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Conference Agenda

Abusive Head Trauma & Child Death:
A Symposium for Prosecutors

Eastern Time

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 / Day 1

11:45 – 12:00 pm	Welcome & Introductions
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Abusive Head Trauma and Child Death Cases: The Prosecutors Perspective Kathleen Nolan, Senior Attorney, Zero Abuse Project
1:00 – 1:10 pm	Break
1:10 – 2:10 pm	Is it SIDS, Murder, or Something Else? Investigation and Crime Scene Corroboration Patsy Lightle, Captain, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (ret.)
2:10 – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Is it SIDS, Murder, or Something Else? Investigation and Crime Scene Corroboration (cont.) Patsy Lightle
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Investigating Child Death in the Special Needs Population Patsy Lightle

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Wednesday, June 12, 2024 / Day 2

9:00 - 10:30 am	Appellate Issues in Child Abusive Head Trauma (AHT): A Look Around the Nation John Castellano, Queens District Attorney's Office
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 - 11:45 am	Debunking Denialism in Abusive Head Trauma (AHT): Strategies for Homicide Detectives, Prosecutors, and Juries Successfully Navigate AHT Cases Dr. Michael J. Caplan, Franklin County Forensic Science Center, Columbus, OH
11:45 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Debunking Denialism in Abusive Head Trauma (AHT): Strategies for Homicide Detectives, Prosecutors, and Juries Successfully Navigate AHT Cases (cont.) Dr. Michael J. Caplan
2:00 - 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 - 3:45 pm	Evaluating Abusive Injuries in Children Dr. Alicia Pekarsky, Co-Medical Director, McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center, Syracuse, NY
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Investigation and In Court Presentation of Child Abuse Fatalities Paul Stein, New York Prosecutors Training Institute

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Thursday, June 13, 2024 / Day 3

9:00 - 10:00 am	Cross Examination of Defense Experts in Abusive Head Trauma & Child Death Cases Rick Trunfio, Chief Assistant, Syracuse DAO (ret.)
10:00 - 10:10 am	Break
10:10 - 11:40 am	Can Science Really Do That? Advances in Scientific Evidence in Child Death Cases Tyler Council, Ed.D., Director, Child Advocacy Studies, Zero Abuse Project Kathleen Nolan
11:40 - 11:45 am	Break
11:45 - 12:45 pm	DOA: Don't Overlook Autopsies and Other Lessons Every Prosecutor Should Know About Death Investigations Kathleen Nolan Tyler Council
12:45 - 1:00 pm	Closing Remarks

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