

**Niagara County Family Violence Intervention Project
18th Annual Conference**

**Safe at Home:
Seeking Solutions for Adult and Child
Victims of Family Violence**



Child Victims With Disabilities

**Scott Modell, Ph.D.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Domestic Sex Trafficking...Is It an Organized Crime?

**Tina Frundt
PLENARY PRESENTER**

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November 3, 2016 . 8:00 am—4:00 pm

The Conference & Events Center Niagara Falls

101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY

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Keynote Speaker—Scott J. Modell, Ph.D.



Scott J. Modell, Ph.D. is a leading expert on crime victims with disabilities. Dr. Modell received his Ph.D. from the College of Education at Florida State University in 1997. Dr. Modell currently serves as the Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services and has also served as the Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Modell spent 15 years as a Professor at California State University, Sacramento where he also served as Director of the university’s Autism Center for Excellence for 5 years. He is an expert in child abuse, crime victims with disabilities, disability etiology and interview techniques. He has authored 9 books and has over 250 published articles and abstracts. He frequently lectures at national and international conferences regarding child abuse and crime victims with disabilities. He has also conducted training and workshops for thousands of police officers, child protective service professionals and educators across the country. He has received international recognition for his work in the area of crime victims and interview techniques for individuals with disabilities.

Plenary Speaker—Tina Frundt

Tina Frundt is the Executive Director and Founder of Courtney’s House serving the Washington, DC metro area. Ms. Frundt has been actively raising awareness of the commercial and sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) since 2000. A high profile national advocate on the issue of domestic sex trafficking and a survivor of CSEC, Ms. Frundt is deeply committed to helping other children and women who are living through experiences similar to her own. She has been featured on numerous national shows and publications, including OWN Network’s *Our America with Lisa Ling: 3 AM Girls*, which featured an undercover look into sex trafficking in Washington, DC, the CNN Freedom Project, and in 2016, the *Whitney Young Unsung Heroes* award by the Urban Institute. In 2016 she was appointed by President Obama to the First White House Survivor Advisory Board. Ms. Frundt trains law enforcement and other non-profit groups to rescue and provide services to victims. She has testified before the US Congress about her own experiences and the need for greater protection and services for trafficked persons.



Other Outstanding Faculty Members

Christene Amabile, MSN, FNP-BC, CARN-AP: Christene Amabile has been a nurse practitioner for 19 years. A Family Nurse Practitioner with a sub-specialty in Addiction Medicine, she has worked in primary care for 13 years in private practice and in Community Health Centers. For the past 6 years, she designed and implemented an Integrated Medicine Program at Horizon Health Services which serves people with substance use disorders (SUDs) and/or mental health challenges. She evaluates and prescribes medication for clients with SUDs and/or mental illness. She also promotes legislation for better access to treatment for SUDs.

Caroline Easton, Ph.D. is Professor of Forensic Psychology in the College of Health Science and Technology at RIT. Dr. Easton also served as Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Yale’s School of Medicine. Dr. Easton’s clinical research assesses the links between substance abuse and criminal behavior. Her research supports a new approach that integrates addiction and aggression issues and treats the individual client. She has developed a treatment therapy for individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and domestic violence issues including an approach for men who are substance dependent and have problems with Intimate Partner Violence.

Timothy O. Ireland, Ph.D. is a Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice. He is currently interim Provost for Niagara University and also served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He chaired the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department for 10 years. For over 20 years, Dr. Ireland has been affiliated with the Rochester Youth Development Study—a longitudinal research project that has followed a sample of adolescents from about age 14 into their early 30s. Current research interests include exploring the causes and consequences of family violence. He has co-authored several publications in peer reviewed journals and is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany.

Dana L. Radatz, Ph.D. is an assistant professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Niagara University. Dr. Radatz’s research interests include batterer intervention programs, corrections, evidence-based practices, female offenders, and a wide range of victimization including domestic violence, prostitution, and rape and sexual assault. Dr. Radatz’s recent publications have appeared in *Trauma, Violence & Abuse*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* and the *American Journal of Community Psychology*.

Morning Program

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Keynote**
Child Victims With Disabilities, Scott J. Modell, Ph.D.
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Plenary**
Domestic Sex Trafficking....Is It an Organized Crime?, Tina Frundt
- 11:45 p.m. **Lunch (Included)**

Afternoon Workshops

Workshop Session 1 —12:45-2:15 pm

A. Interviewing Child Victims with Disabilities (Scott J. Modell, Ph.D.)

Studies have long established that children with disabilities are disproportionately criminally victimized. The rate of violence experienced by children with disabilities is almost triple the rate compared to children without disabilities. Understanding and communicating effectively with children who come in contact with the criminal justice system are necessary skills for law enforcement, children's advocacy center staff, children's services and other social services personnel. Participants will develop a broader understanding of children's disabilities as well as new strategies for effective interviewing and communicating. Video clips are integrated into the presentation.

B. Using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Treat Substance Using Offenders of Interpersonal Violence—Science Informed Practice (Caroline Easton, Ph.D.)

Substance abuse and family violence are a combustible combination and this public health issue continues to escalate at the local, national and international level. Dr. Easton's clinical research supports a new approach that integrates addiction and aggression issues and treats the individual client, as opposed to generic group therapies administered by non-credentialed staff.

C. The Timing of Maltreatment: Considering the Relationship between Adolescent Maltreatment and Delinquency (Timothy O. Ireland, Ph.D.)

A number of sophisticated longitudinal studies have examined the relationship between childhood maltreatment and subsequent delinquency during adolescence and crime in early adulthood. This research, although valuable, represents only part of the maltreatment-delinquency picture. Much of this research defines childhood quite loosely. Some researchers define childhood as under 18; others as under age 12. This workshop will explore a four category classification scheme based on when maltreatment starts and when maltreatment ends: never maltreated; childhood only; adolescence only; and persistent maltreatment. Using data from the Rochester Youth Development Study, we will examine the relationship between maltreatment and delinquency and crime, including a consistent impact of adolescence-only and persistent maltreatment on delinquency and drug use.

D. Recognizing and Responding to Substance Use Disorders (AKA Drug Addiction) within the Family Structure—Implications for Safety (Christene Amabile, MSN, FNP—BC, CARN-AP)

Drug use, abuse and addiction (often fatal), are on the rise. The effects can be devastating not only for individuals, but for families, children and the community at large. This presentation will prepare the participant to better recognize substance use disorders (SUDS) within the family. Addiction will be defined as a chronic medical condition and discussed in the context of family and child safety issues., assisting participants to better identify concerning behaviors and at-risk environments.

Afternoon Workshops Continued

Break: 2:15—2:30 p.m.

Workshop Session 2 —2:30—4:00 pm

E. The Four Forms of Domestic Sex Trafficking and What You Need to Know (Tina Frundt)

This workshop will explore the four forms of domestic sex trafficking: (1) pimp control; (2) gang control; (3) family; and (4) boys/transgender. Participants will learn how to identify the forms and why each form is different.

F. Using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Treat Substance Using Offenders of Interpersonal Violence—Clinical Applications (Caroline Easton, Ph.D.)

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G. Adding to Your Family Violence Intervention Toolbox: An Introduction to Assessment and Evaluation (Dana L. Radatz, Ph.D.)

This workshop will provide a broad overview of the assessment and evaluation basics. Attendees will learn about the importance and uses of evaluation, how to develop logic models and set outcome measures, and understand how different research methods such as questionnaires and focus groups can assist one in making data-driven decisions. Additionally, several strategies, tools and resources will be provided.

About the Conference

Safe at Home: Seeking Solutions for Adult and Child Victims addresses emerging trends and practical issues in the field of family violence. From working with individuals with disabilities, to dealing with the impact of the drug crisis on family violence and child abuse cases, to responding to child trafficking, to addressing adolescent maltreatment and delinquency, and to evaluating programs and services to meet the expectations of funders, our expert faculty will provide leading-edge information and strategies to aid professionals involved in every aspect of the response to family violence and child abuse. This conference will benefit professionals in law enforcement, child welfare, education, medicine, law, social work, victim advocacy, mental health counseling and other roles serving children and families affected by interpersonal violence.

NYSED Social Work Contact Hours: Offered in collaboration with the University at Buffalo School of Social Work Office of Continuing Education; recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0001. Full-attendance is required; no partial credit will be awarded for partial attendance. 6 live in-person contact hours are approved.

Student Scholarships available. Applications due October 15. For more information call 285-0045.

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Registration

Registration: General conference registration is **\$65** per person and includes **course materials, continental breakfast, lunch and breaks**. A discounted rate of **\$60** will apply to paid registrations for **5 or more** individuals from the same agency. For the discount group rate, registrations must be submitted together. For additional information, contact the Child Advocacy Center of Niagara at (716) 285-0045.

Hotel Information: A special conference rate of **\$89** is available for a limited number of rooms at **The Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY**. This rate does not include a facility fee of \$14.95 per night that includes free parking. Please note that hotel reservation is not included in the conference registration. Participants must contact the hotel directly to reserve a room. **Call (716)285-3361 and ask for the Child Advocacy Center group block**. This block of rooms is on a first come basis depending on room availability, so please book your room in advance.

Parking: Free parking is available in the self-park lot at Seneca Square, courtesy of the Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino. **You will be responsible for parking fees if you park elsewhere.**

Please print or type. Provide your e-mail address to receive an emailed confirmation.

Name: _____ Title _____

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Address: _____

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Registration:

- General Registration (by October 24, 2016) **\$ 65.00**
- Group Registration (5 or more) **\$60.00**
- NYSED Social Work Contact Hours—additional cost of **\$15.00**

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