to begin their healing.

PCA FORENSIC INTERVIEWERS' PANEL

11:40AM-1:00PM



Jillian Shaiman, MSW
Forensic Interviewer/ PCA

SPEAKER BIO: Jillian graduated with her Masters in Social Work from University of Pennsylvania in 2017, and has been working at PCA for the last 8 years. During her time at PCA, she has conducted around 2000 interviews of children of all ages regarding allegations of sexual and physical abuse, and witnessing homicides, overdoses, and domestic violence. Jillian has also had the opportunity to train new interviewers at PCA, as well as to conduct trainings locally with the Defender's Association, the District Attorney's Office, and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and nationally at the Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference. Jillian is passionate about using her empathy, patience, and warmth to provide safe spaces for all children to speak about their experiences. Jillian enjoys learning from her colleagues at PCA, SVU, DHS, and the DA's office, and is constantly striving to improve her craft and to build strong cases for the children and families she serves.



Samantha Kujolic, LSW
Forensic Interviewer/ PCA

SPEAKER BIO: Samantha graduated with her Bachelors of Science from Penn State University in 2013. She started her social work career as a foster care case manager. During that time, she decided to go back to school and get her Masters in Social Work from Widener University and then her LSW. Samantha joined PCA in 2021 as a Forensic Interviewer. During her 4 years at PCA Samantha has conducted over 700 interviews with children of all ages in response to allegations of sexual abuse and physical abuse, as well as interviewed children who may have witnessed violence. Samantha has attended multiple trainings and conferences to continue to learn and improve her skills as a Forensic Interviewer. She is committed to her role at PCA and being able to help provide a safe place for children of all ages to come and talk about their experiences.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

1:45PM-3:15PM

Sofia Montes Lapray
Outreach Specialist
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

SPEAKER BIO: Sofia Montes Lapray serves as Outreach Specialist with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) from the Texas Regional Office in Austin, TX. Prior to joining NCMEC in 2023, Sofia worked in legal advocacy supporting Unaccompanied Minors navigating immigration proceedings in Houston, TX. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with a concentration on Politics and Diplomacy from Texas A&M University. Sofia has centered her career around supporting and advocating for vulnerable populations, and currently collaborates with child-serving professionals, law enforcement, and communities to identify, tackle, and proactively address all matters aligned with NCMEC's mission of providing a safe childhood for all children.



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CHANGE THE CONVERSATION WORKSHOP 3:15PM-5:00PM



Amie Myrick, LCPC

Owner of New Phase Counseling & Consulting and Director of Evaluation & Quality Improvement/ CTC & HOPE National Resource Center

SPEAKER BIO: Amie Myrick, LCPC is a Maryland-licensed clinical professional counselor, owner of New Phase Counseling and Consulting, LLC, and Director of Evaluation and Quality Improvement at the HOPE National Resource Center. She is a longtime consultant with Change the Conversation and brings over 20 years of experience in trauma treatment, training, and advocacy. Amie is an ACE Interface Master Presenter in Maryland and a national HOPE facilitator and technical assistance provider. She previously served for 10 years at a Maryland nonprofit mental health organization, including as Director of Education and Training, and worked closely with a Child Advocacy Center as a therapist, supervisor, and multidisciplinary team member. Amie presents locally, nationally, and internationally on trauma-informed practice, prevention, and systems change and consults with organizations seeking to build safer, more compassionate communities. She enjoys traveling and cheering on the Baltimore Orioles, and lives in Abingdon, Maryland with her son.



Chelsea McGonigle, MEd

Director of Prevention and Education/ CTC

SPEAKER BIO: Chelsea McGonigle, MEd serves as the Director of Prevention and Education at Change the Conversation, where she leads school-based partnerships and oversees the implementation of Turn the Talk and other professional development trainings designed to foster safer, more informed communities. She is a seasoned Family Life Educator with nearly 15 years of experience supporting youth and families impacted by trauma. Her work has included curriculum and program development, case management, crisis intervention, psychoeducational group facilitation, and professional training. Chelsea holds certifications as a Darkness to Light Group Facilitator and a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor, and she is passionate about creating access to the knowledge and tools children need to recognize and expect safety in their relationships. Chelsea is an active volunteer in her community and lives in the Baltimore area with her husband and daughters.

APPLICATIONS ACROSS SETTINGS: A SCHOOL-BASED MODEL FOR PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Schools are an important place where child sexual abuse prevention can take root, but the principles that make prevention successful in schools can be used anywhere adults care for and support children. In this session, the presenters will share their school-based prevention model and highlight the key elements that make it effective. Participants will consider how these same principles can be adapted at home, within community-based organizations, faith communities, youth programs, and other child-serving settings. Attendees will leave with a practical framework and simple next steps they can use to strengthen safety in the spaces where they have influence.

Learning Objectives

- Discuss the key components of a school-based prevention model.
- Identify the core principles that make prevention efforts effective and sustainable.
- Identify one or more actions they can take to apply these prevention principles in their own sphere of influence.



THANK YOU!

NCMEC

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization. NCMEC works with families, victims, private industry, law enforcement, and the public to assist with preventing child abductions, recovering missing children, and providing services to deter and combat child sexual exploitation. Every child deserves a safe childhood.

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Zero Abuse Project

Zero Abuse Project is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to transforming institutions in order to effectively prevent, recognize, and respond to child sexual abuse.

Our programs are designed to provide cross-disciplinary education and training, advocacy for systemic legal change, guidance for survivor support, and leadership on emerging technologies. We take a holistic approach by also recognizing and addressing the intersecting forms of child maltreatment in connection with child sexual abuse.

Zero Abuse Project is working to eliminate child sexual abuse in all of its forms.

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Change the Conversation

Change the Conversation, formerly No More Stolen Childhoods (NMSC), is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2004 to provide services to those impacted by child sexual abuse.

As an organization established by an adult survivor of child sexual abuse, we have always been committed to ensuring that adult survivors have the resources and care they need to heal and thrive. As we've grown, we continue to engage and support adult survivors and caregivers, parents, medical professionals, and mandated reporters with a public health and "information first" philosophy. Our team works tirelessly to educate and prepare those we serve with educational materials, programming, and training that reflects the most current research on child sexual abuse and trauma.

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