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SUMMIT

20 May

7:30 - 8:30
Registration - Plaza Foyer

8:30 - 10:15

Keynote: Child Maltreatment Deaths: An Overview of the Research
Neil Websdale, Ph.D., Director, Family Violence Institute at Northern Arizona University

10:15 - 10:30
Break

10:30 - 1:15

Mock Review
Child Death in the Context of Domestic Violence

12:00 - 1:15

Mock Review Continued During Working Lunch
Box lunch provided

1:15 - 1:30
Break

1:30 - 3:00

Panel Discussion: Facilitated by Adrienne Celaya, Ph.D.,
The Family Violence Institute at Northern Arizona University
and
Neil Websdale, Ph.D., Director,
The Family Violence Institute at Northern Arizona University

Panelists:

Michelle S. Akins
Director of Programs
Safe Space

Audrey E. Stone, Esq.
Managing Director, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Practice
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Sarah Corbally, J.D.
Administrator,
Child and Family Services Division
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

Janet Sullivan Wilson, Ph.D., R.N.
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Michelle Akins
Michelle Akins is currently the Director of Programs with SafeSpace, the only certified Domestic Violence Agency for the Treasure Coast. Akins formerly served as the Quality Assurance Coordinator for Florida’s Child Abuse Death Review Committee. During her 11 years in that role, she established 24 local Child Abuse Death Review Committees throughout the state. She was also responsible for supporting the State Child Abuse Death Review Committee for all the reviews meeting the criteria by statute as well as support on the annual report prepared for the Governor. Akins has an extensive background in child abuse, which includes 21 years of service at Florida’s Department of Children and Families. She was a member of several task forces appointed by the Governor related to child deaths, making recommendations that resulted in legislative change. Akins has also been an active member of various organizations and communities. She has provided trainings in the areas of child death investigations, risk assessment, mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect, critical findings generated by the state’s Child Death Review Committee, and human trafficking. She has also collaborated with the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, substance abuse and mental health providers, the Public Defenders Office and the St. Lucie County Jail. Akins graduated from Augsburg College in Minneapolis with a B.S in Social Work.

Adrienne Celaya, Ph.D.
Adrienne Celaya is a Postdoctoral Scholar at Northern Arizona University’s Family Violence Institute. She received her doctoral degree in Sociology from the University of Miami, where her dissertation examined the effects of individual, couple and neighborhood factors on intimate partner violence among the native-born and immigrants. Her professional endeavors include serving as Coordinator and Data Analyst for Miami Dade County’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and Child Abuse Death Review Committee, with whom she worked with for eight years. While in Miami, she also served as a member on several committees to include the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative, FCADV’s Batterer Accountability Subcommittee, the Attorney General’s Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council of Miami-Dade County, and the Domestic Violence Coordinated Response Committee. Her research interests include intimate partner violence, family violence lethality, Latino/immigrant violence, and immigration policy analysis. Specifically, her research focuses on issues surrounding minorities and immigrant populations, and their larger implications in the criminal justice system and the provision of social services.
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Sarah Corbally, J.D.
Sarah Corbally is the Administrator for the Child and Family Services Division at the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, located in Helena, Montana. In this role, Sarah is responsible for the administration of child protective services in the state, including foster care, adoption, guardianship, and investigation of child maltreatment reports. Sarah has previously worked as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Montana and a Deputy County Attorney representing the Division in child abuse and neglect proceedings in District Court. Sarah obtained a law degree from the University of Denver and a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Montana.

Audrey Stone, Esq.
Audrey Stone is a Managing Director at Nardello & Co., where she heads the firm’s Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Compliance & Investigations practice. Prior to joining Nardello & Co., Audrey served as the Second Deputy District Attorney and Chief of the Special Prosecutions Division in the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office for nearly a decade. In that capacity, Audrey investigated and prosecuted thousands of domestic violence and sexual assault cases. While at the District Attorney’s Office she was appointed by Loretta Lynch, who has been nominated by President Obama as the next U.S. Attorney General, as a Special Assistant United Attorney for the Eastern District of New York where she prosecuted United States of America v. Joseph Yannai, an international human trafficking case. Audrey served as Co-Chair of the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Subcommittee of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, as well as Co-Chair of the Westchester County Human Trafficking Task Force. She was appointed to the New York State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team by the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and the New York State Advisory Council. She also directed investigations relating to child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse and human trafficking. Additionally, Audrey has published and spoken extensively on the legal and investigative challenges and strategies inherent in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Audrey currently serves as a co-chair of the Westchester Women’s Bar Association domestic violence subcommittee and on the Board of Advisors of the Pace University Law School Criminal Justice Institute. Audrey received her JD from New York University School of Law, where she graduated magna cum laude. She received her AB from Brown University, graduating with Honors in Latin American Studies and History.
Janet Sullivan Wilson, Ph.D., R.N.
Dr. Wilson is an Associate Professor in the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Nursing Doctoral Programs and Associate Director of Community Based Interdisciplinary Research for the Reynolds Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A highly sought after national and internationally recognized consultant, author, and researcher in the area of family violence, Dr. Wilson’s research focus is how women and children from different cultural, socio-economic backgrounds safely disengage from intimate partner violence. Dr. Wilson is a founding member of the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (ODVFRB) and served as chair, co-chair, and is currently an Oklahoma Attorney General appointed member to the now legislated ODVFRB to review all intimate partner homicides for the state. Analysis of case data from this board provided the initiative to develop an interdisciplinary, cross-university, and community based research team in Oklahoma to study, “Police Departments Use of a Lethality Assessment: An Evaluation,” that was funded by the National Institute of Justice (#2008-91147-MD-IJ) with additional funding from Verizon Foundation. She is a consultant to the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative in Arizona where she assists states around the country to develop community fatality review teams to gather/analyze data to identify problems and solutions for prevention. With this national group she works with surviving family members and children of intimate partner homicides. She serves on the Advisory Board of the National Violent Death Reporting System for the Oklahoma Department of Health that analyzes data to identify problems, groups at most risk, and trends over time for violence prevention. She has served as a consultant to the National Institute of Justice, Washington, DC, on best practices to engage Native American/Alaskan Native communities in violence prevention research.

Neil Websdale, Ph.D.
Professor Neil Websdale is Director of the newly formed Family Violence Institute at Northern Arizona University and Director of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative (NDVFRI). He has published work on domestic violence, the history of crime, policing, social change, and public policy. Dr. Websdale’s five books include: Rural Woman Battering and the Justice System: An Ethnography (Sage), 1998, which won the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Book Award in 1999; Understanding Domestic Homicide (Northeastern University Press), 1999; Making Trouble: Cultural Constructions of Crime, Deviance, and Control (Aldine Books, co-edited with Jeff Ferrell), 1999; Policing the Poor: From Slave Plantation to Public Housing (Northeastern University Press), 2001, winner of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Book Award in 2002 and the Gustavus-Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights Award in 2002. His latest book, Familicidal Hearts: The Emotional Styles of 211 Killers was published by Oxford University Press in 2010. Dr. Websdale is currently working on a new book, tentatively titled, The Tale the River Told: The Murder of Susan Casey. His social policy work involves helping establish networks of domestic violence fatality review teams across the United States and elsewhere. His extensive fatality review work has contributed to NDVFRI receiving the prestigious 2015 Mary Byron Foundation Celebrating Solutions Award. He has also worked on issues related to community policing, full faith and credit, and risk assessment and management in domestic violence cases. Dr. Websdale trained as a sociologist at the University of London, England and currently lives and works in Flagstaff, Arizona.