



# Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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## Multi-Disciplinary Team Training:

### Courtroom Activities, Juvenile Sex Offenders & Preparing Children for Court

**DATE:** April 24, 2018

**Registration Ends:** April 3, 2018

**TIME:** 8:00 AM—4:00 PM 8 Hours

**LOCATION:** Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd, Dixon, IL 61021

**INSTRUCTOR:** Victor Vieth, Founder and Senior Director, Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center

### The 9th Annual Multi-Disciplinary Team Conference on Crimes Against Children Shining Star C.A.C. & Y.W.C.A.

#### Training Topics:

#### **We're Just Going to Talk: Presenting Your Case in Opening Statements and Closing Arguments in Cases of Child Abuse**

The outcome of many child abuse cases depends on the ability of the prosecutor to argue the facts to the jury. Prosecutors/child protection attorneys will learn the art and science of effective strategies and themes for opening statements and closing arguments in child abuse cases. Participants will learn a theme for presenting their case. They will learn specific arguments to persuade a jury that a child is telling the truth and how to debunk common defenses in child abuse cases.

#### **Cross-Examination of the Defendant and Defense Witness**

Participants will learn the keys to a successful cross-examination. They will learn how to prepare and gain a thorough understanding of the case including the evidence to be presented by both sides, drafting cross-examination topics and questions, and understanding the limitations of cross-examination. Finally, participants will learn concrete examples of how to box the witness into a corner.

#### **Juvenile Sex Offenders**

Participants will learn to address juvenile sex offenders at the investigation, prosecution and treatment stages. Analyzing current research and practices; this session offers suggestions and guidelines to address the needs of juvenile sex offenders, their victims, and society. This session also addresses the differing viewpoints concerning the prosecution and treatment of child sex offenders and seeks to bridge the differences and reach a consensus for dealing with this population.

#### **Preparing Children for Court**

Participants will learn creative strategies for empowering children to effectively handle the stress of testifying in court. Students will also learn of creative pre-trial motions and other strategies to modify the courtroom and the procedures of testifying to reduce the stress level of child witnesses.

Partial funding provided by Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and MTU#1's request for certification of this course has been approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board



**REGISTRATION: All registrations are received by Shining Star**

**Please complete the registration form below and return by April 3<sup>rd</sup> to:**  
**Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center**  
**215 E. First Street, Suite 110, Dixon, IL 61021**  
**Fax: 888-901-3617**  
**Email: <mailto:sbrantley@shiningstarcac.org>**  
**You can also register online at [www.shiningstarcac.org](http://www.shiningstarcac.org).**

**THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

8:00-8:30	<b>Registration (Continental Breakfast Provided)</b>
8:30-10:00	<b>We're Just Going to Talk: Presenting Your Case in Opening Statements and Closing Arguments in Cases of Child Abuse</b>
10:00-10:15	<b>Break</b>
10:15-11:45	<b>Cross-Examination of the Defendant and Defense Witness</b>
11:45-12:45	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
12:45-2:15	<b>Juvenile Sex Offenders</b>
2:15-2:30	<b>Break</b>
2:30-4:00	<b>Preparing Children for Court</b>
4:00-4:30	<b>Q &amp; A/Discussion</b>



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**First Name** **Last Name**

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**Organization/Agency Name**

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**Address**

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**Email Address** **Phone Number**

**CEUs Requested:**     None     MCLE     ICDVP     DCFS     Social Work

Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois will provide opportunities to receive MCLEs and CEUs for DCFS employees, Social Workers, and Professional Counselors.

YWCA of the Sauk Valley will offer up to 7 ICDVP CEUs.

The Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission/MTU#1 has submitted this training for certification by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.



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***This class has been submitted to ILETSB for approval in meeting mandatory training for:***

***Mandated Annually***

- Law Updates     Use of Force (must include scenario based or similar approved)

**Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/16)**

- Civil Rights                                     Constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority  
 **Cultural competency**                                     **Procedural Justice**                                     **Human Rights**

**Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/17 all/ within 2 yrs. for investigators)**

- Trauma Informed Response & Investigation of Sexual Assault & Abuse

**Mandated once every 3 years (begin?)**

- Mental Health Awareness

**Mandated 32 hours every four years after initial training**

- Lead Homicide Investigator training**