

BRAZOS VALLEY CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

**April 24th & 25th
2012**

**Every Victim, Every Time
Crime Victim Conference**



Providing quality, low cost victim services training since 2007.

AGM Church of Christ

2475 Earl Rudder Freeway South

College Station, Texas

2012 Speaker Sessions

1. ***Cyberbullying & Sexting – Part One***

Technology has evolved faster than many of us realize and definitely faster than many professionals can keep up with. It is essential for professionals to become more aware and educated on the technology that children/teens are using today and the issues professionals must be responsible for regarding its safe and responsible use by children/teens.

Speaker: Reggie Cajayon

Texas School Safety Center

2. ***Prescription for the Next Step – Building the Medical & Legal Bridge to Better Patient Care***

Intimate violence does not discriminate. Everyday healthcare workers cross paths with patients who are being abused. As frontline first responders, these professionals are in a uniquely powerful position to impart potentially lifesaving information to violence victims. This workshop will include information on current legislation (Chapter 91, Texas Family Code) governing medical professionals' obligations, limiting professional liability, and helping to bring their patients to safety. Information will focus on screening, assessment, intervention and documentation of these cases, with emphasis on proper charting, photographing, body-mapping, and evidence preservation per JAHCO Recommendations. Lastly, we delineate the medical professional's role as a trial witness when domestic violence issues are ultimately litigated.

Speaker: Kelly Knight

Abilene Christian University

3. ***How to Eat an Elephant- Part One***

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time of course. This interactive session will focus on the power of taking on the "elephants" that sometimes overwhelm us, one small step at a time. Emphasis is placed on the importance of finding true happiness in our day-to-day lives. Happiness is always the first critical bite, no matter what the size of the elephant. Our life purpose drives our priorities and helps us determine which elephants we should choose from the menu and which should be left behind as someone else's entrée. Utilizing mind mapping techniques, participants will take a hands-on approach to creating a realistic plan to reach the goals that they have always strived to achieve and live the dream they have always dreamed to live.

Speaker: Craig Corder

Texas Juvenile Justice Department

4. Working with Immigrant Survivors of Family Violence

Issues of safety, poverty, housing and custody are difficult enough for domestic violence victims, but when working with immigrant survivors these issues can be complicated by language, culture and immigration status. This workshop will include an overview of the unique barriers faced by immigrant victims and provisions under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that provide relief and encourage victims to report the violence and collaborate with law enforcement.

Speaker: Nancy Pacheco

Texas Civil Rights Project

5. **Darkness 2 Light – Part One

Darkness 2 Light is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention treatment program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Curriculum workbooks will be furnished to each participant. Class size is limited to 20 people. Sign up at the registration table if you plan to attend this workshop.



Speaker: Linda Patton

Scotty's House Child Advocacy Center

6. Cyberbullying and Sexting – Part Two

Session Continued from Part One

Speaker: Reggie Cajayon

Texas School Safety Center

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9. Victim Impact Panel

Historically, victims have been excluded from the criminal justice process, which only served to compound their confusion, frustration, pain and anger. Speaking on a victim impact panel provides victims with an appropriate forum in which to express their feelings and talk about their victimization. Listening to victim impact panels helps the audience to gain perspective from the long-term effects of crime from the voice of the victim.



Speaker: Panel of Victims from Various Crimes

10. Darkness 2 Light- Part Two

Session Continued from Part One

Speaker: Linda Patton

Scotty's House Child Advocacy Center

Keynote Speaker

Tuesday, April 24th



Dr. Ben Welch will deliver a motivating keynote address that will challenge the audience to focus on the long-term influence they have on the lives of co-workers and the crime victims they serve. Many will find his witticism and real life perspectives inspirational.

Dr. Ben Welch has been the recipient of many teaching and service awards during his tenure at Texas A&M University. He is the Dean for Executive Education & Clinical Professor in the Department of Management.

11. Sexual Predators & Sexually Violent Persons

Many victims fall prey to sexual violence. This workshop will help us better understand the sexual predator and people that are sexually violent. We will look at the statutory issues and how the courts have refined these issues through legal channels. The relationship to predicting risk and recidivism will also be covered. Attendees will review an evaluation of a sexual offender, specific questions to ask during a clinical interview and the success or lack of regarding treatment modalities.

Speaker: Susan Lewis Ph.D.

Forensic Psychologist, Attorney

12. Intoxication Manslaughter: Drinking & Driving 101

Dr. Dennis has testified on behalf of the state in over 50 cases involving alcohol and safety traffic issues. Dr. Dennis' work helped move Texas laws to a .08 legal limit and how a person's BAC impacts driving. This presentation will focus on the effects of alcohol on driving and how alcohol effects the body over time. Information needed in Intoxication Assault and Intoxication Manslaughter cases to aid in prosecution of these cases will be covered.

Speaker: Dr. Maurice Dennis

Director for the Center for Alcohol & Drug Education Studies, Texas A&M University

13. Courtroom Testimony for the Professional

Many of those who work with victims find themselves subpoenaed to testify in court. This workshop will address the preparation for testifying as well as how to document and take notes in the beginning of your work with these victims and offenders so that when you find yourself on the stand you are ready to answer questions. A "how to" of maintaining professionalism, avoiding traps and still doing your job.

Speaker: Brian Baker

Brazos County District Attorney's Office

14. The Role of the Forensic Nurse Examiner in the Criminal Justice System

This session will discuss the role of the forensic nurse examiner in the ER and the absolute importance for these exams for the child physical abuse victims and victims of domestic violence. Case studies will be presented on PowerPoint with photographic documentation. We will discuss in depth the importance of identifying the injuries the proper way and documenting these injuries so that criminal cases can be formed properly. The need for proper use of these for professionals is important.

Speaker: Sheliah Priori, RN

Scott & White Hospital

15. Courthouse Dogs

Since 2003, courthouse dogs have provided comfort to sexually abused children while they undergo forensic interviews and testify in court. The dogs assist individuals with physical, psychological, or emotional trauma due to criminal conduct. The use of courthouse dogs can help bring a major change in how we meet the emotional needs of all involved in the criminal justice system. The dog's calming presence creates a better atmosphere for crime victims to facing the system with a powerful K9 companion.

Speakers: Ellen O'Neill-Stephens & Celeste Walsen

Courthouse Dogs



Jeter, Courthouse dog pioneer

16. Gang Violence—Understanding Gangs & Crime in Texas

Preventing the spread of gang violence is a goal shared by most communities. In order to prevent and intervene, a professional must understand the dynamics of at-risk youth to stop the roots of gang violence from taking place in your community. This workshop will cover gang identifiers so professionals can recognize gang members when dealing with them along with gang member behavior, including common characteristics of witnesses and victims of gang crime.

Speaker: Andrea Schooler

Bryan Police Department

17. Why Can't They Just Behave? Domestic Violence, Childhood Trauma & the Fear Response

Early childhood trauma stemming from an abusive, chaotic, or violent home life is an important, but sometimes overlooked factor when addressing a child's current behavior patterns. Juvenile justice professionals need to be aware that children raised in a harsh or dysfunctional environment become survivalists and although they appear to be certain age physically, inside they may be playing catch-up – emotionally, behaviorally and developmentally. This session will focus on the developmental deficits and chronic fear that evolves in children who are raised in these environments and address some of the unspoken messages behind a child's behavior. Participants will learn to look beyond the child's difficult behavior and develop strategies to begin disarming the primitive fear responses that have led them into the juvenile justice system.

Speaker: Craig Corder

Texas Juvenile Justice Department

18. When your Job Becomes a Member of Your Family

Many first responders have spent a lifetime responding to other people's crisis. But how do we manage to keep our family healthy, when our career is bigger than life? The dedicated professionals in the law enforcement, advocacy and helping fields know that their job is not just a paycheck and is not "just a job." It is a higher calling that draws all of us to extend our hours beyond 5pm and to blur the lines between work and home. The negative effects of bringing work home can be enormous,

however, it can also be rewarding and fulfilling if handled appropriately. Mr. Dennis has turned his heart and passion for rescuing children into a family mission, including his wife and two daughters in the many rewards of working with crime victims. This session will help participants gain helpful perspectives on balancing work and family from the real life experiences of a *Family that Searches*.



Speaker: Brad Dennis

KlaasKids Foundation

19. When the Bedroom Ceases to be Safe – Partner Rape

For decades, marital rape was not even recognized as a crime. Many spouses were exempt from the sexual assault laws. While all states now recognize spousal rape as a crime, there are ways in which spousal rape is treated different and the crimes go unpunished. This workshop will look at the laws and ways to ask simple questions at the scene to increase the chance of a successful case of rape in marriage.

Speaker: Wende Hilsenrod

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

20. Courthouse Dogs – Part Two

Session Continued from Part One

Speaker: Ellen O'Neill-Stephens & Celeste Walsen

Courthouse Dogs

21. The Investigation of Sexual Exploitation & Sex Trafficking Cases

Brad Dennis, the search and rescue director at KlaasKids Foundation, will talk about identifying sex trafficking victims and their traffickers. Mr. Dennis has over 25 years experience in search-and-rescue and has managed search efforts for over 200 missing or abducted children around the country including Caylee Anthony and Michelle Le. Brad travels extensively around the country providing dynamic and relevant instruction concerning K-9 HRD operations, advocacy to families of missing children, child-abduction search management and sex trafficking of minors. Brad is a retired Cryptologist Master Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy and has been highly recognized for his intelligence analysis and counter-terrorism efforts.

Speaker: Brad Dennis

KlaasKids Foundation

22. Legal Protection for Crime Victims

Former Assistant District Attorney & Police Chief turned lawyer, will discuss civil remedies for crime victims in Texas and some interesting legal case studies. This session will also thoroughly review the Texas Crime Victims Act and discuss what victims and their advocates must do to invoke their legal rights under the act.

Speaker: Attorney Kevin Madison

Law Offices of Kevin R. Madison

23. When the Storm Hits Home

Hurricane Ike hit land in Galveston, Texas with a fury on September 13, 2008 at 2:10am with winds of 120 miles an hour. Many families were displaced from their homes before and after the storm hit land. One particular person not only endured the consequences of having to leave her home because of the storm, but suffered the fury of physical and sexual abuse at the hands of her husband. This is a case study presentation that guides the examiner in the care of the patient that needs a medical forensic examination and the devastating outcome for her and her family when the storm hits home.

Speaker: Deborah Kleypas

Scott & White Hospital

24. Mental Illness & Crime – The Nuts & Bolts - Part One

This workshop is about the nuts and bolts of severe and persistent mental illness and will focus on the diagnostic criteria of biological and personality disorders. The best approaches for working with this population, treatment options and the relationship between mental illness and crime will be discussed.

Speaker: Susan Lewis, PhD.

Forensic Psychologist, Attorney

25. Case Studies- Sex Trafficking Victims

Brad Dennis has searched across the country for missing and abducted children. In this session he will examine case studies of several nationally recognized searches for lessons learned and tips to remember if you are ever faced with the tragic case of a missing or abducted child.

Speaker: Brad Dennis

KlaasKids Foundation

26. Just a Piece of Paper – Facts, Fiction & Protective Orders

This interactive workshop will cover the five types of protective orders including the myths and truths relative to these protective orders. The audience will examine real-life cases wherein advocates, judges, prosecutors, police and defense lawyers have misinterpreted or misapplied the law resulting in a miscarriage of justice, jeopardy for the crime victim, or worse.

Speaker: Kelly Knight

Texas Juvenile Justice Department

27. Offender Programs in Texas—Rehabilitation on Behalf of the Victim

This workshop will show how one criminal justice employee channeled his rage against criminals into a life of service. Mr. Cox has designed and managed numerous programs to help offenders overcome criminal thinking and behavior. Suggestions will be given on how to work with victims and offenders in a productive and supportive way so that everyone benefits. Many of the programs in the criminal justice system do work and the goal is to help reduce recidivism when released back into the general population.



Speaker: Brian Cox

Sam Houston State University

28. Mental Illness & Crime – The Nuts & Bolts - Part Two

Session Continued from Part One

Speaker: Susan Lewis, PhD.

Forensic Psychologist, Attorney



Polly's Story

The Legacy of a Child Victim

Marc Klaas

Wednesday, April 25th, 2012



On October 1, 1993, twelve-year-old Polly Klaas was kidnapped from her California home and murdered. In 1994, *KlaasKids* was founded by her father, Marc Klaas, to give meaning to her death and create a legacy in her name.

KlaasKids Foundation pursues the singular mission of stopping crimes against children. Marc Klaas has worked with families of kidnapped children and victims during the search for their loved ones. Marc is a nationally recognized advocate appearing on *Larry King Live*, *CNN Headline News*, *20/20*, *America's Most Wanted* & *Nancy Grace*. He also lobbies to pass laws that help crime victims and their families.



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	Sanctuary	Room 226	Room 227	Chapel	Room 110
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11:45 - 1:00	Fajita Luncheon & Silent Auction/Raffle - AFC Center				
1:15 - 4:30	Keynote Address: Polly's Story and the Legacy of a Child Victim Marc Klaas <i>KlaasKids Foundation</i>				
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**Seating is limited to 20 in the *Darkness 2 Light Sessions*.

Pre-register for this session at the Information Table in the main lobby.