

## REGISTRATION

### 2ND ANNUAL

# Joining Forces

## *Addressing Child Abuse at All Levels of Care*

# Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Check in at 7 a.m.

Albany Marriott | 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY 12205



ALBANY MED Health System

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Emergency Department

*Sponsored by Department of Emergency  
Medicine and the Division of Forensic  
Medicine at Albany Medical Center*

This event is sponsored by the Division of Forensic Medicine and Department of Emergency Medicine at Albany Medical Center. Join us at the Albany Marriott for an event focused on tackling child abuse from every angle. Together, we will explore ways to address this critical issue at all levels of care. From prevention to intervention, we will discuss strategies to protect our most vulnerable population. Don't miss this opportunity to network with professionals and advocates who are dedicated to creating a safer environment for children. Let's join forces and make a difference!

Lunch will be provided, as well as refreshments during breaks.

**Limited to 200 attendees | \$50**

Registration includes participation in all sessions and lunch.

Registration is not complete until payment has been received.

Register by scanning this QR code:



### Accreditation

Albany Medical College is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Albany Medical College designates this Live activity for a maximum of 7 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Albany Medical Center is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This program will be awarded a maximum of 7.25 Continuing Nursing Education contact hours.

Email questions to:

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# Agenda

## 7 - 8 a.m. | Registration check in

Come join us to network and check out vendors!

## 8 - 8:10 a.m.

### **Kaylin Dawson, MSN, BSN, RN, SANE A/P, NYSAFE**

*Forensic Program Manager, Albany Medical Center*

Let's join today for every child that we have encountered within our careers as health care professionals, law enforcement, advocates, attorneys, child protective services, and beyond and for all the days after. Our goal together is to make sure that every child who is a victim of a crime has all the right people standing strong beside them. We are separate, but we are one.

## 8:10 - 9 a.m.

### **Trisha & Jené Sena**

*"Two Moms, One Mission—Sisterhood of the Survivors"*

## 9 - 10 a.m.

### **Travis Bevington**

*"Radiographic Findings in Nonaccidental Trauma"*

This presentation will review radiology's role in suspected non-accidental trauma patients and discuss standard imaging protocols when suspected. In addition, we will review different types of fractures and the mechanism of injuries, along with the specificity of these findings.

## 10 - 10:15 a.m. | Break

## 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

### **Detective John Witherspoon Jr.**

*Special Victims Investigation Division  
Montgomery County (MD) Police*

*"From Missing to Murdered—A Runaway Case Study"*

This presentation will focus on missing/runaway juveniles and the investigation of these cases from the initial report to closure; examine patrol response and responsibility and the role of the primary investigator; and gather investigative tools/tips including law enforcement resources, legal/law definitions and policies, and the use of social media.

The runaway case study will center on a juvenile runaway that was subsequently murdered, and the subsequent investigation by multiple agencies and departments leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Topics presented include:

- Examination of missing/runaway reports and the response of the initial investigator.
- Introduction of High-Risk Victim (HRV) Recovery Model.
- Advanced investigative tips/methods to include multi-agency coordination and implementation.

## 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. | Lunch & Network

Box lunch will be provided. Gluten-free options available upon request. Please email: dawsonk@amc.edu.

## 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

### **Elizabeth Ray, MD, FAAP**

*Child Abuse Pediatrics fellow at SUNY Upstate Medical University*

*"Burns and Child Maltreatment"*

This session will discuss how children with burns are evaluated for physical abuse, including a brief overview of how burns are described and classified. We will discuss the medical work-up indicated for a child with concerning burns, aspects of the exam and history that are concerning for physical abuse, and aspects of the scene investigation that can add to the medical assessment.

## 2:15 - 2:30 p.m. | Break

## 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### **Brian Ehret, F-ABMDI**

*Board-Certified Medicolegal Death Investigator*

*"Infant/Child Death Investigation: First Do No Harm"*

This presentation brings together the forensic investigation and scientific examination surrounding sudden and unexpected death in infancy and childhood as well as the interaction with grieving family members during early crisis grief. The death of a child touches a vast number of people and impacts reach far beyond the immediate family unit, potentially affecting hundreds of people depending on the child's age and social circle. During this presentation the fundamentals of sudden unexpected infant death will be examined, as well as proper terminology, the ideal state of the scene investigation to include doll re-enactments, cause and manner of death and casual factors, as well as the "humanity behind the science." Participants will also be provided with a significant amount of free continuing education material.

## 4:30 p.m. | Closing Remarks

### **Kirsten Morrissey, MD**

*Division Chief of Forensics, Albany Medical Center*

### **Commonly asked questions**

*What is the target audience for this conference?*

We encourage all those who work with children of crimes to attend. This includes health care professionals, primary care providers, law enforcement, attorneys, advocates, child protective workers, and forensic nurses.

*Are there any refunds?*

Refunds will be given up to 14 days prior to the event.

*What is the dress code?*

This is an Albany Medical Center sponsored educational event. It is recommended to dress business casual or in appropriate clinical attire.