

2024 DEC CONFERENCE

Session Descriptions and Objectives

MORNING KEYNOTE

FENTANYL: Who, What, Where, When and Why

Presented by Gary Goldberg, Drug Enforcement Admin. (retired)

In this presentation, the audience will learn all about fentanyl. The presenter will discuss its history, pharmacology, dos and don'ts, and address many misconceptions especially as they relate to first responder safety.

At the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Describe exactly what fentanyl is.
2. Explain how to respond safely to a potential fentanyl exposure and avoid being a victim of accidental exposure.
3. Identify what information is out in the public that is incorrect and dangerous versus what is correct information.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A) Educating, Motivating, Activating Others in Protecting Our Children

Presented by Monte Stiles

Adequate support for DEC programs requires that public officials (as well as the general public) be educated regarding the plight of these children so that they will understand, care, and act. Like most societal problems, real solutions require three things: EDUCATION, MOTIVATION, AND ACTIVATION. Although education is a good start, unless people are motivated and activated, education is simply information that goes to the brain but not the heart.

Those who write policies, enact laws, and create budgets must have a keen understanding regarding the plight of drug endangered children. In my experience, the most effective education starts and ends with real stories, real children, real consequences, as well as real solutions to PREVENT this misery as well as protect and serve those who are harmed.

Effective tools for communicating these important ideas will be shared.

At the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify key individuals and organizations that impact resources for children who are victims of drug exposure.
2. Identify the most effective messages to gain additional support.
3. Develop new strategies to communicate the importance of DEC programs to others.

B) Effects of Maternal Drug Use on Childhood Outcomes

Presented by Evin Lackore, MD

This session will include a review of the current and relevant research around the topic with dynamic speaking and breakdowns of the information into digestible segments. There will be time for Q&A throughout the presentation as well as dedicated time at the end for further discussion or elaboration of audience specific interests related to the material.

At the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Review the prevalence of drug use in pregnancy.
2. Discuss the effects of drug use on fetal development.

3. Discuss risks and benefits of breastfeeding for mothers using illicit substances.
4. Discuss intellectual and social outcomes for children and young adults affected by maternal drug use.
5. Consider confounding variables and address possible areas of support for affected children.

C) Trauma-Informed Parenting

Presented by Amanda Privitera, LISW

Trauma-Informed Parenting course provides insights into neuroscience-backed strategies for navigating these complexities. Emphasizing the crucial role of relational connection in the healing process, participants will gain practical interventions fostering understanding and resilience.

At the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify the profound impact of trauma on both children and caregivers, exploring how it influences brain function and behaviors.
2. Explore neuroscience-backed strategies aimed at navigating the complexities of parenting children with puzzling behaviors.
3. Emphasize the crucial role of relational connection in the healing process, providing participants with practical interventions to enhance understanding and resilience in parent-child relationships.

D) DEC Awareness - Identifying Drug Endangered Children: A Collaborative Approach

Presented by Kevin Brownell and Teresa King, BSW, CPS

This training will help participants understand who drug endangered children are along with the risks and long-term impacts that are associated with parental and caregiver substance misuse and drug activity. Trainers will discuss the importance of and opportunities for early identification and intervention and the need for multidisciplinary collaborative efforts to identify and help these children. Trainers will provide examples that all disciplines can relate to and activities to assist in understanding this challenging topic. Trainers will help attendees understand that they have opportunities to change the trajectories of the lives of drug endangered children and break multigenerational cycles.

At the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify the risks and long-term impacts associated with parental and caregiver substance misuse and drug activity.
2. Explain the many opportunities (often missed) to identify drug endangered children and the benefits of early intervention.
3. Learn what multidisciplinary collaborative efforts look like and how it incorporates the unique and often limited resources within a community and applies them in a manner that provides better care for drug endangered children.

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

EMERGING DRUG TRENDS: EXPOSURE RISKS FOR CHILDREN

Presented by Linda B. Kalin, BS, RN, CSPI, Executive Director-Iowa Poison Control Center

M30s. ZaZa. Tranq. Dabs. It's almost impossible to keep up with the ever-changing drug trends and street names. Learn about the new and dangerous substances emerging on the drug scene, including the increasing prevalence of novel synthetic opioids (NSOs) and counterfeit prescription drugs. The presentation will include exposure risks for children associated with substances in the home, and parental overdose.

At the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify new and emerging psychoactive substances and describe their effects, how they're obtained, how they're used, detection methods and management of overdose.

2. Raise awareness about novel synthetic opioids (NSOs) and counterfeit prescription drugs on the market, consequences of use, and challenges to public health.
3. Describe the exposure risks for children associated with substances in the home, and parental overdose.

Afternoon Keynote

Rediscovering Joy

Presented by Monte Stiles

After serving almost 30 years in law enforcement and seeing the darkest aspects of the human condition as a federal drug prosecutor, a passion for nature photography provided an opportunity to re-discover everything that is wonderful in life – a world full of amazing people, beautiful landscapes, fascinating creatures, and boundless opportunities and adventures.

Through real life experiences and award-winning photography, this presentation is designed to help people navigate the weighty challenges of managing a career while maintaining a healthy balance in the rest of their lives. The end result is a powerful and unique message of hope and inspiration.

At the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

1. Recognize the value of balancing work responsibilities with opportunities for joy.
2. Identify activities, interests, and hobbies that enhance all parts of their life.
3. Rediscover a sense of wonder and awe for the world around them.
4. Identify ways to reduce secondary trauma in the helping profession.