

Balancing the Scales of Justice for Children and Adults with Disabilities Conference

**Thurs, Oct. 10 –Park Meadows Marriott -- 10345 Park Meadows Drive • Lone Tree,
Colorado 80124**

and

**Fri, Oct 11 -- Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway Park – 16455 E. 40th Circle –
Aurora, CO – 80011**

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Conference Goal: To provide information and tools that will help improve the identification and prosecution of crimes against children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), as well as the response to and support for these victims.

Thursday, October 10

**Park Meadows Marriott -- 10345 Park Meadows Drive • Lone Tree,
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11AM - 12Noon - Check in

Noon - 1:30PM - Lunch and Keynote: Colorado State Rep. Rhonda Fields -- Balancing the scales of justice: Is justice just for all victims of crime? *Sponsored by arc Thrift Stores*

1:30PM - 1:45PM - Break

1:45PM - 3:15PM - Breakout Sessions

- 1) **Kendon Conrad, Ph.D.** -- Screening tool for elder abuse: what is it, could we pilot it in CO; how does it include elders with I/DD?
- 2) **DA General Counsel Beth Dunphy Farris, Sgt. Tim Grant, Nancy Alterio** -- Regarding the MA Disabled Persons' Protection Commission: What is it, how often does the Commission's work end in successful prosecution? What can we here in CO take from MA's program to help increase prosecution of people who victimized people with I/DD?
- 3) **Scott Modell, Ph.D. - Part 1 of 2: Crime Victims with Disabilities: Communication, Behavior and Consent**

3:15PM - 3:30PM - Break and Snack

3:30PM - 5PM - Breakout Sessions

- 1) **Eileen Bisgard**, - identifying children in the juvenile justice system who have FASD
- 2) **Andrew Montoya, J.D., Kevin Williams, J.D. with Julie Reiskin. M.S.W., as Moderator** – legal ethics when working with clients with disabilities
- 3) **Scott Modell, Ph.D.** – Part 2 of 2: Communication and Consent

5:30PM – 8PM – Dinner and Music – back at the Denver Airport Marriott

Select your dinner from tapas stations around the room while enjoying fabulous music from Flame, a band out of New York. Separate funding has provided this opportunity to meet and mingle with ambassadors from the disability community, including Flame. Flame is a band from upstate New York that was featured in **People** magazine and on **Good Morning, America**, whose lead singer sang at Eunice Shriver's funeral, and that returns to Colorado for its third dance concert in 4 years. Cash bar.

Friday, October 11

Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway Park – 16455 E. 40th Circle – Aurora, CO – 80011

8:00AM – Check in

8:30AM – 10:00AM – Breakfast and Plenary – Jenifer Markowitz, N.D. – Medical forensic healthcare: how going beyond the SANE exam aids crime investigation and victim support

10:00AM – 10:15AM – Break

10:15AM – 11:45AM – Breakout Sessions

1. **Geri Wisner, J.D.** Native American Children's Alliance –defending the forensic interview
2. **Doug Miles, J.D.** court accommodations for people with disabilities; **Carole O'Shea**, Aurora Police Department Victim Services Unit Supervisor; **Fallina**, Facility Dog for the Aurora Police Dept. Victim Services Unit; **Kari Knutson**, Owner, Knutson Consulting (on issues for/related to Deaf and hard of hearing) – **Access to Justice for People with Disabilities**
3. **Edie Deal** – Ohio Online Abuser Registry – how did it start and how does it work

Noon - 1:30PM -- Lunch and Plenary – Tom Tremblay, Law Enforcement Consulting and Training -- Sexual Assault Investigations: Justice Starts with a Trauma Informed Response

1:30PM – 1:45PM – Break

1:45-3:15PM – Breakouts

1. **Geri Wisner, J.D.** - Native American Children's Alliance – FASD, vulnerability, and victimization
2. **Jen Markowitz, N.D.** - Expert witnesses: When and how to use one
3. **Brad Bawmann**, CEO, The Bawmann Group and **Carole O'Shea**, Supervisor – Aurora Police Dept. Victim Services Unit – How planning for crisis by having a media plan benefits victims

3:15PM – 3:30PM – Break

3:30-4:45PM -- Plenary and Closing – James Felte, J.D. - US DOJ Civil Division, Criminal Section – Balancing the scales of justice for children and adults with disabilities – putting it all together