Calendar of Events

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January 16, 2025 - December 18, 2025 The APSAC Prevention Series 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

The APSAC Prevention Series will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Member Registration: Free Non-Member Registration: \$149 APSAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

January 16, 2025: Evaluation of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Policies in School Settings presented by Bart Klika, PhD, MSW

February 20, 2025: Prevention of Child Abuse: A Public Health Approach presented by Catherine Taylor, PhD, LCSW, MPH

March 20, 2025: Time to Get Serious: Child Sexual Abuse presented by Jon R. Conte, PhD

April 17, 2025: Driving Societal Change to End Child Sexual Abuse presented by Chris Yadon, MPA & Matt Hartvigsen, MPA / SAPREA

July 17, 2025: Advancing the CSA Field: Terminology Used in CSA Prevention – Field Survey Results, and Prevent Together's National Plan to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse/Exploitation presented by Stacy Vaughan, DSW, CMSW

August 21, 2025: Safeguarding in Sport presented by Katie Hanna & Erin McConnell, MS

September 18, 2025: Darkness to Light's New Stewards of Children presented by Carol Hogue

October 16, 2025: Honor Dr. Daro's legacy and celebrate the lasting impact she had on solving child maltreatment

November 20, 2025: Child Abuse Prevention for Clergy & Faith Leaders presented by Darrell Armstrong, MDiv, EdS-MFT, DDiv

December 18, 2025: No Hit Zones: A Simple, Low Cost and Promising Solution to a Complex and Key Risk Factor for Child Maltreatment presented by Stacie LeBlanc, JD, MEd January 5, 2026 - June 18, 2026 Do No Harm: Interviewing Skills Needed When There?s a Concern of Child Abuse: The Why, 7 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

A First-of-Its-Kind, Multi-Module Training Series

For professionals who may talk with children about abuse — outside official CAC forensic interview roles. Whether in mental health, healthcare, education, child welfare, law enforcement, or frontline work, gain the skills to respond safely without causing harm.

Learn the Why, When & How

Safe, developmentally appropriate, evidence-informed interviewing skills — stay in your role and reduce risk.

Why does this training matter?

Fills a national gap for non-CAC interviewers Promotes trauma-informed, child-centered, legally sound practice Led by national experts in forensic interviewing & child protection

Module 1: The Why and the When?

Describe the historical context of child maltreatment and common myths, biases, statistics, scope of problem factors that increase risk of child maltreatment.

Distinguish the roles of CPS, LE, FI, and other involved.

Learn the indicators, effects, and dynamics of abuse.

Demonstrate how to respond and when to refer and when to gather additional information.

Review Disclosure and Recantation research

Summarize disclosure types, methods and reasons for delay.

Describe the research on memory and suggestibility.

Translate the research that clearly reveals that a supportive non-offending caregiver is critical to the resiliency of the child and learn how your role can help the non-offending caregiver to believe and support the child.

Learn how to effectively engage families and non-offending caregivers.

Summarize the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the opportunities to incorporate resilience in investigative response.

Demonstrate the ability to react and respond to a child or adolescent disclosing abuse. Identify individualized triggers, strengths, resources, resilience, and preventative strategies.

Distinguish essential facts.

Prepare for testimony.

Module 2: The Practice of How?

Define Roles. Participants will describe why, when, and how to talk with children when Page 2/8 abuse and violence are a concern.

Describe Skills for Gathering Information from Children. Rapport building, narrative event practice, transition to concern, open-ended questions, recording information, and supporting trauma-informed closure.

Demonstrate Ways of Talking with Children that are Supportive, Warm, and Sustain Rapport. Role play and practice.

Apply Open-Ended Questioning Techniques: Participants will learn how to utilize open-ended questions and narrative event practice to gather accurate, reliable information from children about their experiences.

Demonstrate Non-Invasive Interviewing Skills: Participants will learn techniques to establish rapport and conduct child-friendly, non-invasive conversations that encourage children to share concerns and basic information.

Explain Supportive Conversations for Child Well-being: Professionals will be able to more effectively respond to children's statements in a manner that supports ongoing investigations, maintains trust, and prioritizes the child's emotional safety.

*Note: Module 2 will be offered in-person at the APSAC Pre-Conference to the 41st Annual San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment in San Diego, CA, on January 25, 2026.

MODULE 3: The How and Beyond – Research-Informed Interviewing

Prerequisite: Module 1 must be completed prior to attending Module 3. Module 2 must be completed or registered for prior to attending Module 3.

Demonstrate the ability to differentiate the purpose of the non-forensic interviewer interview from a formal child forensic interview.

Explain the key stages of research-informed interviewing and how these stages may differ from a formal child forensic interview.

Evaluate the quality of interview questions by understanding the type of questions used.

Give examples of how to prioritize and maximize open-ended questions to elicit accurate narratives and reliable information from children.

Explain the best ways to structure their interviews to support the child and future investigation.

Demonstrate knowledge of language and memory development to generating interview questions.

Identify how child development and linguistic considerations affect abilities of children to understand and respond to adult questioning.

Identify and give examples of age-appropriate questions and ways of assessing child's developmental level and abilities.

Demonstrate knowledge of challenges to talking with children and ways of reducing drift. Make a plan for avoiding draft.

Explain key memory concepts critical in effective child interviewing: How children's memories differ from adults, Recall v. Recognition memory, Memory source monitoring, Script memory

Give examples of key memory concept questions critical in effective child interviewing: Recall memory, Recognition memory, Memory source monitoring, Script memory, Episodic memory

Summarize key principles of best practice interview techniques and components gleaned from the research, with reference to key provisions of the APSAC Practice Guidelines on Forensic Interviewing in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse.

Explain next steps to a child and supportive family members (as needed) that match practitioners role in the interview process.

Packages Prices Date and Time Location

Module 1

(16 Hours) – all dates required \$449 non-member \$300 member January 5, 2026 12:00 PM ET - 4:30 PM ET January 6, 2026 12:00 PM ET - 4:30 PM ET January 7, 2026 12:00 PM ET - 4:30 PM ET January 8, 2026 12:00 PM ET - 4:30 PM ET Live, Interactive Zoom

Module 2

(7 Hours In-Person) \$349 non-member \$300 member January 25, 2026 8:00 AM PT - 4:30 PM PT

Or

June 14, 2026 8:30 AM CT - 4:30 PM CT In-Person, Interactive:

San Diego, CA –APSAC Pre-Conference to 41st Annual San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment

or New Orleans, LA – APSAC 33rd Annual Colloquium

Module 3*

(17 Hours) – all dates required

\$449 non-member \$300 member February 2, 2026 12:00 PM ET - 5:30 PM ET February 3, 2026 12:00 PM ET - 4:30 PM ET February 4, 2026 12:00 PM ET - 4:30 PM ET February 5, 2026 12:00 PM ET - 4:30 PM ET Live, Interactive Zoom

Modules 1, 2 and 3*

(40 hours Total) \$1,199 non-member \$900 member See Dates Above Modules 1 + 3 Live, Interactive Zoom

Module 2 in San Diego, CA or New Orleans, LA

To Be Announced: Optional Advanced Course Add-Ons include Forensic Mental Health Evaluations and Child Forensic Interviewing for Non Forensic-Interviewers

*Pre-Requisites for Module 3: Must complete Module 1 and have completed or registered for Module 2 prior to attending Module 3.

More Information

Professionals in many settings have contact with children who may have witnessed or been a victim of violence. Children sometimes make statements that are as alarming as they are unclear, resulting in a professional feeling anxious about child safety and confusion about how to manage a mandated report. In some situations, professionals need clarity regarding a child's statement and in other situations professionals need to get some information from a child before or after an investigation and child forensic interview.

This training will teach child serving professionals across disciplines how to talk with the child in a non-invasive manner that allows the child to provide basic information about the concerns and feel supported in the process. Specific emphasis will be on how to enhance rapport building throughout an interview, address the importance of including narrative event practice prior to talking about the issue of concern, and will teach specific interview techniques focusing on the use of open-ended questions from narrative event practice through basic questioning about the concerns.

Presenters will cover memory and cognitive development research and the values of these skills. Presenters will also provide an overview of the components of child maltreatment investigations and child forensic interviewing. Attendees will learn and practice new skills that may help them respond effectively to children who make statements that raise child maltreatment or family violence concerns. The goal of using these skills is to support the child, get helpful basic information, and enhance, not hinder an investigation.

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Limited space available!

Continuing Education for Modules 1 and 3 pending.

Continuing Education credits for module 2 may be earned and can be added in person at the San Diego conference or by calling 858-966-4972. Additional fees apply.

Chadwick Center: sandiegoconference.org

June 14, 2026 - June 18, 2026 2026 APSAC Colloquium - New Orleans, LA Sheraton Hotel 500 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70130 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Theme: Connecting. Solving. Bridging.
June 14–18, 2026 | Sheraton New Orleans

For over three decades, the APSAC Colloquium has been a cornerstone for professionals and researchers working to prevent and respond to child maltreatment. Now in its 33rd year, this go-to conference continues to bring together the field's most respected voices and emerging innovators for a one-of-a-kind learning and networking experience.

The 33rd APSAC Colloquium brings together professionals, researchers, and advocates who believe that real progress happens when we connect across disciplines, solve with shared purpose, and bridge gaps in systems, communities, and understanding. Set in vibrant New Orleans, where collaboration and culture meet, this year's gathering invites voices to come together -where various voices harmonize like jazz, creating bold, lasting solutions for children and families.

For the third year in a row, the Colloquium returns to New Orleans—a city where scholarship meets soul. Attendees don't just come for the sessions—they return for the connection, culture, and community. Past participants have paraded in second lines, joined jazz-infused bar crawls, and built meaningful collaborations over beignets and bold ideas.

Group Registration Discounts

APSAC offers a discount for groups of five or more at a savings of 10% off the regular registration rate for each attendee in the group. Use the discount code GROUPREG to activate this discount. ?

Cancellations:

APSAC adheres to a No Cancellation and No Refund policy. This long-standing approach is consistent with industry standards for nonprofit conferences and reflects the significant planning and financial commitments that each registration represents.

Registration fees cover costs such as venue requirements, materials, and food & beverage which are arranged in advance based on expected attendance. For this reason, all registration fees are final upon submission.

Transfer Requests:

APSAC will consider requests to transfer a 2026 registration to the 2027 Colloquium on a case-by-case basis. All transfer requests must be submitted in writing prior to the start of the event, please email us at apsaccolloquium@apsac.org.

Unpaid Registrations

Once you register, payment will be collected. If payment is not made at the time of registration, the balance will remain due and enforceable. APSAC reserves the right to limit access to sessions or future events for participants with outstanding balances.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support of APSAC's mission to promote excellence and accessibility in the field of child maltreatment prevention and response.

Book your room here

The 2026 APSAC Colloquium will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. The discounted rate for conference attendees is \$215 per night.

Interested in exhibiting at the 2026 APSAC Colloquium? Register here!