



**Child Maltreatment -
Abusive Head Trauma and
Betrayal: No More Insult
To Injury**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Location:

Family Readiness Center

Pope Army Airfield, Interceptor Road, Bldg. #236

Pope Army Airfield, NC 28308

Target Audience

This course is designed for psychologists, healthcare professionals, clinical social workers, counselors, and other interested mental health professionals who work with children and families.

Program Description

Child maltreatment within the frame of abusive head trauma (AHT) remains a significant threat to infants and toddlers. Formerly referred to as "Shaken Baby Syndrome," this form of abuse often has no external evidence of trauma, and may present to emergency rooms masquerading as sepsis, viral gastroenteritis, a viral syndrome or as a seizure disorder. The fact is that if initially undiagnosed, AHT will often happen again, with each additional episode causing more severe impact. This presentation will describe the phenomenon of AHT occurring within the child care setting. If a parent allows another person to care for an infant or toddler, most often because of work requirements, the realization of subsequent abuse results in significant feelings of extreme betrayal. This is particularly relevant because the parent is financially supporting the offender and when the parent is a soldier, there is an increased sense of urgency in trying to access care. In addition, offender child care providers may eventually contact the parent because of the child's symptoms of AHT, but carefully omits the preceding events leading to the child's condition. This not only causes a delay in accessing emergency medical care, but also in defining what the underlying medical condition actually entails. Participants will learn of the often catastrophic outcomes of AHT and why prevention of this form of abuse is extremely important for military families.

Objectives

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe the three most common associated clinical findings in abusive head trauma;
- Discuss the importance of carefully selecting a child care provider or center;
- Review and describe the victim impact for families when justice in AHT cases is delayed or denied; and
- Describe and review at least three long term disabilities associated with AHT.

Agenda

9 a.m.	Clinical findings associated with abusive head trauma
10 a.m.	Selecting a child care provider or center
10:45 a.m.	Break
11 a.m.	Impact of delayed or denied justice in AHT cases
11:30 a.m.	Long term disabilities associated with AHT.
12:15 p.m.	Adjourn

Fee

There is no fee for this event.

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Speaker



Dr. Sharon Cooper, MD FAA is the CEO of Developmental & Forensic Pediatric, PA, a consulting firm that provides medical care, research, training and expert witness experience in child maltreatment cases, as well as medical care for children with disabilities. She works regularly with numerous national and international investigative agencies on Internet Crimes against Children cases. She recently served as Executive Producer of Not Just Pictures, a documentary about the victim impact of the production and distribution of child sexual abuse images on the web and social media sites. Dr. Cooper spent 21 years in the Armed Forces, retiring as a colonel. She continues to work in both civilian and military arenas, concentrating on child abuse and developmental pediatrics. She holds a faculty position at the University Of North Carolina Chapel Hill School Of Medicine, and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. She is an instructor at the Army Medical Education Department Center & School in Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where she provides multidisciplinary training in all forms of child maltreatment to health care providers, members of law enforcement, attorneys, judges, therapists, chaplains and social workers. For the past several years,

Dr. Cooper has served as a consultant to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, where she teaches about the victim aspects of internet crimes against children and sexual exploitation through prostitution of children and youths. Recently, she joined the training team for the International Center for Missing & Exploited Children to provide similar information in international venues. Dr. Cooper has lectured both nationally and internationally in well over 300 conferences for the US Department of Justice, the FBI, the NC District Attorney's Association, Attorney General's conferences across the US, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Interpol, among many others. She has published chapters in texts, and is the lead author of the first comprehensive textbook on the medical, legal and social science aspects of child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against children.

Dr. Cooper has provided congressional testimonies regarding compliant victimization of youths who are exploited through internet technology. She is also a member of an international Expert Working Group on Children and Young Persons with Abusive and Violent Experiences Connected to Cyberspace, hosted by the Council of the Baltic Sea States and the Swedish Children's Welfare Foundation. Dr. Cooper is a Board Member of several organizations, and is a member of several professional groups, including The American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, The International Association of Forensic Nurses, and the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Credit

CEU: 0.3

Contact Hours: 3.0

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Registration Form

Form may be duplicated.

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