



*The 10th Annual
PROTECT OUR CHILDREN
Conference
October 15-17, 2013
Hilton Omaha*



The 10th Annual Protect Our Children Midwest Area Conference, co-hosted by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska, Project Harmony, and Children's Hospital & Medical Center, Omaha educates professionals on the most current issues regarding crimes against children; child sexual/physical abuse, on-line enticement, and child pornography. We feature national and local trainers who are experts in these fields. This conference is an excellent opportunity for various disciplines to build partnerships with local, state and federal agencies to benefit child victims through effective investigations, prosecution of offenders, medical assistance and victim advocacy services.

This conference is designed to address the needs of victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, social workers, child advocates, therapists, probation/parole/correctional officers, educators and health care providers. Specific breakouts will be featured for those who work with children victimized by sexual abuse.

The 2013 conference will highlight the Sandusky/Penn State sexual assault investigation, October 15-17, 2013 at the Hilton Omaha.

Protect Our Children is aligned with Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a Department of Justice initiative launched in 2006 that aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is well-known and serious; the danger of perpetrators who produce, distribute and possess child pornography is equally dramatic and disturbing.

The Department of Justice is committed to the safety and well-being of every child and has placed a high priority on combating sexual exploitation of minors. Through a network of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and advocacy organizations, PSC coordinates efforts to protect our children by investigating and prosecuting online sexual predators.

PSC is implemented through a partnership of U.S. Attorneys; the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department's Criminal Division, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces; federal partners, including the FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Federal Probation and the U.S. Marshals Service; advocacy organizations such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; and state and local law enforcement officials.

Conference Planners:

United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska
Children's Hospital & Medical Center, Omaha
United States Attorney's Office Western District of Missouri
United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Missouri
United States Attorney's Office District of North Dakota
United States Attorney's Office Northern District of Illinois
United States Attorney's Office Southern District of Illinois
United States Attorney Northern District of Oklahoma
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
Douglas County Attorney's Office
RCPI of Wichita State University
Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime
Sarpy County Attorney's Office
Lincoln Police Department

Project Harmony
Nebraska Attorney General's Office
United States Attorney's Office Northern District of Iowa
United States Attorney's Office Southern District of Iowa
United States Attorney's Office District of Colorado
United States Attorney's Office Central District of Illinois
United States Attorney's Office District of South Dakota
United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Oklahoma
United States Attorney's Office Western District of Oklahoma
Nebraska State Patrol
United States Marshal Service
Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers
LaVista Police Department

Conference registration information will be made available soon. To become part of our mailing list for this and other training initiatives please contact joie.jeanette@usdoj.gov. If you or your organization is interested in becoming a funding partner or a participating vendor for this conference please contact Gene Klein, Executive Director for Project Harmony Child Advocacy Center at gklein@projectharmony.com.