

**The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center**  
In cooperation with  
**Amarillo College \* Texas Dept. of Family & Protective Services**

## 19th Annual Child Abuse Investigation Conference

Amarillo College West Campus  
Lecture Hall  
6222 W. 9th

**THURS, OCTOBER 1, 2009**  
**8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

### About Your Speakers

**Dan Powers**, LCSW, LSOTP currently serves as Senior Director of Clinical and Administrative Services for Collin County Children's Advocacy Center in Plano, Texas. He supervises a staff of 15 therapists and clinical interns providing no cost services to victims of abuse and family violence as well as their non-offending family members. As Senior Director he is responsible for clinical operations and program development as well as directing the Advocacy Center's clinical internship and training program. Dan has over 20 years of experience working within the field of child maltreatment and family violence. In addition, he provides expert court testimony and consultation related to child maltreatment, sex offenders and family violence. He is a member of the Texas Children's Justice Act Task Force and in 2008, Dan was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve on the Texas Council on Sex Offender Treatment. Dan has presented workshops locally as well as on a state and national level in the area of child abuse.

**Jeff Higley**, sergeant at Amarillo Police Department. He has worked in Crimes Against Persons for over 10 years and has been at Amarillo Police Department for 27 years. He has his Masters Peace Officers Certification and is an interview and interrogation instructor. He is a certified polygrapher and has provided consultation to other law enforcement agencies related to interrogation, interviewing, polygraphs and pre-text calls on all types of investigations.

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### Conference Agenda

**8:30 Registration**

**9:00 It's not Easy Being Green or Doing this for a living**

This motivational talk is meant to provide you with the insight and knowledge to help survive in a job no one else really understands. Based on the wisdom of Kermit the Frog, participants will be encouraged to look at themselves, why they do "this" and most of all laugh at it all.

**10:00 Break**

**10:15 Juvenile Sex Offender**

This workshop will explore the dynamics and challenges juvenile sex offenders bring to your caseload. We will review types of juvenile sex offenders and will suggest a consistent approach in dealing with them from investigation through on-going treatment. It will emphasize the multi-disciplinary team approach as solution to solving the unique problems these cases bring to the system.

**12:00 Lunch—PROVIDED ON SITE**

**1:00—4:00 Breakout Sessions**

**Non Offending Parents—Dan Powers**

This workshop will review types of non-offending parents and suggest a consistent approach in dealing with them from investigation through on-going treatment. We will discuss the range of emotions professionals may feel as well as the "do's and don'ts" of dealing with non-offending parents, emphasizing the need for a collaborative, consistent approach when dealing with them.

**Pre-Text Phone Calls—Jeff Higley**

This workshop will identify case types in which pre-text phone calls with the victim can be a useful investigative tool. You will learn how to write and phrase the call dialog appropriate for your victim and the circumstances of the case. Testimony regarding the pre-text phone call will be discussed. Actual cases studies and group activities will be incorporated into this workshop.

**4:15 Questions, Evaluations**

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### Continuing Education Credits

Credit hours will be submitted to TCLEOSE & TJPC for approval.

This offering provides **6.0 contact hours for Nurses**. Amarillo College is approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Texas Nurses Assoc., which is accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Amarillo College is an approved provider through the Texas State Board of Social Workers and provides **0.60 CEUs for Social Workers**. Amarillo College provides **6.0 contact hours of continuing education (0.60 CEUs) for Licensed Professional Counselors**.

**Registration Fee: \$25**

### REGISTRATION FORM

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EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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