

11th Annual Child Abuse Symposium
At Georgia Southwestern State University – Student Success Center
Americus, Georgia
Thursday, April 14, 2022

Agenda:

- 8:30-8:45 Registration/Breakfast
- 8:45-9:00 General Assembly, Welcome and Remarks
Rucker Smith - Chief Superior Court Judge of the Southwestern Judicial Circuit
- 9:00-10:30 **Session 1:** Describe the gangs effecting Southwest Georgia youth. Identify the tactics used to recruit youth as well as the impact. Address the prosecution of these cases.
Lindsay Gardner - Managing Attorney, Legal Division, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- 10:30-10:45 **Break**
- 10:45-12:15 **Session 2:** Define the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study and types of poly-victimization. Discuss the total bio-psycho-social impact on children and communities regarding ACEs and poly-victimization. Use of the ACEs quiz in conjunction with trauma informed therapy approaches.
Amy Hutsell - Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Unit Program Director, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- 12:15 Transition to Private Dining Hall
- 12:30- 1:15 **Lunch:** The importance of documentation, as so many cases are hard to prosecute with reluctant and/or unreliable witnesses. Also, review new court procedures and what to expect as in-person court has recently resumed.
Lewis Lamb - District Attorney, Southwestern Judicial Circuit
- 1:15-1:30 Presentation of Service Awards
Nikki Still - Director, Lighthouse Children’s Advocacy Center
- 1:30 Transition back to Student Success Center
- 1:45-3:15 **Session 3:** This training has been developed to provide attendees with an understanding of the functionality and operations of the Georgia Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System (SAKTS) as it pertains to their agency type.
Rebecca Arnold – Planning and Policy Development, Sexual Assault Unit, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- 3:15-3:30 **Break: Cookies and Coffee**
- 3:30-5:00 **Session 4:** History of National ICAC Program. Discuss Georgia ICAC Task Force (host agency and affiliated agencies). Explore types of investigations. Case studies/best practices for responding to child exploitation complaints.
Brian Johnston – Commander, Georgia ICAC Task Force, Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- 5:00 **Closing: Dr. Neal Weaver – President of Georgia Southwestern State University**