

Strangulation: A Hidden Crime in Child Abuse

Registration

This is a **FREE** training. Participants may register at www.unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/classes-and-events

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(319) 369-8750 with questions regarding registration.

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9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Over the last decade, as felony strangulation statutes have been enacted throughout the country, communities have been shocked at the devastating prevalence in which this disturbing assault exists between intimate partners. Through proper training, responders have started to better identify this often missed and lethal crime, finally giving this crime and the victims a voice. The next step is to educate those working with children so that we can recognize and better document when children have been either victims or witnesses of strangulation. This workshop will also discuss other areas of this crime relevant to children, such as the exposure of trauma when seeing your parent strangled, and the next step to stop the cycle by incorporating forensic interviewers and multi-disciplinary child abuse teams into the process.

Child Protection Center Presents Kelsey McKay, JD

Kelsey McKay trains and consults nationally for agencies to implement procedure in various fields including strangulation, intimate partner violence, child abuse, sexual assault, using expert witness, trauma and other complex topics. With twelve years of prosecutorial experience, she exclusively handled strangulation related crimes ranging from assault, sexual assault to capital murder for half of her career. She speaks at conferences and to communities around the country on how to better respond to victim based violent crime. She developed and implemented protocol for agencies around the nation and has strengthened how communities collaborate, investigate, treat and prosecute violent crimes. She is the Chair of The Strangulation Taskforce of Travis County which works to coordinate a collaborative approach to strangulation response and treatment through a multi-agency and multi-disciplinary team. She is the founder of McKay Training & Consulting and The Validating Voices Program. She serves on multiple faculties, advisory boards and committees, including the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, International Association of Chiefs of Police and Conference on Crimes Against Women.

Location

Human Services Campus
United Way of East Central Iowa
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Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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