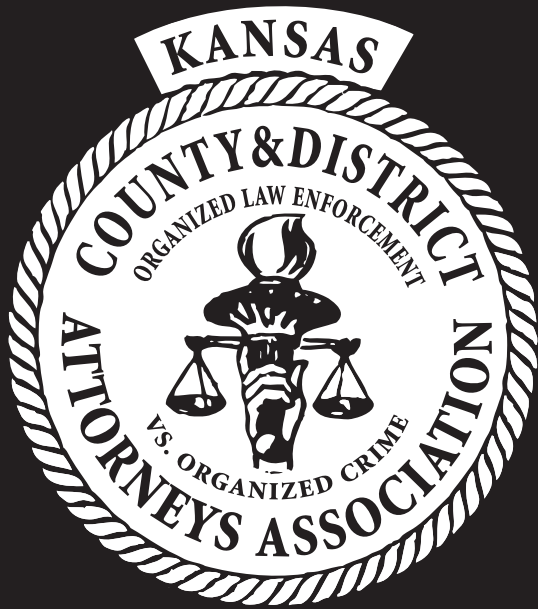


# DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN PRECONFERENCE

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**JUNE 6**  
**2018**  
**12:00-5:00 pm**

**Child Advocacy Center  
of Sedgwick County  
1211 S. Emporia Street  
Wichita, KS 67211**

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

**CLE:** Kansas Continuing Legal Education is approved for five hours.

**CME:** Wesley Medical Center is accredited by the Kansas Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Wesley designates this live activity for a maximum of 4.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Allied health professionals –Verification of attendance will be issued for hours attended.

**CNE:** Wesley Medical Center is an approved provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This conference is approved for 4.5 contact hours applicable for RN and LPN relicensure, Kansas State Board of Nursing Provider #LT 0085-0327.

## REGISTRATION

The cost to attend is \$40 per person and includes lunch. To register visit [www.kcdaa.org](http://www.kcdaa.org) under the events tab. All registrations must be made online.

## CANCELLATIONS

All cancellations must be made by emailing [kari@kearneyandassociates.com](mailto:kari@kearneyandassociates.com) at the KCDAAs office. Requests made prior to May 29, 2018 will be refunded less a \$25 processing fee. Requests received after May 29, 2018 will not be refunded.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please contact the KCDAAs office at [kari@kearneyandassociates.com](mailto:kari@kearneyandassociates.com) or (785) 232-5822 if you have any special needs or food allergies. Provisions will be provided for participants with special needs or food allergies if we are notified by May 29, 2018.

# PRECONFERENCE SCHEDULE

11:15 - 12:00 **REGISTRATION**

12:00 - 1:00 **WORKING LUNCH**

12:00 - 12:50 **DEC 101**

*Cristi Cain, Director, Local Public Health Program and Accreditation Coordinator at Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

*Jennifer Gassmann, Drug Endangered Child Specialist*

*Tom Stanton, Deputy Reno County District Attorney*

In this course participants will be introduced to the concept of “Drug Endangered Children.” The course identifies factors which create an environment where the possession, use, distribution, and/or manufacture of controlled substances endanger the health and safety of children. It will also discuss methods of criminal investigation from the perspective of the narcotics investigation and the Child in Need of Care investigation. Finally, it will describe methods for inter-agency cooperation to provide a safe environment for drug endangered children.

12:50 - 1:00 **Break**

1:00 - 1:50 **DRUG TRENDS**

*Beth Heflin, MD, FAAP, Pediatric Hospitalist, Via Cristi Clinic*

*Tom Stanton, Deputy Reno County District Attorney*

This course describes current drug trends in Kansas, as well as abuse related to controlled substances that might well be making their way towards our state. The course describes commonly abused stimulants, opioids, marijuana and other tetrahydrocannabinols, and prescription depressants. The presentation will also describe physical and physiological signs of the abuse of these drugs, as well as medical interventions used to treat abuse of, or overdose as a result of abuse of, controlled substances.

1:50 - 2:00 **Break**

2:00 - 2:50 **MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ENVIRONMENTS OF CHILDREN**

***Beth Heflin, MD, FAAP, Pediatric Hospitalist, Via Cristi Clinic***

Law enforcement officers, social workers, medical personnel and other professional workers discover drug environments effecting hundreds of Kansas children every year. Many of these children need medical attention to diminish the consequences of the drugs and/or drug environments to which they are subjected. Attendees will be given information about the effects of drugs of abuse on children of all ages. These include effects on the fetus exposed in utero, the breastfeeding infant, and children being raised by drug-abusing caregivers.

2:50 - 3:00 **Break**

3:00 - 4:25 **TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES BY CREATING TRAUMA INFORMED SYSTEMS OF CARE**

***Dr. Tiffany Anderson, Superintendent of Schools, Topeka Public Schools***

Despite an increasing focus on creating community conditions that improve health, zip codes remain a more accurate determinant of health than our genetic codes. These efforts often occur in silos, resulting in missed opportunities to leverage community support to improve health at the local level. To change this reality, we must draw on leaders such as Dr. Tiffany Anderson who work collaboratively to improve health outcomes and address social determinants of health.

4:25 - 4:35 **Break**

4:35 - 5:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION: CREATING DEC ALLIANCES**

***Cristi Cain, Director, Local Public Health Program and Accreditation Coordinator at Kansas Department of Health and Environment***

***Jennifer Gassmann, Drug Endangered Child Specialist***

***Sgt. Glenn Hawks, Deputy, Shawnee County Sheriff's Office***

***Sandra Lessor, Assistant District Attorney, Sedgwick County***

***Dulcinea Rakestraw, MPH, LBSW, LAC***

Cooperation and teamwork among agencies are the cornerstones of protecting children from the dangers of home environments where controlled substances are used, possessed, sold or manufactured. Resources are available through existing national, state and local DEC Alliances to assist agencies in local jurisdictions in teaming up to create a united front dedicated to the protection of drug endangered children. The presenters in this panel discussion will bring the attendees information and insight into this process. The information presented will include sources such as the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, and local DEC Alliances in Shawnee and Sedgwick Counties.

## **PRESENTERS**

### **DR. TIFFANY ANDERSON**

Dr. Tiffany Anderson, superintendent of Topeka Public Schools, has been referred to by the Washington Post and NPR as “the superintendent who made schools work for poor children.” Her recent work led to the first trauma-informed school district in St. Louis, Missouri. Her holistic strategies include addressing both physical and behavioral health in school settings, which have led to significantly improved outcomes for her students. Dr. Anderson will share her experiences as a community leader and educator who works to address significant barriers that affect the ability of children to learn and be healthy such as hunger, poverty and trauma. Her approaches include training all staff on dealing with trauma and other social factors that impact children. Dr. Anderson inspires multidisciplinary professionals to engage new partners, collaborate and take unique approaches to addressing difficult community issues.

### **CRISTI CAIN**

Cristi is the director of the Local Public Health Program and the accreditation coordinator for the recently accredited Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), where she has worked since 2013. Her work focuses on providing training and technical assistance to public health professionals. She has an extensive background in the coordination of state-level public health initiatives focused on children’s health and substance abuse prevention. She was a founding member of the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children and the Shawnee County Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. She received her Bachelor of Science from Kansas State University and will complete her Master of Public Health from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 2018.

### **JENNIFER GASSMANN**

Jennifer Gassmann has been the Drug Endangered Child Specialist in Shawnee County since 2005. She has worked as a social worker for twenty years and has a variety of experience in providing services to families, including foster care, adoption, family preservation, and substance abuse. She received her Bachelor in Social Work Degree at Kansas State University, and also received certification in substance abuse case management. Jennifer is in her fourth year of chairing the Shawnee County Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. She is a licensed foster parent and also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in the court system.

### **SGT. GLENN HAWKS**

Sergeant Glenn Hawks is a Deputy with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office. He was hired March of 1999 and has served over 19 years on patrol, investigations as a Narcotic Officer, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms & Explosives as a Task Force Officer, investigations as a Detective and is currently the supervisor of the Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Unit. Sgt. Hawks has been a member of the Shawnee County Drug Endangered Children's Alliance since March of 2014. He assists with setting up and coordinating resources for the DEC Awareness Day. He trains other deputies on the proper procedures for handling Drug Endangered Children in Shawnee County. He is also instrumental in providing drug awareness/drug prevention training to the community and to Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Deputies.

### **BETH HEFLIN, MD**

Dr. Heflin is a graduate of KU School of Medicine, a board-certified pediatrician, and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is a pediatric hospitalist employed by Via Cristi Clinic with privileges at Wesley Children's Hospital and Via Christi hospitals in Wichita, KS. She has assisted the Wesley CARE (Child At Risk Evaluation) Team and Via Christi Child Protection Team in the medical evaluation of children suspected to be the victims of child abuse and neglect since 2002. She also holds a volunteer teaching appointment with the KUMC-W Department of Pediatrics.

### **SANDRA LESSOR**

Sandra Lessor is an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the District Attorney Marc Bennett. Mrs. Lessor has been employed in that office since November, 1997, and is assigned to the Child In Need of Care Department of the Juvenile Division. Mrs. Lessor has been active on the state level, and serves on the Board for the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. She is one of the founders of the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children – Sedgwick County, which began in 2001. Mrs. Lessor was honored with the Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services' Partner in 2004.

### **DULCINEA RAKESTRAW, MPH, LBSW, LAC**

Ms. Rakestraw has served on the Board of Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children since 2007 and has served as an executive committee member since 2008. In 2015, she was honored to be awarded the KADEC Board Member of the Year. She has worked in the fields of child welfare, addiction treatment & prevention and behavioral health care for over 15 years. She is passionate about providing safety and stability for children along with opportunities for treatment and recovery for individuals facing addiction.

### **TOM STANTON**

Tom Stanton is the Deputy Reno County District Attorney. He is currently the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. Tom has been a prosecutor for 27 years, and has been involved with the effort to protect children from dangerous drug environments for most of his career. He has been on the Board of the KADEC for more than ten years. Tom received the Outstanding Drug Endangered Children Leadership Award in 2006.

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